Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 until Noon
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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 Knuppen 419-286-2429

Each of us is a Masterpiece of God’s creation. Respect Life

Pope Francis
**Intentions**

Sat 05 5:00 pm  
For Respect for all Life from Conception to Natural Death

Sun 06 7:30 am  Bob Heitmeyer  
9:30 am  John Gerker  
Jerry & Carol Meyer

Mon 07 6:30 pm  Precious Blood Chaplet

Tues 08 7:30 pm  Bob Calvelage Family  
Amy Gerdeman Bardall  
Amos & Wilma Roland  
Tom Miller

Wed 09 7:30 am  Collin Wieging

Thurs 10 7:00 pm  Lisa Siefker

Fri 11 7:55 am  For the Religious Ed Students

Sat 12 5:00 pm  For Souls in Purgatory

Sun 13 7:30 am  Urban & Marguerite Wieging  
9:30 am  Clete & Delores Wehri  
Becky Warnimont

11:00 am  Anointing of the Sick Mass  
6:00 pm  Teen Mass

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

Mon 10/07  
Our Lady of the Rosary  
Jon 1:1-2:2, 11  
Lk 10:38-42

Tues 10/08  
Jon 2:1-10  
Lk 10:38-42

Wed 10/09  
Saints Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest  
Jon 4:1-11  
Lk 11:1-4

Thu 10/10  
Mal 3:13-20b  
Lk 11:5-13

Fri 10/11  
Saint John XXIII, Pope  
Lk 11:15-26

Sat 10/12  
Jl 4:12-21  
Lk 11:27-28

**Our 1st Youth Ministry gathering**  
for this year is Oct. 13th; 4PM-6PM in the rectory (Fathers house) basement. **Teen Mass** will follow @ 6PM, anyone and everyone is welcome!  
For our first youth gathering we will be doing, the Box of Joy Project. This is to help transform poor communities, with the help of gift boxes given to individuals before the holidays.

**ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY**  
I am asking you to help with some donations: **Anything donated MUST FIT IN a SHOE BOX:** small toys: balls, cars, dolls, silly putty, Legos, yo-yo, etc. **school supplies:** colored pencils, crayons, markers, flash cards, stickers, etc. **apparel:** socks, shorts, flip flops **hygiene/home:** brush, toothpaste, toothbrush, lip balm, nail color.  
Please put any items you are donating in the bride’s room on the love seat by Oct. 12th! On the 13th the youth group with put together these boxes. Thanks for your help!

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**WEEKEND READINGS**

Tues., Oct. 8, Thurs., Oct. 10, and Fri., Oct. 11  
Owen Conley, Evan Ellerbrock, James Schroeder

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - October 12 & 13:**

**SERVERS:**

5:00 pm  
Chase Neidert, Brayden Calvelage, Isabella Conley

7:30 am  
Christine Hubert, Elizabeth Meyer, Emily Luersman

9:30 am  
Taylor Liebrecht, Trent Siefker, Madison Tumlinson

11:00 am  
Volunteers Needed

**OFFERTORY GIFTS:**

5:00 pm  
Volunteers Needed

7:30 am  
Volunteers Needed

9:30 am  
Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

11:00 am  
Volunteers Needed

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 pm  
Chloe Fields, Deena Walsh, Sharon Kleman, Doreen Knippen, Hannah Knippen, Shelly Knippen

7:30 am  
Volunteers Needed

9:30 am  
Jennifer McElroy, Karan Maenle, Trish Moening, Erin Osting, Jamie Saum, Larry Schroeder

11:00 am  
Anointing of the Sick Mass – Sue Knippen, Doug & Logan Sickels

**LECTORS:**

5:00 pm  
Amanda Maag

7:30 am  
Volunteers Needed

9:30 am  
Matt Dube

11:00 am  
John Michel (Anointing of the Sick Mass)

**USHERS:**

5:00 pm  
Ray Schmersal, Kevin Ricker

7:30 am  
Volunteers Needed

9:30 am  
Tony Recker, Chad Recker

11:00 am  
Volunteers Needed

**October 5 & 6, 2019**

| Envelopes | $ 2,427.00 |
| Loose | $ 849.00 |
| Sept. EFT Offertory | $ 1,950.00 |
| Sept. EFT Maintenance | $ 445.00 |

**YTD as of Sept. 29, 2019 =** $ 52,069.37  
**YTD Over Budget =** $ 69.37

Thank you for your continued generosity.
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.

Speaker - Wednesday, October 16th; 7:30-8:30 pm the Jr. High & High School Religious Ed. will be having a motivational/inspirational speaker. This is open to the parents and public as well.

BAPTIZED as new members of the Catholic Church on September 28th: BRODY THOMAS LEININGER, son of Jay & Brittany (Piaskecki) Leininger. May the power of the Holy Spirit guide these parents in sharing the faith with Brody. Best wishes from the Catholic Community in Fort Jennings.

Sunday School classes for 2019/20 will begin on Sunday, Nov. 3rd through Palm Sunday, April 5th. Classes are held during the 9:30 am Sunday mass, all children ages 3-PreK are welcome. Enrollment forms are available at all church entrances. Please fill out the form and return by Oct. 20th. For info. or if interested in helping teach, contact Laura Tenwalde at 419-286-2142 or lauratenwalde@gmail.com.

