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OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 until Noon
E-mail address: stjoeparishofc@bright.net

NORMAL MASS TIMES
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am and 9:30 am
Monday: 7:00 pm (Prayer Service)
Tuesday: 7:00 pm
Wednesday: 7:30 am
Thursday: 7:00 pm
Friday: 7:55 am

CONFESSIONS
Tuesdays 6:30 pm
Saturdays 4:30 pm
Anytime by request

BAPTISMS
Baptisms will be celebrated anytime agreeable with Fr. Charles or Deacon Larry. For BAPTISM INSTRUCTION date and time check the bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.

MARRIAGE
Make arrangements at least six months ahead of time by calling the parish office. Do not set wedding date prior to contacting the parish office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)
RCIA classes run from September to May. These classes are for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or who wish to join the Church. Call the parish office to register.

FAITH ENRICHMENT
Religious Education Classes for the elementary students from August through May. Classes for the Junior High and High School students run September through March. Adult Enrichment: Bible Study, Spiritual development, missions and retreats. Check the bulletin for details.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY
Visitation and Eucharist will be provided by a Eucharistic Minister. A priest will be available if needed. Notify the parish office about people in the hospital or shut-ins. If you are, or will be hospitalized because of a surgery or serious illness, contact the pastor to receive the Sacrament of Healing.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS
If you are new to our St. Joseph Parish Family, please call or visit the parish office to register.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Director of Music & Liturgy Chairperson
Mrs. Joyce Gasser 419-286-2989

Sacristan
Mrs. Kathy Fischer 419-286-2003

Youth Minister
Mrs. Rhonda Liebrecht 419-286-2019

Finance Council Chairman
Mr. Larry Schimmoeller 419-286-2170

Maintenance Chairman
Mr. Ted Verhoff 419-286-2480

Friends of Hope and Communion to Homebound
Mrs. Norma Maag 419-286-2265

Cemetery
Mr. Alan Calvelage 419-303-0560

Prayer Line
Mrs. Laurie Maag 419-234-6518

Maintenance & Hall Manager
Mr. Tony Recker 419-286-5100

Funeral Luncheon Committee
Mrs. Mary Menke 419-286-2504
Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-286-2429

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
Intentions

Sat   19    5:00 pm  Dick German
Sun  20    7:30 am  Eugene & Patricia Schroeder Family
40 Days of Prayer
Mon  21    6:30 pm  Precious Blood Chaplet
          7:00 pm  Precious Blood Mass
Tues 22    7:00 pm  Eva Warnecke Family
Wed  23    7:30 am  For Victims of Domestic Violence
Thurs 24    7:00 pm  In Thanksgiving to God
Fri  25    7:55 am  For the Religious Ed Students
Sat  26    5:00 pm  Elwood & Rita Broecker
                  Lois Recker
                  Omer & Alice Ricker
                  60th Wedding Anniversary
Sun  27    7:30 am  For Souls in Purgatory
          9:30 am  Mass for All Souls, especially those Parishioners who have died in the last year.
          Herman & Vickie Luersman
          Lawrence & Ida Schimoeller

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Mon  10/21  Rom 4:20-25  Lk 12:13-21
Tues 10/22  Saint John Paul II, Pope
          Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21
          Lk 12:35-38
Wed  10/23  Saint John of Capistrano, Priest
          Rom 6:12-18  Lk 12:39-48
Thu  10/24  Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
          Rom 6:19-23  Lk 12:49-53
Fri  10/25  Rom 7:18-25  Lk 12:54-59
Sat  10/26  Rom 8:1-11  Lk 13:1-9

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Kyle Britton, Adysen Grothause, Ryan Kahle

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - October 26 & 27:

SERVERS:

5:00pm  Carley Von Sossan, Adam Luersman, Owen Dube
7:30 am  Owen Calvelage, Adam Hoersten, Braden Knippen
9:30 am  Garrett Hark, Ian Howbert, Brandt Menke

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

5:00 pm  Omer & Alice Ricker
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Lawrence & Ida Schimoeller Family

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm  Carla Norbeck, Eileen Schimoeller,
          Alice Swick, Becky Uphaus,
          Rose Ann Vetter, Jodi Von Sossan
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Anita Aldrich, Teresa Wurst,
          Nicole Wrasman, Gilbert Burgei,
          Matt Dube, Deb Dulle

LECTORS:

5:00 pm  Marge Von Sossan
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Cheryl Hellman

USHERS:

5:00 pm  Kevin & Mandi Kahle
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

Please pray for the sick: Trina Schuerman

LOVE THAT MADE MOTHER TERESA is now available on book kiosk in narthex. Reviewed at 5 stars. Part biography part spiritual reading these pages bring little known stories from the life of Mother Teresa and showcase Gods love. Other new titles are also available.

