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: 7:00 pm (Prayer Service)
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

HE'S A BIT OF A PERFECTIONIST
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Jennings, Ohio

February 23, 2020

Intentions

Sat  22  5:00 pm  Paul Menke
Sun  23  7:30 am  For Our Parish
                   9:30 am  Bob Heitmeyer
Mon  24  6:30 pm  Precious Blood Chaplet
                   7:00 pm  Precious Blood Mass
Tues 25  7:00 pm  For Gerald Saum
Wed 26  7:55 am  Ken Okuley
                   7:30 pm  In Repentance for Our Sins
Thurs 27  7:00 pm  For Souls in Purgatory
Fri  28  7:55 am  For Fort Jennings Students
Sat  29  5:00 pm  Alfred & Rita Wrasman
Sun  01  7:30 am  Julius & Elsie Berelsman
                   Lois McKowen
                   9:30 am  Leonard Bruskotter

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Mon 02/24  Jas 3:13-18  Mk 9:14-29
Tues 02/25  Jas 4:1-10  Mk 9:30-37
Wed 02/26  Ash Wednesday
                   Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu 02/27  Dt 30:15-20  Lk 9:22-25
Fri 02/28  Is 58:1-9a  Mt 9:14-15
Sat 02/29  Is 58:9b-14  Lk 5:27-32

ASH WEDNESDAY Masses
Wednesday, February 26th
7:55 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues., Feb. 25, Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26, (7:55 A.M.)
Thurs., Feb. 27 and Fri., Feb 28
James Schroeder, Layla Schroeder, Kyle Britton

LITURGICAL MINISTERS –  Feb. 29 & Mar. 1:

SERVERS:
5:00 pm  Alex & Lexi Kahle, Bryce Gasser
7:30 am  Mason German, Hannah Grote,
         Leah Kazee
9:30 am  Ethan Koester, Adam Luersman,
         Owen Dube

OFFERTORY GIFTS:
5:00 pm  Volunteers Needed
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Family of Leonard Bruskotter

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
5:00 pm  Jodi Von Sossan, Eva Von Sossan,
         Derek Weyrauch, Nancy Wiechart,
         Jessica Young, Karen Young
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Marilyn Metzger, Jennifer McElroy,
         Karan Maenle, Trish Moening,
         Erin Osting, Jamie Saum

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5:00 pm  Agnes Krietemeyer
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Shirley Hammond

USHERS:
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SAVE THE DATE!!

Parish Mission
March 22, 23, & 24
(6 – 8 p.m. each evening)

Our parish will be holding a parish mission. The speaker will be Rich Curran. Rich is known by his titles…father, husband, disciple, trainer, author & itinerant preacher. By occupation, he is a national Catholic speaker & ministry coach who addresses over 50,000 youth and adults each year. He is the Author of We Lack for Nothing, numerous magazine articles & blogs. Rich receives invitations from dioceses, parishes, & schools across the United States to inspire, teach & train their members. He is a regular presenter at national, regional & diocesan Catholic conferences, school assemblies, parish missions & staff leadership days. This is sure to be an informative & exciting event you won’t want to miss.

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February 16, 2020:

Envelopes  $ 2,691.00
Loose        $ 933.00
Maintenance  $ 30.00
Latin America $ 10.00
Initial Offering $ 3.00

YTD as of February 16, 2020 = $ 135,251.58
YTD Over Budget = $ 7,251.58

Thank you for your continued generosity!
SEVENTH 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
Next Baptismal Class will be in March
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.

REELIGIOUS ED NEWS

High School Boys Basketball Tournament will be on Wednesday, February 26th. This is Ash Wednesday, there will be Mass at 7:30 p.m. for Jr./Sr. High Students not going to the game.

ASH WEDNESDAY
February 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers:
Servers: Carly Von Sossan, Rachael Von Sossan
          Andrew Aldrich
Offertory: Volunteers Needed
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Maag, John Michel,
                      Carla Norbeck, Alice Swick,
                      Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter
Lector: Penney Gerdeman
Ushers: Volunteers Needed

CRHP Women’s Retreat is February 29 – There are registrations forms on the table by the elevator in the Narthex. Make sure to return any tag items from the Giving Tree by February 25th. There is a tote in the narthex marked “CHRP Donations”. Thank You!

A big THANK YOU to the Fort Jennings Lion’s Club for donating ½ a hog to the St. Joseph Food Pantry!! Your very generous donation will feed many local residents in need.

40 Days of Prayer
Begins Monday, February 24th
Ends Friday, April 3
6:30 p.m. Precious Blood Chaplet
7:00 p.m. Precious Blood Mass

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Faith, hope and love come alive through the Annual Catholic Appeal, which in turn fosters the Holy Disciples, Holy Families and Holy Vocations. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal of $14,000 and assure the continuation of these programs and services. For more information on ministries funded by the appeal visit Toledodiocese.org/ACA.

