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
Intentions

Sat  08  5:00 pm  Julius & Martha Neidert Family  
                Mary & Ben Sergeant  
                Art Gasser

Sun  09  7:30 am  Mary Helen (Schweller) Lengerich  
                9:30 am  For Souls in Purgatory  
                6:00 pm  BARN MASS at the Maenle’s

Mon 10  6:30 pm  Precious Blood Chaplet  
                7:00 pm  Precious Blood Mass

Tues 11  7:00 pm  Jim & Rita Knott Family  
                Mary Jane Landwehr

Wed 12  7:30 am  In Thanksgiving

Thur 13  7:00 pm  Milton & Joanne Nichols

Fri 14  7:55 am  For the Religious Ed Students

Sat 15  7:30 am  For Souls in Purgatory  
                9:30 am  Gerald & Leona Youngpeter  
                Frank & Mary Wehri  
                Ralph & Frances Youngpeter

Sun 16  7:30 am  In Thanksgiving  
                9:30 am  Gerald & Leona Youngpeter  
                Frank & Mary Wehri  
                Ralph & Frances Youngpeter

LITURGICAL MINISTERS -  
December 15 & 16:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm  Alex & Lexi Kahle, Brayden Calvelage
7:30 am  Christine Hubert, Elizabeth Meyer,  
          Emily Luersman  
9:30 am  Isabella Conley, Taylor Liebrecht,  
          Trent Siefker

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

5:00 pm  Volunteers Needed
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Family of Gerald & Leona Youngpeter

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm  Nancy Wiechart, Jessica Young,  
          Karen Young, Rita Beining,  
          Don Bonifas, Amy Eickholt
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Larry Schroeder, Doug & Logan Sickels,  
          Rhonda & Justin Liebrecht, Denise Sukup

LECTORS:

5:00 pm  Amanda Maag
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Phil Wurst

USHERS:

5:00 pm  Todd, Jodi & Reese Von Sossan
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Darren Beining, Charlie Gerdeman

This Week’s Readings

Mon 12/10  Is 35:1-10  Lk 5:17-26
Tues 12/11  Saint Damasus I, Pope  
          Is 40:1-11  Mt 18:12-14
Wed 12/12  Our Lady of Guadalupe  
          Zec 2:14-17  Lk 1:26-38
Thu 12/13  Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
          Is 41:13-20  Mt 11:11-15
Fri 12/14  Saint John of the Cross, Priest  
          Is 48:17-19  Mt 11:16-19
Sat 12/15  Sir 49:1-4, 9-11  Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Advent items now available on the Narthex bookstand.  More new titles will be  
added next week so check back.  We do have Joy to the World and The Joy  
of Christmas available at this time both, were very popular in the past.

Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 12  
7:00 p.m.

Prepare the way for the Lord...

My apologies for the recent mistakes in the bulletin...contrary to popular belief, the secretary is not perfect. 😁
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

“I never thought it was such a bad little tree.
It's not bad at all, really.
Maybe it just needs a little love.”
- Linus Van Pelt

CHRISTMAS SHARING – There are tags for several families on the “Sharing Tree” in the Narthex to help those in need for Christmas. Last year we served 11 families, all in the immediate area. If you want to help, take a tag from the tree and purchase the item. Remember, the tags are ideas, you do not need to get the exact item. Larger items could be purchased by an extended family going together for example. This is their “Wish List” not their demand list. They are told to put what they really want. Pick a tag that fits YOUR budget. For example, if your children have a gaming system they do not use, that could be donated.

Return the item to the parish office or under the tree in the narthex. Gift wrapping the present would be greatly appreciated but not necessary. Please attach the tag securely on the gift. If you would like to make a cash donation, we would gladly do the shopping for you. You can drop your donation in the collection basket, please mark your envelope “Christmas Sharing” or drop off at the Parish Office. We need all presents or donations back by December 19th. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ and sharing His love.

Fr. Gerald E. Knueven, Senior Status Priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Friday, November 23, 2018. 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.
Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today’s second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

A big “THANK YOU” to everyone who sent cards and remembered us in any way for our 65th Wedding Anniversary. Your outpouring of well wishes truly touched our hearts. - George & Carol Hellman

**Ladies of the CLC:** Time to get in that Christmas Spirit at the CLC Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 12th at Fort Haven. Doors Open at 5:30 - Eat at 6:00. Cost is $5.00. Call Elain Wehri to make your reservation at 419-234-2254 or 419-286-2920.

Celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of all the Americas, with Bishop Daniel Thomas at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 210 E. Clinton St. Napoleon on Saturday, December 15th at 12 p.m. followed by Lunch & performance by El Corazon de Mexico Ballet folklorico in the gym at 1:30 p.m.

**THE ENCOUNTER CONFERENCE** will be held at the Seagate Convention Center in Toledo January 3 – 5. There is an encounter kids track from ages 6-12 and teen track for ages 13-18. To learn more visit [www.encounter2019.com](http://www.encounter2019.com). Conference participants can expect an atmosphere of spirit-filled worship in the presence of God, Mass, inspiring and transforming keynote speakers, breakout sessions, Eucharistic Adoration, a healing service, fellowship and many opportunities for prayer ministry and growth in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON D.C. –** Bus trips available for those interested in attending the March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 18, 2019? Join the College and Young Adult bus trip sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Toledo! The trip is only $192, but for college students there is a special discounted price of $132! If you have any questions, contact Peter Range, Director of the Office for Life and Justice, at prange@toledodiocese.org or call 419-214-4933. Deadline to register is Friday, December 14.

**TRIPS FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLERS** (and their chaperones) info at [www.toledomarches.com](http://www.toledomarches.com).

A young mother was visiting church at Christmastime as the guest of a neighbor. In his homily the priest described the wise men bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the infant Jesus. The woman leaned over to her host and whispered, “A wise woman would have brought diapers!”