TRICK OR TREAT!

Trick or Treat in Fort Jennings will be on Friday, October 25th from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Make sure to stop by Father’s garage for your treat!!

October 12 & 13, 2019

Envelopes  $ 2,252.78
Loose     $ 848.00
Priest Retirement  $ 343.24
Maintenance  $ 275.00

YTD as of October 13, 2019 = $58,137.41
YTD Under Budget = $ -1,862.59

Thank you for your continued generosity.
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BAPTISMS: To arrange a baptism please call the Parish Office or Deacon Larry (cell) (419) 302-2532 or by email larry@fjsb.com.

BAPTISM CLASSES
Baptismal Class will be Tuesday, November 12th. Please attend instructions before the birth of the child. **Call the Parish Office to register for class**

Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class before your marriage.
Find Marriage Prep Classes at http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org
Bulletin submissions deadline: Wednesdays at Noon.

REMEmBERING ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US MARKED WITH THE SIGN OF THE FAITH: The crosses on the wall in the narthex list the names of our parishioners who have died since last All Souls’ Day. The crosses will remain on the wall until our annual Mass for All Souls at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 27. They will be given to the family members at that Mass. Our deceased loved ones are still part of our Communion of Saints and they remain in our prayers as we do in theirs. Their life has not ended, it has changed.

Our first youth group gathering for the year was a big success, this past Sunday evening. We were able to create 37 “boxes of joy” for the Cross Catholic Outreach program. A very big thank you to all of those who donated items for this cause. We had tons of fun and hopefully will bring joy to the lives of children across the world! The next Youth Group meeting will be held on Sunday, November 10th.

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the mission Church, as it supports priests, religious, and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Nationwide, at least 93 lives have been saved since September 25 as a result of 40 Days for Life! It’s not too late to get involved: www.40daysforlife.com/toledo.

Did you or someone you love lose a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death? Come receive spiritual consolation at the first annual St. Catherine’s Embrace Memorial Mass on Sunday, October 20 at 1:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist church in Glandorf. All are welcome, whether your loss was recent or years ago. An informational reception with refreshments will be held after at the Parish Hall.

ELECTION NIGHT SUPPER—American Legion Auxiliary & CLC Council 88 supper on November 5 from 4:30-6:30 at the American Legion—Carry Out only! Meal includes: Cubed steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, applesauce dinner roll and desert! Cost $9. See any CLC or Auxiliary member for tickets. Also, tickets will be available after masses on the weekend of October 19 & 20 in the Narthex.

Every Donation Parishioners makeReduces the Amount the Parish is Mandated to Pay. Envelopes are in the pews and on the back table. Your gift benefits our retired diocesan priests and your Parish. Once a priest retires, he is responsible for his own personal expenses: medical, housing, car, clothing and food. All funds contributed before December 31, 2019 help reduce the amount the parish contributes to the fund. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate the Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697 or placed in the parish collection. A gift may also be made online at www.toledodiocese.org.

Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish is hosting Dr. Ray Guarendi on Wed., Oct. 30th in the Parish Center gym from 7:00pm-8:00pm with a Q&A following. Dr Ray is a Catholic father of ten adopted children, a clinical psychologist, author, EWTN radio & TV host with his show “Living Right with Dr. Ray”. His presentation of “Back to Family” is a result of a three-year study. It reveals characteristics most common to strong families as well as the struggles families face. The results will reinforce some traditional ideas about family life while offering some reassuring surprises, consistent with our Building Strong Catholic Family mission in our Deanery! Dr. Ray’s presentation is packed with humor & real-life examples. You will leave laughing, feeling emotionally upbeat & more self-confident. There will be practical ideas offered for children & parents! Open to the public.

