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

LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE WITH LOVE.
1 CORINTHIANS 16:14 NKJV
Intentions

Sat 16 5:00 pm Elwood & Rita Broecker Dick German
Sun 17 7:30 am Urban & Marguerite Wieging 9:30 am For Souls in Purgatory
Mon 18 7:00 pm Prayer Service
Tues 19 7:00 pm Amy Gerdesman Bardall
Wed 20 7:30 am NO MASS
Thur 21 7:00 pm In Thanksgiving to God
Fri 22 7:55 am For the Religious Ed Students
Sat 23 5:00 pm Victims of Human Trafficking
Sun 24 7:30 am For Souls in Purgatory 9:30 am For Those with Depression

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Mon 02/18 Gn 4:1-5, 25  Mk 8:11-13
Tues 02/19 Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10  Mk 8:22-26
Wed 02/20 Gn 8:6-13, 20-22  Mk 8:22-26
Thu 02/21 Saint Peter Damian, Bishop
Gn 9:1-12  Mk 8:27-33
Fri 02/22 The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4  Mt 16:13-19
Sat 02/23 Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
Heb 11:1-7  Mk 9:2-13

St. George Deanery Senior Citizen Prom – March 17 at Kalida KofC Hall doors open at 4:00pm. Dinner at 5:00pm. Wear your green and come enjoy good food, entertainment, games and door prizes during our St. Patrick’s Day themed event. This is a free event for everyone (21-99), sponsored by the Youth Ministers and High School Students of the St. George Deanery. Donations accepted. RSVP by calling the parish office (419-532-3494) by Monday, March 4. High school students from St. Joseph please consider helping at out this event, for more information contact Rhonda Liebrecht, Youth Minister 419-796-9044.

LENTEN SPIRITUAL BOOK RECOMMENDATION: As 2019 Lenten Season draws ever nearer, the good Lord is giving us another opportunity to experience once again the holiest time of the year as His people. In view of this, People of God, I passionately you as your Pastor to avail yourselves of this singular opportunity to make plans of becoming more prayerful, holy and spiritual; and thus, candidates of the Kingdom of Heaven.
Sequel to this, I sincerely wish to recommend a spiritual book for your Lenten spiritual exercise, reading and reflection which can be purchased at amazon: “An Introduction to Devout Life” by St. Francis de Sales.
- Fr. Charles
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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, March 12th. 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.

F.J. FIREMAN’S BREAKFAST
THIS SUNDAY, February 17th, 8:00 am to 11 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Dine and carry-outs available. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee - $5.00, preschool and under free. Come support those who keep us safe!!

All Juniors and Seniors please consider participating in a weekend experience with other teens. TEC -Teens Encounter Christ it is a dynamic life-giving experience based on Pascal Mystery: the life, death, resurrection, and mission of Jesus Christ.

TEC schedule for 2019:
#443 Ladies Feb. 16-18
#444 Gentlemen Feb. 23-25
#445 Ladies Mar. 2-4
#446 Gentlemen Mar. 23-25
#448 Gentlemen Apr. 27-29
For more information contact Rhonda Liebrecht or look online at http://TEC.DioceseOfToledo.org

CLC Members---We will not be having a regular meeting this month. Instead on Saturday, February 23, we will be meeting at Fort Haven at 10 AM and going singing. We will begin by singing to the residents there and then traveling to The Meadows in Kalida and entertaining those residents. All are invited, bring the children and grandchildren. They love seeing and hearing the voices of the young people. Help us to brighten their day!!

WARNING: Email Scam... the parish office received an email from “Father Charles Obinwa” from the email address obinwacm@tjennings.org this week with the subject line as “Assist” The body of the email states; “How are you? Could you please email back to me? I need a favor from you and it's something personal between us.” This is NOT an email from Father Charles, if you get such an email. Delete it and DO NOT RESPOND, it is a scam. Just wanted to make our parishioners aware in case some of you received the same email.

Are you or your loved one age turning 85 or older this year? Father Charles would like to start recognizing our parishioners reaching these milestones. Please email or call the Parish with the name and birthdate (including birth year) for the parishioner to be honored on their special day.

