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

Lent
A Yearly Reminder of the Daily Call to Come Home
**Intentions**

Sat  09  5:00 pm  For those with Chronic Illnesses
  10  7:30 am  For Souls in Purgatory
  9:30 am  For Young Families

**6:00 pm Teen Mass**

Mon  11  6:30 pm  Chaplet of Precious Blood
  7:00 pm  Precious Blood Mass

Tues  12  6:30 pm  Stations of the Cross
  7:00 pm  Eva Warnecke
  Amy Gerdeman Bardall

Wed  13  7:55 am  In Repentance for Our Sins
  **6:45 pm  PENANCE SERVICE**
(Please, let the High School Seniors go first)

Thur  14  7:00 pm  Joyce Holden
  Jim Grothause

Fri  15  7:55 am  Special Intention

Sat  16  5:00 pm  Mary Jane & Charles Landwehr

Sun  17  7:30 am  For Souls in Purgatory
  9:30 am  FJ Girl Scouts

**Noon  Anointing of the Sick Mass**

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

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**WEEKDAY SERVERS:**

Tues. March 12, Thurs. March 14 & Fri. March 15
Ian Howbert, Brandt Menke, Maggie Pothast

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - March 16 & 17:**

**SERVERS:**

- 5:00 pm  Gabby Martz, Will Lucas, Chase Neidert
- 7:30 am  Braden Calvelage, Emily Luersman, Trent Siefker
- 9:30 am  Isabella Conley, Christina Hubert, Elizabeth Meyer
- 12:00 pm Jared Liebrecht, Eric Wieging, Evan Hoersten

**OFFERTORY GIFTS:**

- 5:00 pm  Charles & Mary Jane Landwehr Family
- 7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am  FJ Girl Scouts
- 12:00 pm Volunteers Needed

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

- 5:00 pm  Carla Norbeck, Kathy Luersman, Eileen Schimmoeller, Alaina Maag, Mary Maag, John Michel
- 7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am  Don & Christy Good, Doris Horstman, Cassie Horstman, Mike & Jill Knippen
- 12:00 pm Sue Knippen, Doreen Knippen, Rose Ann Vetter

**LECTORS:**

- 5:00 pm  Agnes Krietemeyer
- 7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am  Cheryl Hellman
- 12:00 pm Marge Von Sossan

**USHERS:**

- 5:00 pm  Gary Dray, Larry Hammond
- 7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am  Zach Liebrecht, Brad Eickholt
- 12:00 pm Volunteers Needed

**Please Pray for the Sick:**

Penney Gerdeman & Cheryl Maziers

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**40 Days Prayer Novena**

*to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ*

**Every Monday**

**6:30 pm - Chaplet of Precious Blood**

**7:00 pm – Precious Blood Mass**

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Ends on Friday, April 12th
With Chaplet at 6:30 p.m. and Mass at 7 pm. that evening.

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**March 3, 2019**

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YTD as of March 3, 2019 = **$ 137,520.34**
YTD **Under** Budget = **$ 2,479.66**
**Anointing of the Sick Mass**

_Sunday, March 17th at Noon_

**OUR SYMPATHY** goes out to the family and friends of **BOB HEITMEYER**, to his wife, Dianne (Fought), his daughters; Deb (Ed) Schimmoeller, Denise (Jay) McGue, Cathy (Troy) Zeller, and Jennifer (Dale) Neidert; his sons Dwight (Michell) Heitmeyer and Steven (Jane) Mox; to his brother Larry (Karen) Heitmeyer and his 16 grandchildren. Bob died in Arizona on February 23 at the age of 79. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and Life in the Kingdom. Bob’s life has not ended, it has changed.

**BAPTIZED as a member of the Catholic Church on March 2nd**: **ROBERT MICHAEL STEGEMAN JR.**, son of Robert & Erica (Wagner) Stegeman. May the power of the Holy Spirit guide these parents in sharing the faith with Robert. Best wishes from the Catholic Community in Fort Jennings.

**2019 Benefit Auction** - Sat. April 27th, 2019; **St. John’s All Saints Building** - Join us as we travel to the “Wild West”! Doors open at 5:30 pm with dinner from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Raffles start at 7:30 pm. Tickets are $75, includes dinner for two and one **Reverse Raffle** number. The First Place Cash Prize Winner- $5,000; Second Place- $1,500. Over 100 Oral, Silent and Chinese Auction items available to bid on. Please contact the Ministry Center @ 419-695-4050 for more information and/or to purchase your ticket.