12th Annual Autumn Harvest Craft Show on Saturday, October 26, 2019, from 9:00AM-3PM. The free show will feature 150 quality vendors at the Ottawa-Glandorf High School, along with lunch and bake sale. For more info email friendscraftshow@yahoo.com or phone Judy at 419-659-5478. Proceeds benefit all locations of the Putnam County District Library. 

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The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, any employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church, please report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services, and Mr. Frank DiLallo, Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. DiLallo can be reached at (419) 214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

Glandorf, St. John’s St. Bonifest - Saturday, October 26, from 3:00 p.m. – Midnight, in the Parish Center. Mass will be in church at 4:00 p.m. Meal from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria – take outs too! There is a Halloween costume contest with a $50 cash prize to the 1st place ADULT winner or $100 to the ADULT winner if you purchased a meal ticket. Prizes to be awarded to all other group winners! Browse the Adult Faith Room., Mustard Seed Catholic gift shop and enjoy games for kids. There will be an “Escape Room” this year. Call 419-538-6928 to register your team; first come, first serve basis. Raffles and a silent auction. Games on two big screens, along with beer, wine, brats, hot dogs and fellowship all night!

The Serra Club of The Lima Area invites you to come be their guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on October 24 at Lima Central Catholic High School at 5:45. Fr. Tony Vera, Associate Pastor of Delphos St. Johns, will speak on his spiritual journey as a Philippine Priest in the United States. The Serra Club exist to promote and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life. For more information or to make a reservation please call Marilyn Schmerge at 567-204-4745

Landek, St. John the Baptist Homemade Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner; Sunday, Nov. 3. All you can eat Homemade Sausage & Sauerkraut or Pancakes & Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce, Pie & Ice Cream. Service from 3:30 - 7:00pm in the church basement. $9/adults and $5/children (10 & under). Carry-outs available.

PURSE BINGO on Friday, November 8 in St. Michael’s church basement, Kalida. Cost is $20 and all proceeds go to cancer research, hospice and Putnam County CAP (Cancer Assistance Program). For tickets call Barb at 419-532-3515, if no answer, please, leave a message.

In a small church, the pastor waited for the offering to be taken. When the plate came back with even less money than usual, he began his prayer, “Well, Lord, we thank You for the safe return of the plate.”

DELPHOS ST. JOHN’S 107TH FALL FESTIVAL, October 19 & 20, 2019 in the St. John’s Cafeteria and Arnzen Gymnasium. Come enjoy food, raffles, games of chance, & community fellowship. Home-cooked chicken & beef dinners with all the trimmings and homemade desserts are available for $9.00/adults and $7.00/child (5th grade & younger). Dinners in the Little Theatre served from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. Carry-outs will be available from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 3:30 - 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. You may enter the West door of the Elementary School.

Join us as Lois Hall, Grief Recovery Method Specialist, describes grief and explains how it impacts the health of our community. Tuesday, November 12, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Putnam County District Library, Ottawa Learn how you can help those you serve who may be experiencing loss from: death due to any cause, divorce or end of a relationship, loss of a job/career, loss of trust, faith, safety, loss of health. Understand the myths about grief: time heals all wounds, replace the loss, grieve alone, be strong for others, bury your feelings. Please RSVP by calling the Putnam County Health Department at 419-523-5608 by Friday, November 8th

RU CALLED? Ever wonder what it is like to be called to religious life as a Sister, Brother, or Priest? Find out on Tuesday, Nov. 5; 6-8:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More University Parish, Bowling Green. Enjoy a delicious homemade meal of soup, bread, apples & dessert. For young adults ages 18-39. RSVP by October 31 by contacting Sister Rose Marie at RUCalled19@gmail.com.

Travel with Fr. Charles! June 3rd – 13th, 2020 to Portugal (Tour of the city of Lisbon, Our Lady of Fatima); France (Our Lady of Lourdes); Switzerland (Tour of the city of Geneva; St. John Vianney place at Ars-Sur-Formans) & Poland (Auschwitz Concentration Camps & Holocaust Memorial; Lagiewniki: Shrine of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina’s convent; Wadowice: Birthplace of Pope John Paul II; Visit to Our Lady of Czestochowa, Poland’s greatest pilgrimage shrine). Cost is $4,699.00. For more information and registration, contact: Jennifer Wadsworth at 612-730-2890. Email jennifer@procatholic tours.com. Website: www.procatholic tours.com.