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: No Mass
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 Eucharist 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
Sat 24 5:00 pm  Carl & Millie Metzger  
George & Monica  
Schmersal Family  

Sun 25 7:30 am  For Our Parish  
9:30 am  For Our Parishioners in  
Nursing Homes & Assisted Living  

Mon 26 7:00 pm  Prayer Service  

Tue 27 7:00 pm  Bob Calvelage Family  
John & Hilda Pohl  
Charles Landwehr  
Bob & Alma Good  

Wed 28 7:30 am  NO MASS  

Thu 29 7:00 pm  Dan & Karen (Ewing) Francis  
Carole Meyer  
In Thanksgiving for  
George & Carol Hellman  
65th Wedding Anniversary  

Fri 30 7:55 am  FIRST FRIDAY  
Tom & Mid Stechschulte  
~ Exposition after Mass with Closing at Noon ~  

Sat 01 NO First Saturday Mass  
5:00 pm  For Souls in Purgatory  

Sun 02 7:30 am  For Our Parish  
9:30 am  Daniel Schimmoeller  
Norman & Rita Martin  

THIS WEEK’S READINGS  

Mon 11/26  Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5  Lk 21:1-4  
Tues 11/27  Rv 14:14-19  Lk 21:5-11  
Fri 11/30  Saint Andrew, Apostle  
Rom 10:9-18  Mt 4:18-22  
Sat 12/01  Rv 22:1-7  Lk 21:34-36  

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Annual Parish BARN MASS on Sunday, December 9th  
Mass begins at 6 p.m. 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 warm!) Hot chocolate and donuts following. ALL are welcome to attend.

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Tuesday, Nov. 27 & Friday, Nov. 30  
Chase German, Anna Menke, Isaac Heitman

Thursday, Nov. 29  
Sidney Ricker, Owen Conley, Owen Calvelage

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - December 1 & 2:  
SERVERS:  
5:00 pm  Emilee Calvelage, Chloe Fields,  
Reilly Fitzpatrick  
7:30 am  Grace Fischbach, Cody Horstman,  
Elizabeth Howbert  
9:30 am  Brook Hellman, Evan Hoersten,  
Marina Lucas

OFFERTORY GIFTS:  
5:00 pm  Volunteers Needed  
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed  
9:30 am  Schimmoeller Family

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:  
5:00 pm  Doreen Knippen, Hannah Knippen,  
Shelly Knippen, Sue Knippen,  
Kathy Luersman, Kathy Lucas  
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed  
9:30 am  Don & Christy Good, Doris Horstman,  
Cassie Horstman, Mike Knippen,  
Rachael Luersman

LECTORS:  
5:00 pm  Lisa Kaverman  
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed  
9:30 am  Andrea Recker  

USHERS:  
5:00 pm  Jerry Vetter, Roger Trentman  
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed  
9:30 am  Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

Please pray for the Sick:  Pat Will  
(Call or email Parish Office to be added)

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November 18, 2018:  
Envelopes  $ 2,740.00  
Loose  $ 1,018.00  
Maintenance  $ 30.00  
Cemetery  $ 5.00  
All Saint’s Day Mass  $ 18.00  
Pew Rent  $ 188.00  
Christmas Flowers  $ 406.00  
Human Development  $ 5.00

(YTD as of November 18, 2018,) = $ 82,456.03

YTD Under Budget = $ - 1,543.97

Thank you for your continued generosity!
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 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.

NIGERIAN MISSION – During this season of Advent, if you have any monetary donation to assist the poor of my homeland, please do so. If you would like to make a donation to be sent to the poorest of the poor in Nigeria, please feel free to put an envelope in the collection marked, “Nigerian Mission” or give it to me personally and I will make sure it gets to those in the most need. Thank you for your generosity and may you remain blessed at Christmas and always.

- Father Charles

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.

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.

***ATTENTION*** 2019 Offertory Envelopes are in the Narthex. If you do not find envelopes for your family and want them, contact the parish office. EFT givers who previously had envelopes, you still have them in case you would like to give for Holy Days, Christmas Flowers, etc. If you no longer want them, contact the office or leave them in the Narthex until after the first of the year.

Come and prepare your heart for Christmas! On Monday, December 3rd at 7:30 pm at Delphos St. John Church, the Delphos Ministerial Association will present an evening of music & reflections to prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth. Soloists & groups from various churches are involved as well as young people from Jefferson & St. John’s H.S.

ANNUAL NATIVITIES DISPLAY at Maria Stein Shrine, December 1 thru January 7. Enjoy a variety of nativities from different cultures. 22941 St. John Road, Maria Stein, OH 45860. Closed Dec. 24, 25 & Jan. 1.

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.procatholic tours.com. To register call 612-730-2890.

One man attended church so infrequently that people assumed he was a visitor. After Mass, the priest grabbed him by the hand and pulled him aside.

“Friend, you need to join the army of the Lord!” the priest said.

The man replied, “I’m already in the army of the Lord, Father.”

“Then why don’t I see except at Christmas and Easter?” the priest asked.

The man whispered, “I’m in the secret service.”
31 October 2018

Dear friends,

Having recently marked the fourth anniversary of Installation as Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo, I write to express my profound gratitude to all of you, the priests, deacons, consecrated religious and countless lay faithful who make up this local church in Northwest Ohio, I want each of you to know how much I appreciate your Catholic fidelity, witness and dedication, and to tell you how much each of you inspires me daily with your commitment to the Lord, to His Church and to our Diocese.

Over the past years I have written similar letters around this time of year to report on the current status of the diocese and our ongoing efforts and progress. We conducted a financial and legal review; evaluated and implemented the reorganization of the pastoral center; and more recently restructured the temporal and pastoral services to better serve the needs of our parishes, schools and institutions. We look forward to the fruit these efforts will produce.

The natural next step to move us forward is something which has been frequently recommended from the time of my arrival. Having engaged the Spitzer Center of Ann Arbor, Michigan to assist us in our work, we are now in a position to begin a strategic planning process. To this end, we recently conducted a survey sent to a number of priests, deacons, religious and laity involved in pastoral leadership, and concurrently identified persons with varied experiences from a broad diocesan demographic to form a strategic planning team. Together with senior staff, we will begin to reflect on the results of the survey and prepare to develop a strategic plan based on the newly formulated vision, mission and values of our diocese; to focus our pastoral and temporal efforts; to establish goals; and to build upon the valuable work already accomplished.

As we continue to strive to announce the good news of Jesus Christ throughout our nineteen counties, never losing sight of the challenges the Catholic Church is presently facing, it is my hope that this strategic planning process will enable us all the more to foster holy families, holy disciples and holy vocations for a healthier and more vibrant diocese,

Please know of my profound gratitude, my ongoing prayers and my enduring love for each of you, even as I depend on your good prayers as we begin this exciting initiative to enable us to more intentionally and passionately serve the Lord and one another throughout our Diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo

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