To the Parishioners of St. Joseph - On behalf of Klara Frommherz, thank you for all you did during her lifetime and at the time of her death. Thank you for all the visits, cards, and gifts. Even in her last days, she fondly recalled memories and events of her time in Ft. Jennings with all of you. A special “thank you” to Mary Luersman for bringing the weekly bulletin to Klara. She loved staying connected St. Joseph Parish. May all your acts of charity toward Klara draw you closer to Our Lord.

The Fort Jennings "Class of 2020" Senior Class Play "JUST ANOTHER SNOW DAY", on Friday, October 11th and Saturday, October 12th --- 7:00 pm --- in the Auditeria. No pre-sale ALL tickets at the door are $5.00.

40 Days Prayer begins on Monday, Oct. 7th and ends Friday, Nov. 15th at our Parish.

5th Grade SERVER TRAINING will be on October 12th from 10 am to approximately 11 am in church.

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 God's love. Other new titles also available.

CLC COUNCIL MEETING--Wednesday night, October 9 at 7 PM at Ft. Haven. Working on the final plans for the Election Night Supper. Hope to see you there! You can also turn in your Election Night supper tickets tonight.

ELECTION NIGHT SUPPER--American Legion Auxiliary & CLC Council 88 are sponsoring this 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 free dessert! 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.

America Needs Fatima! Come, pray with us! Public Square Rosary Crusade at Our Lord’s Park, Main St., Ottawa (across from Schnipke Inn) on Sat., Oct. 12, 12:00 Noon. The Mother of God called the World to conversion at Fatima a century ago. The Rosary Crusade will be a public act of reparation for those sins hurled against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Bring a rosary, a friend, and a chair if you need one. PRAY FOR AMERICA!

D.E.E.P. on Fire – Adoration, Youth Praise & Worship Music, Preaching, Silent Prayer & Benediction at St Peter & Paul, Ottawa; Sunday, Oct. 13th in church from 5-6 pm. All are invited to join, everyone is invited for food & fellowship in the school cafeteria after Adoration, supper will be provided for all. For supper please RSVP to Cherie Compton by call/text – 419-523-4109. (Donations will be accepted for food) *Led by high school youth ministry.

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. If you have questions about the Mass or St. Catherine's Embrace (a new outreach ministry to support families who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss), call or text Mary Beth Weisenburger at (419)980-8065, Ruth Gerdeng at (567)204-1275 or Jill Streicher at (419)796-0637. Note: This Mass will fulfill Sunday obligation.
Mark your calendars for Thursday Oct. 17, from 4pm to 8pm and for our 7th Annual Dinner! For every meal purchased at the Old Barn Out Back, a percentage of your bill will be donated to West Central Ohio Paralysis Foundation. Please, clear your schedule and come on over, we would love your support. - Cory

CASINO TRIP to Firekeepers Casino, on Nov. 3. Meet at FJ Legion. Bus arrives at 7:30 a.m., leaves at 8:00. Cost is $35. Call Betty 419-286-2335 or 419-516-2375; or call the legion at 419-286-2100.

The Serra Club of The Lima Area welcomes you to come be their guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on October 10 at Lima Central Catholic High School at 5:45. Speaker will be Seminarian Joseph Mominee who is doing his Pastoral Year at Delphos St. John, Landeck St. John and Spencerville St. Patrick. 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.

40 Days for Life Campaign Began September 25 & runs until November 3. You can participate in three ways: prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil. in front of Capital Care Network, the Toledo abortion clinic. To learn more or to sign up for daily prayer intentions, hours of prayer and information on upcoming events visit: www.40daysforlife.com/toledo.

A three-day bus trip to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA; Nov. 11 – 13, 2019. Fr. Ron Schock of St. Alphonsus, Peru and St. Joseph, Monroeville leading this pilgrimage. Bus leaves from Findlay, St. Michael's at 6:30 am on Nov. 11. Costs $330 per person double occu., includes 3 meals, 2 breakfasts, 2 nights hotel, & bus transportation. Contact Rita Borgelt at 532-3637 (leave message) for info & registration forms. Deadline is October 15, 2019.

Retreat at Domus Angelorum Retreat Center, 21706 St Rte114 Cloverdale, topic “If you love me you will keep my commandments” John 14:15 on Sat. Oct. 12th. Mass at 8:30 AM with registration & Adoration following Mass. Concludes with Confession & Benedictions at 3:00 pm. Retreat leader is Father Herman Scherger. Costs is $ 10.00. Please, bring a packed lunch. All are welcome.

Project Rachel Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing, on Sat. Oct. 19, 2019 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., for women suffering from a past abortion. Cost $25. For more info and reservations, contact Clarissa, at 1-888-456-HOPE or projectrachel@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 session 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” airing in 140 countries. 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 most 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 of all ages! This is open to the public.

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! You can browse the Adult Faith Room. The Mustard Seed Catholic gift shop, St. John’s history scrapbooks, and enjoy games for kids. There will even be an “Escape Room” this year. Call 419-538-6928 to register your team. This is on a first come, first serve basis. There will also be different kinds of raffles and a silent auction. Games on two big screens, along with beer, wine, brats, hot dogs and fellowship all night!

Travel with Fr. Charles!

June 3rd – 13th, 2020

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@procatholictours.com. Website: www.procatholictours.com.