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

BE FASHIONABLE THIS WEDNESDAY
GET TO MASS
**40 Days Prayer Novena to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ**

**Begins on Monday, March 4th**

**&**

**Ends on Friday, April 12th**

**Every Monday**

6:30 pm - Chaplet of Precious Blood

7:00 pm – Precious Blood Mass

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**WEEKDAY SERVERS:**

Tues. March 5, Thurs. March 7 & Fri. March 8

Adam Hoersten, Braden Knippen, Garret Hark

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - March 9 & 10:**

**SERVERS:**

5:00 pm  Marina Lucas, Justin & Jared Liebrecht

7:30 am  Volunteers Needed

9:30 am  Volunteers Needed

**OFFERTORY GIFTS:**

5:00 pm  Volunteers Needed

7:30 am  Volunteers Needed

9:30 am  Volunteers Needed

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 pm  Sharon Kleman, Shelly Knippen,

          Kathy Luersman, Nancy Wiechart,

          Karen & Jessica Young

7:30 am  Volunteers Needed

9:30 am  Larry Schroeder, Karon Maenle,

          Denise Sukup, Lisa Wisner,

          Doug & Logan Sickels

**LECTORS:**

5:00 pm  Dave Luersman

7:30 am  Volunteers Needed

9:30 am  Denny Osting

**USHERS:**

5:00 pm  Ray Schmersal, Kevin Ricker

7:30 am  Volunteers Needed

9:30 am  Tony & Chad Recker

**Please Pray for the Sick:**

Penney Gerdeman & Cheryl Maziers
EIGHTH 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.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

**Servers:**
7:55 am – Adam Hoersten, Brandt Menke,
Garret Hark
7:30 pm – Trent Siefker, Bryce Gasser, Owen Dube

**Offertry Gifts:**
7:55 am – Religious Ed Students
7:30 pm – Volunteers Needed

**Eucharistic Ministers:**
7:55 am – Norma Maag, Tony Recker, Norm &
Kathy Fischer, Karan Maenle
7:30 pm – Hannah Knippen, Nick & Chloe Fields,
Justin Liebrecht, Kristen Luersman,

**Lector:**
7:55 am – Religious Ed Students
7:30 pm – Melissa Wurst

**Ushers:**
7:55 am – Religious Ed Students
7:30 pm – Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

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?

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.

**THIS SUNDAY** The Holy Name Society of St.
Barbara/Cloverdale is sponsoring an All-You-Can-Eat Chicken &
Fish Fry on Sunday, March 3rd from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish
Center (160 Main St. Cloverdale).

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, March 24th for our
next speaker: David Onysko from “Man in the Shroud
Ministries”. David’s interest has led him to many
scientific/theological conferences (St. Louis, Rome, Dallas,
New York, etc.) Over the years, he has spoken to
thousands about the Shroud of Turin, including
international audiences. 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.

St. George Deanery Senior Citizen Prom –
March 17 at Kalida KofC Hall doors open at 4:00pm.
Dinner at 5:00pm. Wear your green during our St.
Patrick’s Day themed event. This is a free event for
everyone (21-99), RSVP by calling the parish office (419-
532-3494) by Monday, March 4.
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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.

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.

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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://stjohnsglandorf.org or at 419 538 6264.

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. 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 1on1Sharing@snd1.org by Feb. 27. Adults-$8.00, Children-$4.00. Carry-outs available. Please join us!

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

CLC’s will be hosting a painting party on Wednesday, March 13 at Ft. Haven beginning at 6 PM. Everyone is welcome, you do not have to be a member to paint with us. The size you will be painting is 16 x 20, cost is $15. For reservations Shelley Hoersten 419-286-2383.

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.

Putnam County Right to Life meeting Tues, March 5 at 7:30 pm at St Michael’s Parish Center, Kalida.

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 at the FJ Legion and continues every Friday during Lent. $9.00. Carry-outs available for $9. 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.