Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 until Noon
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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

LENT
Journey through the Gospel of Matthew
**St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Jennings, Ohio**

**March 15, 2020**

**Intentions**

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**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

| Mon | 03/16 | 2 Kgs 5:1-15b, Lk 4:24-30 |
| Tues | 03/17 | Dn 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35 |
| Wed | 03/18 | Dt 4:1, 5-9, Mt 5:17-19 |
| Thu | 03/19 | 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Lk 2:41-52 |
| Fri | 03/20 | Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34 |
| Sat | 03/21 | Hos 6:1-6, Lk 18:9-14 |

**40 Days of Prayer**

*Every Monday*

**6:30 p.m. Precious Blood Chaplet**

**7:00 p.m. Precious Blood Mass**

**WEEKDAY SERVERS**

**Tues. March 17, Thurs. March 19 & Fri. March 20**

(Be there on Tuesday at 6:20 for Stations of the Cross)

Bailey Hile, Evie Gasser, Baylee Griffen

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS – March 21 & 22:**

**SERVERS:**

- 5:00 pm: Tyler Kahle, Kristen Luersman, Blake Schram
- 7:30 am: Derek & Danielle Weyrauch, Noah Wittler, Emilee Calvelage, Reilly Fitzpatrick, Grace Fischbach

**OFFERTORY GIFTS:**

- 5:00 pm: Luersman Family
- 7:30 am: Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am: Volunteers Needed

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

- 5:00 pm: Kathy Lucas, Alaina Maag, Mary Maag, John Michel, Carla Norbeck, Alice Swick
- 7:30 am: Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am: Anita Aldrich, Monica Bruskotter, Matt Dube, Deb Dulle, Brad Eickholt, Julie Fischbach

**LECTORS:**

- 5:00 pm: Shelly Knippen
- 7:30 am: Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am: Karan Maenle

**USHERS:**

- 5:00 pm: Kevin & Mandi Kahle
- 7:30 am: Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am: Jerry & Jackie Siefker

**Cemetery Clean Up:**

Please remove ALL items from the grass at the cemetery before April 1st. Items are not allowed in the grass; this includes solar lights and shepherd’s hooks. All items need to be placed on the headstone or the cement footer. If you would like a hole drilled in the footer for lights/shepherd’s hooks please contact Alan Calvelage. Any items left after April 1st will be placed by the cemetery garage for a short period of time and then discarded. Thank you for your cooperation with the cemetery guidelines.

**March 8, 2020:**

- Envelopes: $2,593.00
- Loose: $982.01
- Maintenance: $346.00
- Black & Indian Missions: $36.00
- Initial Offering: $3.00
- Easter Flowers: $35.00

YTD as of March 8, 2020 = **$148,053.74**

YTD Over Budget = **$8,053.74**

Thank you for your continued generosity!

**STATIONS of the CROSS**

*Every Tuesday during Lent at 6:30 p.m.*
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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 May 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.

Parish Mission
HAS been postponed until a later date due to the abundance of precautions to curb the spread of COVID 19.

It is our Christian duty to practice caution and care about the well being of those most at risk. The precautions are an inconvenience but necessary to care for each other as the Lord commands.

ALL Masses both Weekend and Weekday, along with Stations of the Cross will be held as regularly scheduled.

Our last Jr. High and HS religion class for the year, which was to be this Wednesday, March 18th is CANCELLED.

CLC CAROLING to the nursing homes has been CANCELLED on March 21st.

Fort Jennings 4-H Dinner scheduled for this Sunday, March 15th has been postponed, check the bulletin for updates on what date it will be rescheduled.

A big THANK YOU to the family of Harry Howbert for the generous donation in Harry’s memory to the St. Joseph Maintenance Fund. May Harry’s and your reward for your generosity be great in Heaven.

Shoes for Liberia
We are collecting shoes for Liberia, Africa. Please, no winter shoes. Shoes off all sizes for all ages are welcome.
Drop your shoes off in the Bride’s Room (double doors off of the Narthex) to be sent to those in the most need. Bless you for your generosity.

Our Sympathy goes out to the family and friends of HARRY HOWBERT, to his wife Dottie (Wiegeng), his children Jan (Larry) Schimmoeller, Mike (Donna) Howbert, Amy (Jeff) Cleemput, Joyce (Mike) Jackson, Karen (Leo) Lengerich, Laura “Lol” (Mike) Liebrecht, his twenty grandchildren, and twenty great-grandchildren. He died March 6th at the age of 87. May the Lord grant Harry eternal rest and life in the Kingdom.

Congratulations to the St. Joseph CYO boy’s basketball team this year. They may not have won many games this season, but they had a really fun time and gave a good effort every game. Team members were Blake Schram, Jake Wurst, Nick Wurst, Brayden Bolenbaugh, Brad Eickholt, Logan Schimmoeller, Gavin Schimmoeller, Jonathan Wang, Cole Steele, Nick Herman and Nolan Miller. A big thank you goes out to the coaches who stepped up and volunteered their time with these young men. Coaches were Brett Clay and Ryan Koester.

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to Father Charles for his numerous visits and prayers when we needed him most; to Deacon Larry for all of his support, guidance and love during this difficult time; to Joyce and the Choir for the beautiful music at Mass, an excellent job as always; to the Friends of Hope who were beyond helpful and compassionate in their ministry, so blessed to have them; to the Funeral Lunch Gals for preparing such a delicious meal; to those who donated food and yummy desserts, so very thoughtful; and finally, to everyone for their donations, kind words and support. We are so blessed to be a part of such a caring and compassionate parish.

-Harry Howbert Family
Our prayers go out to the families of those who perished, are still missing, or injured, and those displaced or homeless after a string of deadly tornados swept through Nashville, Tennessee. As in past disasters, Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and distributing donations, dollar for dollar, to help these tornado survivors. Donate and designate your gift for Nashville Tornado Relief on our secure website: www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org/donate. Checks should be made out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, with a Nashville Tornado Relief designation and sent to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604.

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.

CASINO TRIP to Firekeepers Casino on Sunday, April 26th bus arrives to the FJ Legion at 7:30 a.m. and leaves at 8:00 a.m. Cost is $35. Call Betty at 419-286-2335 or 419-516-2375 or Ruth at the legion 419-286-2100.

Area Penance Services
Thursdays, March 17 – Miller City at 7 pm
Thursdays, March 19 – Leipsic at 7 pm
Tuesdays, March 24 – Columbus Grove at 7 pm
Tuesdays, March 31 – Kalida at 4 & 7 pm
Mondays, April 6 – Ottawa at 4 & 7 pm

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

Be aware that the standard for not being ill is, for at least 24 hours, being free from fever, signs of a fever, or other symptoms (without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines, e.g. cough suppressants). There will be no Holy Water in the fonts, no hand holding during the Our Father, no Sign of the Peace and we are discontinuing the communal chalice until further notice. As Catholics, our faith reminds us that the whole Christ, that is his Body and Blood, is present when only the Host is received.