Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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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: 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 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
**Intentions**

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**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

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**In the ancient disciple - rabbi relationship,** the disciple would follow the rabbi so closely that he would be covered with the dust kicked up from his rabbi’s feet. Thousands of years later we are still called to be disciples—to closely follow Jesus. **INTO HIS LIKENESS** provides an approachable but in-depth explanation of how to live as a disciple helps us to follow the initial promptings of the Holy Spirit, so that we may encounter Jesus anew each day. Book now available on narthex kiosk.

**Christmas Choirs:** The Children’s Choir will sing at the 4:00 pm Children’s Mass. Singers should be downstairs at 3:35 pm. All children remember to bring your bell for our special bell song after communion.

**The Adult choir will sing at the 10:30 pm Mass.** The choir will start singing at 10:00 pm. Come and listen while the choir celebrates the birth of Jesus with songs.

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:**

**December 27 & Friday, Dec. 28**

Tenley Sarka, Calvin Menke, Brandt Menke

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - December 29 & 30:**

**SERVERS:**

- 5:00 pm Nick Fields, Rachael Luersman, Ian Ricker
- 7:30 am Austin, Derek & Danielle Weyrauch
- 9:30 am Madison Neidert, Alex Wieging, Erica Crawford

**OFFERTORY GIFTS:**

- 5:00 pm Volunteers Needed
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Volunteers Needed

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

- 5:00 pm Jodi Von Sossan, Eva Von Sossan, Nancy Wiechart, Jessica Young, Karen Young, Rita Beining
- 7:30 am **Volunteers Needed**
- 9:30 am Doris Horstman, Cassie Horstman, Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman, Rachael Luersman, Tim Luersman

**LECTORS:**

- 5:00 pm Melissa Wurst
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Matt Dube

**USHERS:**

- 5:00 pm Rick Maag, Dan Krietemeyer
- 7:30 am **Volunteers Needed**
- 9:30 am Pat & Tom Liebrecht

**Please Pray for the Sick:** Penney Gerdeman

**Envelopes** $3,252.00

** Loose** $880.00

** Maintenance** $78.00

** Pew Rent** $62.00

** Christmas Flowers** $30.00

** Christmas Envelope** $170.00

** Immaculate Conception** $30.00

** Religious Retirement** $200.00

(YTD as of December 16, 2018, = $95,498.83

YTD Under Budget = $ - 501.17

Thank you for your continued generosity!

**The Parish Office will be Closed** on Monday, Dec. 24th and Wednesday, Dec. 26th.

Merry Christmas!
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**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.

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**Merry Christmas**

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**Winter Fun Day for all Youth** in the
St. George Deanery. December 27 Bowling
@ 10:00 am at Liberty Lanes in Leipsic.
Food and fellowship at the Parish Center
in Miller City followed by games of all
sorts, with prizes. Cost is $10.00 a
student, covers bowling, shoes and
food. For more info. contact Deb Wehri
419-523-5958. this is a great way to
meet other youth in the area and have
something to do over Christmas break.

**Ft. Jennings American Legion Kitchen** will be open on
Monday, December 24th from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Closed**
Christmas Day – December 25th.

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**Fr. Tony Borgia**, priest of the Diocese of
Toledo and pastor of St. Patrick of
Heatherdowns, Toledo, died on December 15,
2018 at the age of 61. Please pray for his
family and the repose of his soul.
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let
perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul
and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Born March 16, 1957, Ordained a priest June
9, 1984. Funeral was Friday, December 21;
Burial in St. Paul Cemetery, Norwalk.
Fr. Tony will be remembered fondly and
greatly missed by many in Ft. Jennings. Note
the shirt he is wearing in the above picture
which was taken by Deacon Larry this past
October. Ft. Jennings was always in Fr.
Tony’s heart and he will always be in ours.