Urgent Call to Action: Support School Choice
In a diocesan-wide effort to support parents as primary educators and support parents in having options for their children’s education, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas invites the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo to contact your state representatives and senators expressing to them support for educational choice in Ohio. Ohio’s General assembly has recently introduced legislation that would effectively eliminate one of Ohio’s school choice programs without securely funding an alternative for families. To learn more about the school choice in Ohio, please view this document: https://tinyurl.com/school-choice

Save the Date! For the Annual Parish Festival on Sunday, August 9th Preparations for the festival will begin soon. We would love to hear from you if you have suggestions or feedback that we can take into consideration in order to continue to make our festival a fun weekend of fellowship for all of you. We’re always looking for workers at our booths as well as individuals who are willing to step up and manage individual booths. Please, reach out to us via email with your ideas and/or willingness to serve. StJosephParishFestival@gmail.com
~ St. Joseph's Festival Committee

AGNES HORSTMAN turns 90 on March 11th. Let our parish join together and shower her with cards on this monumental occasion. Please send cards to:
Agnes Horstman, Room 201
c/o Kalida Meadows
Box 388
Kalida, OH 45853
St. Nicholas & Holy Family Lenten Parish Mission, presented by Father Louis Guardiola, will be held at 7 p.m. on March 8, 9, 10 & 11 at St. Nicholas Church, Miller City. All are welcome!

**FISH DINNER at FJ Legion Restaurant on Ash Wednesday**, Feb. 26th from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. 3 pcs of fish, French fries, coleslaw & roll for $7.50. Carry-Outs available.

**Every Friday during Lent at the FJ Legion** starting February 28th. $10 all you can eat, Carryouts $9 4:30-6:30 p.m. Deep fried & baked fish, potatoes, salads & garlic bread.

**Change in Hours** at the FJ Legion Restaurant Hours: Fridays. Sundays: 6-1 & 4-7:30, Tues., Wed. Thurs. & Fri.: 6 am-1pm.

The FJHS Class of 1970 will be celebrating their 50th Class Reunion with a dinner at WW&R on Saturday, August 15, 2020. Current contact information is needed for all classmates. Please email information to Karen (Lause) Mustard at mustard.karen@yahoo.com or to 4264 Stream Bank Lane, Hilliard OH 43026.

**All-You-Can-Eat Fish & Chicken Fry, Sunday, February 23rd** from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Cloverdale St. Barbara Parish Center. Adults-$8.00, Children (12 & under) $4.00. Carry-outs available. In case of inclement weather, it will be held the following Sunday, March 1st. All are welcome!

**Please pray for those from Fort Jennings currently serving in the Military:**

Jeremy Neidert, Justin Tumlinson, Ryan Kraner, Michael Boehmer, Alan Fischbach, Austin Weyrauch, Austin Kehres, Matt Schramm

**Homemade Soup and Sandwich Supper** on Sunday, March 8 from 3:30 – 7:00 PM at Landeck, St. John. Carry Outs available. Freewill Offering Event. Venedocia bulk sausage (2lb. pkg) for $8.00 available for purchase and Homemade ice cream in quart size for $4.00.

The Lima Chapter of Magnificat, a Ministry for Catholic Women, will be held on March 7, at the Old Barn out Back. Our speaker will be Sharree Brememan-Reehling, Coordinator of the Lima Chapter of Magnificat, & a member of Delphos St. John’s Catholic Church. Registration 9:30 a.m. Please call Kay Smith at 419-339-8971 by March 4, 2020. Cost is $10.00

**Putnam County Right to Life Garage & Bake Sale:**

- **Fridays is obligatory** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The fast is broken by eating between meals and by drinks which could be considered food (milk shakes, but not milk). Alcoholic beverages do not break the fast; however, they seem to be contrary to the spirit of doing penance.

**The Law of Abstinence** requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal derived products such as margarine and gelatin which do not have any meat taste. During Lent abstinence from meat on Fridays is obligatory in the United States as elsewhere.

**Those who are excused from fast or abstinence:** Besides those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual laborers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offense or causing enmity and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

"In the light of grave human needs which weigh on the Christian conscience in all seasons, we urge, particularly during Lent, generosity to local, national, and world programs of sharing of all things needed to translate our duty to penance into a means of implementing the right of the poor to their part in our abundance. We also recommend spiritual studies, beginning with the Scriptures as well as the traditional Lenten Devotions (sermons, Stations of the Cross, and the rosary), and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of ‘mortification.’"