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. Nonna 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 Knuppen 419-286-2429
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Jennings, Ohio

Intentions

Sat  29  5:00 pm  Alfred & Rita Wrasman
Sun  01  7:30 am  Julius & Elsie Berelsman
         Lois McKowen
         9:30 am  Leonard Bruskotter
Mon  02  6:30 pm  Precious Blood Chaplet
             7:00 pm  Precious Blood Mass
Tues  03  6:30 pm  Stations of the Cross
             7:00 pm  For Gerald Saum
Wed  04  7:30 am  For Our Parishioners
Thurs  05  7:00 pm  For a Lent that changes us
Fri  06  7:55 am  For the Sacred Heart of Jesus
             that bleeds each time we sin
             ~ Exposition after Mass with Closing at Noon ~
Sat  07  7:00 am  Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
             8:00 am  For the healing of the
             Immaculate Heart of Mary
             For our sins and the sins of
             the world
             5:00 pm  Tom Evans
Sun  08  7:30 am  For Souls in Purgatory
             9:30 am  Norman Hessling
             Fort Jennings Girl Scouts

STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Tuesday

6:30 p.m.

40 Days of Prayer

Every Monday

Ends Friday, April 3

6:30 p.m. Precious Blood Chaplet
7:00 p.m. Precious Blood Mass

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tuesday, March 3 & Friday, March 6
Tenley Sarka, Addison Sarka, Calvin Menke
(Be there on Tuesday at 6:20 for Stations of the Cross)

Thursdays, March 5 & Saturday, March 7
Ryan Aldrich, Madalynn Anspach, Chase German

LITURGICAL MINISTERS –  March 7 & 8:

SERVERS:

5:00pm  Owen Calvelage, Andrew Kahle,
         Braden Knippen
7:30am  Garrett Hark, Ian Howbert, Brandt Menke
9:30am  Maggie Pothast, Morgan Siefker,
         Jarron Swick

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

5:00pm  Volunteers Needed
7:30am  Volunteers Needed
9:30am  Fort Jennings Girl Scouts

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00pm  Rita Beining, Don Bonifas,
         Amy Eickholt, Chloe Fields,
         Deena Walsh, Sharon Kleman
7:30am  Volunteers Needed
9:30am  Chad Recker, Tony & Kelly Recker,
         Larry Schroeder, Doug & Logan Sickels

LECTORS:

5:00pm  Lisa Kaverman
7:30am  Volunteers Needed
9:30am  Cheryl Hellman

USHERS:

5:00pm  Jerry Vetter, Roger Trentman
7:30am  Volunteers Needed
9:30am  Zach & Rhonda Liebrecht

Please pray for the sick: Call the parish office to be added

February 23, 2020:

Envelopes $2,352.00
Loose $1,130.00
Maintenance $103.00
Central & Eastern Europe $30.00

YTD as of February 23, 2020 = $138,733.58
YTD Over Budget = $6,733.58

Thank you for your continued generosity!
**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 March 10th
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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**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 will be an exciting event you won’t want to miss.

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**To the parents of the 2020 graduating class:** At our last religion class of the year, we like to put together a video of the seniors throughout their religious/faith lives. If you have any photos you would like to submit to the video please email them to: stjoereled@bright.net. These should be pictures from Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation with family, classmates, or of them alone. I need these pictures emailed to me by March 3rd. Thanks

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**Lent began this week,** have your best Lent ever with materials from our Narthex book stand. Now available Bishop Robert Barron’s Lenten gospel reflections, Lent with the Saints daily reflections or the Magnificat Lenten companion, and other titles to inspire your faith journey.

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**Area Penance Services**

Monday, March 2 – Glandorf at 4pm & 7 pm
Sunday, March 8 – Ottoville at 2 pm

**Wednesday, March 11 – Fort Jennings at 7 pm**
Thursday, March 17 – Miller City at 7 pm
Thursday, March 19 – Leipsic at 7 pm
Tuesday, March 24 – Columbus Grove at 7 pm
Tuesday, March 31 – Kalida at 4 & 7 pm
Monday, April 6 – Ottawa at 4 & 7 pm

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**SCOUTING for FOOD DRIVE** bags were given out at Masses last weekend. Please, return your donations to church and leave in the Narthex by March 5th. Cub Scouts will not be picking up food at your home as the bag states. They will facilitate the food being transferred to local food pantries.

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**BLOOD DRIVE** - The Fort Jennings High School National Honor Society will be hosting a blood drive Wednesday, March 4, from noon until 6 pm at the Fort Jennings School. Walk ins are welcome. To make an appointment, please call Mrs. Harmon at the high school at 419-286-2238 ext. 2507.

