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OFFICE HOURS
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NORMAL MASS TIMES
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am and 9:30 am
Monday:
Tuesday: 7:00 pm
Wednesday: 7:00 pm
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
**Mass Schedule**

**Intentions**

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<td>Sat</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>5:00 pm Truth and Peace in our Country</td>
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<td>Sun</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>7:30 am Souls in Purgatory</td>
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<td>9:30 am Our Parish</td>
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<td>Mon</td>
<td>23</td>
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<td>Tues</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>7:00 pm Loretta Inkrott, Cheryl Maziers, Betty Hooks</td>
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<td>25</td>
<td>7:00 pm In Thanksgiving to God</td>
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<td>7:00 pm NO MASS</td>
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**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

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<tr>
<td>Mon</td>
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<td>Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs</td>
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<td>Thu</td>
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<td>Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2 Lk 21:29-33</td>
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<td>Sat</td>
<td>Rv 22:1-7 Lk 21:34-36</td>
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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - November 28 & 29:**

**SERVERS:**
- 5:00 pm Alex Kahle
- 7:30 am Brayden Calvelage
- 9:30 am Andrew Aldrich

**Eucharistic Ministers:**
- 5:00 pm Sue Knippen, Kathy Luersman, Alaina Weideman
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Anita Aldrich, Gilbert Burgei, Matt Dube

**Lectors:**
- 5:00 pm Agnes Krietemeyer
- 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
- 9:30 am Andrea Recker

**Ushers:**
- 5:00 pm Jerry & Jackie Siefker
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Zach & Rhonda Liebrecht

**Pray for the sick:** Cherie Luersman

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**Cemetery Donation Envelopes**

Cemetery donation envelopes were recently in the offertory envelope boxes. If you do not have offertory envelopes and would like to make a donation to the St. Joseph Cemetery, put a regular envelope in the collection marked “Cemetery”. Any donation, no matter how small or large is greatly appreciated.

Purchasing plots is a one-time expense but maintenance and upkeep goes on indefinitely. Please, donate what you can to continue to keep our cemetery beautiful and well maintained.

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**Thank you** for all the cards sent to me for my 98th Birthday. It was a great blessing to be remembered. God bless you.

- Sister Edna Ricker

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**November 15, 2020:**

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**YTD as of November 15th** = **$78,468.50**

**YTD Under Budget** = **$-1,531.40**

A huge THANK YOU to those of you who have continued to donate throughout this difficult time.

If you are unable to attend church due to Covid, you can mail your offering to PO Box 68 or drop off at the FJ Bank, FJ Location. Thank you!

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Please pray for those from Fort Jennings currently serving in the Military:
- Jeremy Neidert, Justin Tumlinson, Alan Fischbach, Austin Weyrauch, Ryan Kranner, Michael Boehmer, Austin Kehres, Matt Schramm, Andy and Adam Kleman
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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 Classes are temporarily discontinued due to COVID-19.
Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class before your marriage.
Find Marriage Prep Classes at http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org
Bulletin submissions deadline:
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

We will NOT be having a Thanksgiving Food Drive this year. Thankfully our parish food pantry is currently well stocked. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to the food pantry to be used for meat and other items when needed, we would be grateful. Put an envelope in the offertory marked “Food Pantry” or mail/drop off your donation to the parish office.

Kindly remember in prayer all our Priests serving in the Diocese of Toledo, as they gather on Monday, November 30 for the annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Through our prayers, may the Lord grant them grace, peace, renewed fidelity, and the consolation of His presence.

The faithful are to be reminded that the dispensation to attend Sunday Mass, and Holy Days of Obligation, remains in place for the foreseeable future until you are notified otherwise. Those who are at high risk, especially the elderly and those with pre-existing health conditions are to be strongly advised to refrain from Mass attendance out of concern for their own well-being and out of Christian charity for others. Pandemic precautions continue to be in force, including the wearing of masks/facial coverings, maintaining proper social distancing and the sanitization of the church.

FJHS 2020-2021 Basketball Ticket Policy
Due to Covid 19 Government Orders, occupancy of the gym will be limited. Therefore, FJHS will not be selling or accepting any passes/season tickets for this basketball season. All tickets will be $6.00.
Boys’ and Girls’ Varsity and J.V. tickets will be pre-sale only and will be distributed first to family members and loved ones of the players, cheerleaders, and pep band members. Tickets will be limited for both home and & away games.
All home game Varsity & J.V. tickets will be $6. All ticket allotment may be significantly lower for away games.
We will attempt to live stream all Varsity Boys’ and Girls’ home basketball games through Jennings Local Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/JenningsLocalSchoolDistrict/

Junior High Boys & Girls’ basketball team and cheerleader family members will be permitted to purchase their tickets at the door for junior high games. All tickets will be $4 at the door. All spectators will have to check in at the ticket table to identify their participating family member in order to purchase and attend the game.

Nigerian Mission Fund
I have come again to solicit your support for the Nigerian Mission Fund. I ask of this request once a year during the Christmas season. Your generosity helps put smiles on the faces of the wretchedly poor in my homeland. I am extremely grateful to all of you for your prayers and very generous contributions to this fund in the past. May the good Lord bless and replenish your stocks.
This mission has benefited numerous people in so many diverse ways, food, school expenses, hospital bills, house rents, funerals and so on. We have been able to erect a house for a very poor widow and her children. All that remains is electricity for the house to be completed. When this house is finished you will see it in the bulletin.
By the grace of God, we will begin the building of another house for a very poor widow by early 2021.
I remain ever grateful to you all for standing for these poor ones. May God bless you always. You are in my prayers.
Cheers!!

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Merry Christmas Blessings,
Fr. Charles Obinwa

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In November, we will give alms for the intention of holy vocations. More information will be shared in the bulletin and social media. You can also visit ReconnectToledo.org/November.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Week of Sunday, November 22

Make a donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Donations are essential for the education of seminarians and permanent deacons.

Give Alms

Print (or cut out from your bulletin) the diaconate formation poster. Pray for the men who are in formation for the diaconate and all deacons of the Diocese of Toledo.

Pray

Prayer for Permanent Deacons
Holy God, Saint Vincent served You as a permanent deacon and gave his whole life and soul to You, even to the point of becoming a martyr. I lift up to You the deacons of the Church and all those who are being called by God to become deacons. Guide them as they discern how to serve the Body of Christ. Prevent the attractions of the world and the busyness of secular jobs from interfering with their vocations. Teach them to grow in humility. Help their families learn from their examples and support their diaconates with trust and joy. Saint Vincent, pray for us. Amen.

Watch

Go to reconnecttoledo.org/november to watch a series of videos about the permanent diaconate.