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**Christmas Liturgical Ministers**

**Servers Christmas Eve:**
4:00 p.m. – Adam Hoersten, Ian Howbert,
Isaac Heitman, Owen Calvelage
10:30 p.m. – Ethan Koester, Adam Luersman,
Owen Dube

**Christmas Day:**
9:30 a.m. – Christina Gerdeman, Abby Grone,
Conner Hoersten

**Offertory**
10:30 p.m. – Paul Menke Family
9:30 a.m. – Dan & Alice Swick

**Eucharistic Ministers Christmas Eve:**
4:00 p.m. – Shelly Knippen, Sue Knippen,
Kathy Luersman, Alaina Maag,
Mary Maag, Becky Uphaus
10:30 p.m. - Carla Norbeck, Alice Swick,
Eileen Schimmoeller, Lexie Stant,
John Michel, Rose Ann Vetter

**Christmas Day:**
9:30 a.m. - Brad Eickholt, Julie Fischbach,
Norm & Kathy Fischer,
Don & Christy Good

**Lectors Christmas Eve:**
4:00 p.m. -
10:30 p.m. – Marge Von Sossan

**Christmas Day:**
9:30 a.m. – Cheryl Hellman

**Ushers Christmas Eve:**
4:00 p.m. – Jerry & Jackie Siefker
10:30 p.m. – Need Volunteers

**Christmas Day:**
9:30 a.m. – Rob & Laurie Weber
These Loved Ones are Remembered through the
Annual Christmas Flower Appeal

Steve Maag
Otto & Marie Wieging Family
Cletus & Alice Maag Family
Jim & Janice Kleman
Earl Call
Kaydence Knippen
Drew Knippen
Richard & Irma Warnecke
Gebhardt Gasser
Alvin & Rita Von Lehmden
Gerker Family
Young Family
Claire & Keith Wrasman
Ricker & Rahrig Families
John Gerker
Kenny Schroeder
Hubert Horstman
Bob Hellman
Ted Sealts
Carl & Helen Schroeder
Cleo & Frances Schimmoeller
Kimberly Buettner
Erickson Family
Wallenhorst Family
Felix & Evelyn Ricker
Joyce Miehls
Broecker Family
Horstman Family
Gary Wiechart
Brendle Family
Burgei Family
Dan Schimmoeller
Rita Martin
Vetter Family
Sellet Family
Helen Liebrecht
Len Recker
Phyllis Burkholder
Richard Burkholder
Ronald Schimmoeller
Ashley Berelsman
Herman & Vickie Luersman

Earl & Helen Chandler
Ricker Family
Hammond Family
Baby Miller
Carl & Milly Metzger
John & Eugenia Metzger
Albert & Louise Schneider
Lucke Families
Schimmoeller Families
Louis & Florence Brenner
Ben & Mary Sergeant
Art Gasser
Mallory Gasser
Nathan Gasser
Charles & Nancy Stant
Moxie & Cindy Wehri
Paul & Elizabeth Okuley
Luke Obinwa
Fr. Joseph Przybysz
Fr. Tony Borgia

Ray & Louella Maenle
Tom & Agnes Swick
Joyce G. Klausing
Paul Krietemeyer
Warnecke Family
Ricker Family
Joann & Milton Nichols
Becker Family
Wittler Family
Julius & Lucille Ricker
Bill & Mary German
Loretta Inkrott
Gerald & Leona Youngpeter
Richard & Dolly Friemoth
Von Sossan Family
Calvelage Family
Thelma & Melvin Grote
Elmer Wittler
Robert Lammers
Paul & Bernadette
Hasenkamp
Neil Warnecke
Marion & Doris Bidlack
Donald & Daniel
Schimmoeller
Melissa Trentman
Mildred Ricker
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Horstman
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Klaus
Robert Meyer
Berelsman Family
Wieging Family
Steve Kerner
Mellitus & Leona
Schimmoeller
Edwin & Gerry Grubenhoff
Charles, Mary Hellen & Jane
Schimmoeller
Don Horstman
Dave Geise
Howbert Family
Wieging Family

Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees
Around the world below,
With tiny lights like heaven's stars
Reflecting in the snow.
The sight is so spectacular
Please wipe away that tear
For I'm spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year.
I hear the many Christmas songs
That people hold so dear
But earthly music can't compare
With the Christmas choir up here.
I have no words to tell you
The joy their voices bring
For it's beyond description
To hear the angels sing.