$2,500.00 **Vacation Voucher Raffle** sponsored by Elaine Wehri - CCR Realtors. Voucher can be used to plan any vacation you choose with Spectacular Adventures Inc. Vacation Raffle Tickets are being sold to the public and you need not be present to win; tickets are 1 for $10.00 or 3 for $25.00. Purchase raffle tickets at the Ministry Center, High School Office, Spectacular Adventures Inc., Ace Hardware or any FBLA & Student Council member. All proceeds are used for St. John’s School operating costs and projects.

**SAVE THE DATE** – Sunday, March 24th for our next speaker: David Onysko from “Man in the Shroud Ministries”. Over the years, he has spoken to thousands about the Shroud of Turin. In April 1998, David and a world-wide press corps viewed the Shroud during a private 45-minute showing. In August 2000, David and his family traveled to Turin, Italy to see the image during the Shroud’s Jubilee Exposition. He has been presenting the continuing story of the Shroud of Turin since the late 1980s.

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**STATIONS of the CROSS**

_Every Tuesday during Lent_

_Begins at 6:30 p.m._

_Followed by Mass at 7 p.m._

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**Parish Lenten Penance Service**

_Wednesday, March 13th at 6:45 pm_ (please allow the High School Seniors to go first)

Jesus died on the cross for your sins, can’t you go to confession to show Him you’re grateful?

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**LENTEN SPIRITUAL BOOK RECOMMENDATION**: Copies available in the bookstand at the back of church for purchase as well as some new Lenten/Easter themed materials.

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 as your Pastor ask you 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
It's CHiRP (Christ Renews His Parish) Women’s Retreat time! If you would like to help, take a cardinal off of the giving tree in the Narthex. Please drop off your item by Tuesday, March 26th. Women’s retreat weekend is March 30th & 31st. Registrations to attend CHiRP Retreat are on the table near the elevator in the Narthex.

**CARD SHOWER** for Ladonna Ostendorf and Leona Bruskotter, these twin girls will be turning 88 on April 10th. Both reside at Van Crest Assisted Living. Ladonna Ostendorf is in apartment 310 and Leona Bruskotter is in apartment 111, 1425 E. 5th St. Delphos, Ohio 45833. Let us shower these wonderful women with well wishes and love from their parish family.

**CASINO TRIP to Firekeepers Casino** on March 31st. Ft. Jennings Legion – bus arrives 7:30 a.m. and leaves at 8:00 a.m. Cost is $35. Call Betty at 286-2335 or 419-615-2375 or see Ruth at the Legion 286-2100.

**40 Days for Life Campaign** began March 6 - Catholic Charities is hosting the ecumenical 40 Days for Life campaign in Northwest Ohio from March 6 – April 14. You can participate in three ways: prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil. We invite you to pray for an hour in front of Capital Care Network, the Toledo abortion clinic, located at 1160 W. Sylvania Avenue. Sign up at: www.40daysforlife.com/toledo. Since the international 40 Days for Life Campaign began in 2007, over 750,000 volunteers in over 50 nations have stood in prayerful witness at abortion clinics to witness to the dignity of human life. Through these prayerful campaigns, over 15,000 lives have been saved, 180 abortion workers have quit their positions, and 99 abortion facilities have shut down! To learn more, email Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org. Join the movement and help us end abortion in northwest Ohio!

**POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:** For the Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities. That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected. Please add this intention to your prayers this month.

**RELIGIOUS ED**

**High School Seniors and parents**, Wednesday, March 13th @ 7PM you are invited to attend a speaker Ottoville @ Immaculate Conception Parish Center in banquet room. The speaker is Peter Range - "The 4 Pillars of Marriage". We spoke Wednesday at class and they still have a lot to do before our last class and things to go over for the Baccalaureate Mass, they are encouraged to go to confession at 6:45 PM then following confession they are having class here to work on things with their teachers or you can choose to go to the speaker in Ottoville instead.

**Seniors will be signing Bibles** during religion class on **Wednesday, March 13**, please pass the word, we invite ALL seniors regardless if they are Catholic or not to come to this class and sign.

**1st Communion Parents and students** - There will be a mandatory meeting about 1st Communion on March 17th after 9:30 Mass.

**There will be NO Youth Group on March 10th**, since we did Sky Zone on the 24th.

**There is Teen Mass on March 10th @ 6PM**, Father loves seeing more attend each month!

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

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.

**All You Can Eat FISH FRY** and sides will begin on Friday, March 8th at the FJ Legion and continues every Friday during Lent. $9.00. Carry-outs available for $9. 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Menu: deep fried fish, baked fish, potatoes, salads and garlic bread.