FIRST COMMUNION DRESSES AND VEILS!! Mustard Seed Gift Shop, located behind St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Glandorf, has a beautiful selection of First Communion Dresses and Veils in stock. They will also be hosting a First Communion Dress Resale this year, with all donations from the sale Supporting HOLY FAMILY RADIO. The sale will be Tuesday, March 5, 2019 - Saturday, March 9, 2019. For more info, Like Mustard Seed Gift Shop on Facebook or call 419-538-7220.

St. John The Baptist, Glandorf LENTEN MISSION, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20. Carol & Kristen Kurivial of Luminous Ministries Presents “The Demands of Love - Through Mary’s Eyes” Mass 6:00pm: Presentation starts at 6:40pm in St. John’s Church Come experience, Mary’s life as never seen before, from her YES to JESUS death. Bring the whole family to this Energizing, Prayerful Experience.

ASH WEDNESDAY FISH DINNER at FJ Legion on Wednesday, March 6th from 4-6:30. 3 pieces of Fish, French Fries & Cole Slaw for $6.95. Breakfast & Lunch available from 6 am to 1 pm.

All You Can Eat FISH FRY and sides will begin on Friday, March 8th and continue every Friday during Lent. $9.00. Carry-outs available for $9. 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
What would you say if asked, "Why are you Catholic?"
Unsure because you've always been Catholic? Come join other young adults aged 22-39 for the "Choosing to be Catholic Retreat" with Charis ministries on March 23-24 at the Parish Center in Ottoville. Hear young adults share what being Catholic. This retreat is for any young adult in the diocese. For information send a message to CharisDioceseOfToledo@gmail.com.

How are you planning to dive in and get the most out of our Lent? Consider letting a religious Sister or Brother be your faith sharing partner. You don't need to go anywhere special. Just commit to connecting with your partner 3-4 times during Lent by means of Facetime, Whatsapp, Video Instant Messenger or by telephone. Share what it is stirring in your heart as you pray the Lenten Scripture readings. This opportunity is available for those age 20-39, male or female, single or married. Register at Ion1Sharing@snd1.org by Feb. 27.

Confidential HEARTBEAT PREGNANCY CENTER – Putnam County is Open!! Monday 10 am – 1 pm & Wednesday 1 pm – 4 pm. at 1225 E. Third St. Ottawa. Free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, parenting programs, incentive points earned to purchase child care items such as diapers, formula, clothing, toys. Helps with children up to age 3. Appointments needed, call 419-523-1150.

CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2019-2020-Glandorf St. John’s Catholic Preschool registration will be March 27 at 7 PM at St. John’s Parish Center. Registration forms are available at http://stjohnglandorf.org or at 419 538 6264.

Vicki Doty and Jerry Bunn, retired teachers from Ottawa-Glandorf and Col. Grove, are organizing a tour of the heart of Spain, March 19-30, 2020, through GoAhead Tours. We begin by flying to Barcelona. The next day we will visit La Sagrada Familia, Gaudí’s “House of Bones”, the 1992 Olympic site, and the Placa d’Espanya. Then a day to explore Barcelona or visit Montserrat, a mountain top monastery in the Catalan Pre-Coastal Range. Next, a high-speed train to Madrid. In we visit the Royal Palace, Prado Museum, the Plaza de Espana. The next day we are free to explore Madrid or visit Toledo, a historic city in Castilla La Mancha. Then back on the train to Cordoba where we visit Mezquita, and then on Seville to see the Plaza de Espana, Seville’s Gothic Cathedral, (the world’s largest), the Royal Alcazar Palace. Finally, to Costa Del Sol on the Mediterranean Sea. Cost of the tour, depending on how many sign up, will be under $4,000. For more details, check the link: http://www.grouptoursite.com/tours/spainwithjerrybunn or Jerry Bunn 419-957-3430 or Vicki Doty 419-233-4234.

Knights of Columbus Informational Seminars: Using the New 2018 Tax Brackets to your advantage; Determining Optimum annual IRA Distribution Amounts and Best Age to begin Social Security Benefits. Seminars open to the public. Please RSVP to 419-538-6438 at least one day in advance.
Tuesday February 26 Schnipke Inn 9-10am
Tuesday February 26 Ottawa KoF Hall 6-7pm
Wednesday February 27 Hoyt’s, Kalida 9-10am
Wednesday February 27 Ottoville Parish Center Family Room 6-7pm
Tuesday March 5 St. Anthony's Church Basement 6-7pm

Pope Francis asks that we pray for a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, victims of enforced prostitution and victims of violence in the month of February.