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: No Mass
Tuesday: 7:00 am
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

As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget that the
highest appreciation is not to
utter words, but to live by them.

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy.
**November 11, 2018:**

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(YTD as of November 11, 2018,) = **$78,698.03**

**YTD Under Budget = $1,301.97**

Thank you for your continued generosity!

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed Friday, November 23.
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for the kind welcome you extended to me during my visit your parish the weekend of November 11th. It was a joy to celebrate Mass with you!

My mission as Director of the Office for Diocesan Priestly Vocations is to help the young men of our diocese to be open to the possibility that God might be calling them to the priesthood. I encourage any man who may wonder if God is calling him to the priesthood to speak to your pastor or to contact me by email (psmith@toledodiocese.org) or by phone (419-244-6711 ext. 4945).

Please join me in praying that all our young people will have the courage to follow God’s plan for their lives. In particular, please pray for the 18 seminarians who are currently preparing to become priests for the Diocese of Toledo. I pray that many more men from our diocese will generously answer Jesus’ call to serve the Church.

Gratefully,
Father Philip Smith, Director of the Office for Priestly Vocations, Diocese of Toledo


Thank You to the students and staff at Fort Jennings High School, they donated $500 from their annual “Penny Stall” to the St. Joseph Food Bank! Your generosity will help those most in need. Thank you!!

Thanksgiving Mass will be on Wednesday, November 21st at 7 p.m. There will be no morning Mass that day. There will be NO Masses on Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd and NO Mass on Friday, November 23.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE donations can be dropped off in the Narthex prior to Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. or any time before then. Donations will be given to St. Joseph Food Pantry; any extra will be taken to the Ottawa Food Pantry. Don’t want to shop and carry heavy bags to donate? Cash donations are always welcome to buy meat and other needed items. We are in need of EVERYTHING as we are especially low. Special needs are Diapers size 4 and toilet paper.

Annual Parish BARN MASS on Sunday, December 9th. Mass will again be at Ken & Karan Maenle’s house, 22282 Road T. Live Nativity portrayed by our Senior Religion Students. Praise God while sitting on bales of straw, hearing the lowing of cattle and anxiously awaiting the birth of our Lord and Savior. (Dress warmly!) Hot chocolate and donuts following the Mass. ALL are welcome to attend.

Interested in helping our parish out for the Advent season? If your family is interested in lighting a candle before a Mass during Advent, please contact Rhonda Liebrecht @ 419-796-9044 for more information and instructions. There are 12 Masses we are looking for volunteers for all weekend Masses during Advent. Please consider doing a little something extra during the preparation of this year’s holiday season.

Thank You to the ladies of the CLC for donating 25 lbs. of ground beef to the St. Joseph Food Pantry. You are truly being the “hands and feet” of Christ.

Flag Burning on November 24th at 11:00 am at the FJ Legion. Dispose of your old and worn flags properly and with respect by dropping them off in the box outside of the Legion marked “Flags”.

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, January 8th. 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.
Youth Group this past Sunday was a huge success. Our youth put together 17 shoeboxes to send to needy children throughout the world. Allowing them to minister through a project like this is very filling and rewarding thanks to those of you who donated and helped.

Sacred Music Unveiled, A Three-Part Event at Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish on Sunday, December 2nd at 3:00pm. Join a choir of young adults from the Toledo Diocese, Antwerp, and Fort Wayne for sacred music in liturgy and concert! This concert will fill the church with Advent music that has echoed down through the centuries. All are welcome! Bring your entire family and enjoy some beautiful Christmas music! Free and open to the public. Part I: The Mass - Sunday, December 2nd at 10:30am - Part II: The Concert In the church at 3:00pm Part III: The Seminar Immediately following the concert

FJ SCHOOL NEWS
Jennings Local Schools has an opening and is accepting applications for the following position: Full-Time Custodian (Day Shift Hours). Applications available in the High School Office or on school web site and should be submitted to Mr. Langhals by Friday, November 30th.

Native American Exhibit - On November 20th from 1:30-2:30 the 5th grade students at Fort Jennings’ Elementary will be showcasing their Native American Projects in the Auditoria. Please come and experience the hard work and creativity of our students while they present the wide variety of American Indian cultures they have discovered. Students will be displaying their projects as well as presenting facts about the different tribes they have studied.

FJ Basketball Season Ticket Sales - Monday, November 19th and Tuesday, November 20th --- 8 am to 1 pm --- in the High School Office. Season ticket prices are as follows: Boys V/JV season ticket is $55.00; Girls V/JV season ticket is $55.00; Student Season Pass is $45.00; Adult Winter Pass is $110.

ATTENTION Newly Married Couples – if you plan on residing in the Fort Jennings area and want to be members of our parish, contact the parish office to be registered as a new family; even if you were previously registered under your parents.

Travel with Fr. Charles
To Mexico
May 11 -17, 2019
Cost $2,500

Destinations include: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tlaxcala, Ocotian, Puebla, San Juan Teotihuacan, Acolman

Trip Includes: Daily Mass, Round-Trip Airfare from your local airport, Airport Taxes, Security Fees, and Fuel Surcharges. Exclusively 4- or 5-star hotels, all breakfasts & dinners. Transportation with luxury buss. All entrance fees to sites. All tips to everyone involved in the tour, tour guide fees. Groups limited to 24 persons. (Cost does not include lunches, luggage and insurance.) For more information call 769-220-2702 or visit www.procatholictours.com. To register call 612-730-2890.

A Food Pantry Family asking for a used Christmas Tree and Christmas Decorations. If you have anything you would like to get rid of, please contact the Parish Office.