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**A big THANK YOU to the families of Leonard Bruskotter and Joe Pequignot** for choosing our parish as the recipient of their memorial donations. May the Lord grant Kitty and Joe Eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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**The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign** is underway. The campaign goal is $3 million, and our parish goal is $14,000. We can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our Diocese each year; education of our seminary students, care of the sick and needy are among them. We ask you once again for your help; we have to work together. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge. Thank you for your attention and thank you for being my parish family. For more information, visit the Diocesan website at Toledodiocese.org/ACA. We recently received a $2,170.79 refund from last year’s ACA appeal. Every dollar over our goal is returned to our parish!!
AGNES HORSTMAN turns 90 on March 11th. Let our parishioners 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

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

Get your tickets for the:

LION’S CLUB COMEDY NIGHT!  
March 21st, 8 – 11 p.m. at Memorial Hall. Cost is $40 per ticket, which includes your drinks and Hor d’oeuvres. Come enjoy a night of laughter with your friends listening to three different comedians. For Tickets contact any Lion’s Club Member or call Eric Brokamp – 419.796.9320 or Tim Fitzpatrick – 419.796.9268.

CLC **Caroling** - Meet at FORT HAVEN at 10:00 a.m. March 21st, then heading to Delphos VAN CREST & Delphos MEADOWS. Please join our CLC group, bring your children/grandchildren … residents LOVE to see all generations! You do not have to be a CLC member to attend. Questions, contact Shelley Hoersten 419-286-2383

BOWL OF SOUP FOR THOSE IN NEED - Bowls of carry-out soup for those in need on Tuesdays, March 3, 17, and 31 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. A drive-thru pick-up will be setup in the alley behind (to the south of) Kahle Supply and Feed Mill, 120 E. Main Street, Kalida.

Family Paint & Sip at Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish Center Fitness Room. Family paint day on Sunday, March 15; 1:00pm. Cost: $10 per adult, $5 per child up to 12 years old. Canvas, paints, snacks, punch, water & wine are all included! Call to RSVP at 419.453.3513.

Young Adult Theology at Padres Pub – If you are looking to ground yourself more in God’s Word and to thrive spiritually with others ages from 21 – 30 something, you are invited to Padre’s Pub! Hosted at Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish Center every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:00pm. Enter the north side entrance to the Banquet Room. Facilitated by you and open to all area parishes. Refreshments will be provided.

St. Nicholas & Holy Family Lenten Parish Mission, by Father Louis Guardiola, at 7 p.m. on March 8, 9, 10 & 11 at St. Nicholas Church, Miller City. All are welcome!

The FJHS Class of 1970 will be celebrating their 50th Class Reunion with a dinner at WW&G 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.

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.

Cloverdale/St. Barbara CLC – Bus Trip to Shipshewana on Wednesday, May 6th. Cost: $85.00 (includes lunch & the Musical ‘Stolen’). Leaves St. Barbara Parish Center by 7:00 a.m. To reserve, call: Theresa 419-488-2381, Mary 419-488-2415 or Emma 419-488-3183 by March 20th.

Putnam County Right to Life meeting Tuesday, March 3, at 7:30 pm; Kalida, St. Michael’s Parish Center.

Putnam County Right to Life Garage & Bake Sale: Wednesday, March 18th from 9 - 7; Thursday, March 19th from 9 - 3; at the Ottawa KofC Hall (10759 Road H). Bring baked goods and gently used items to the hall on Tuesday, March 17th from 9 am to 6 pm.

Are you a single Catholic woman between the ages of 19 to 35 and feel that God might be calling you to a deeper life of service and love? Come and See for Yourself,” April 17-19, 2020, at Weber Retreat and Conference Center on the Motherhouse Campus. Learn about the life of a Sister, engage in conversation with Sisters; and join in the Sunday Liturgy. To register, visit https://tinyurl.com/ADSDiscern. For more information, email Sister Tarianne DeYonker, Vocation Co-director, at tdeyonker@adriandominicans.org or call or text her at 517-920-1395.

CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2020-2021- Looking for a preschool with kindergarten readiness AND a Catholic faith curriculum? Glandorf St. John’s Catholic Preschool registration will be March 25 (non-parishioners) at 7 PM at St. John’s Parish Center. Registration forms are available at http://stjohnnglandorf.org or 419 538 6264. 2-day, 3-day and NEW 5-day sessions are available!

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

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