Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 until Noon
E-mail address: stjoeeparishofc@bright.net

NORMAL MASS TIMES
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am and 9:30 am
Monday: 7:00 pm
Tuesday: 7:00 pm
Wednesday: 7:00 pm
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 is not here, for he has Risen!
**Intentions**

**WEEKDAY SERVERS**

Tues., April 30, Fri., May 3 & Sat., May 4
Garret Hark, Ian Howbert, Brandt Menke

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - May 4 & 5:**

**SERVERS:**
- 5:00 pm Alex & Lexi Kahle, Taylor Liebrecht
- 7:30 am Bryce Gasser, Emily Luersman, Trent Sieker
- 9:30 am Madison Tumlinson, Andrew Aldrich, Ethan Koester

**OFFERTORY GIFTS:**
- 5:00 pm Volunteers Needed
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Volunteers Needed

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**
- 5:00 pm Sharon Kleman, Doreen Knippen, Hannah Knippen, Shelly Knippen, Sue Knippen, Kathy Lucas
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Tim Luersman, Marilyn Metzger, Jennifer McElroy, Karan Maenle, Trish Moening, Erin Osting

**LECTORS:**
- 5:00 pm Lisa Kaverman
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Phil Wurst

**USHERS:**
- 5:00 pm Todd, Jodi & Reese Von Sossan
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Darren Beining, Charlie Gerdeman

**Please Pray for the Sick:**
Penney Gerdeman & Cheryl Maziers

**K of C in Fort Jennings??**

Knights of Columbus Council #2238 at Immaculate Conception have scheduled an exploratory meeting in order to find out whether there is any interest and need for a K of C organization in the St. Joseph Parish. Men 18 and older are cordially invited to attend a brief meeting on Monday, April 29th at 7:30 p.m. in our church basement. Refreshments & snacks provided.

Fort Jennings High School will be presenting their "Spring Concert" on Sunday, April 28th at 7 pm in the Main Gym. Band & Choir (Grades 5 - 12) performing.
**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, May 7th. 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](http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org)

**Bulletin submissions deadline:**
Wednesdays at Noon.

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**COOKIES NEEDED!!** (or desserts) Any grandparents or great-grandparents of 2019 graduates; or parishioners feel free to donate a dessert or cookies to the Baccalaureate Mass reception on Thursday, May 2. Please have your desserts downstairs in fellowship hall kitchen by noon on that Thursday. Thank you!!

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**BUS TRIP PARTICIPANTS** to the Shrine of Christ’s Passion on June 9th – The fee for the trip will be $55 per person. If you have booked your seat, please bring the money to the parish office or put it in the collection in an envelope marked “bus trip” with the names of the attendees. There is also an additional $5 charge per person if you are using a golf cart.

**FJ GARAGE SALES** - May 8, 9 & 10. If interested in being on the list of garage sales held, forms are at the FJ Bank, Reflections Hair Salon, Meyers IGA & the Legion. Cost is $5 to be used for various ads, remaining funds will be donated to the Freedom Square Project. **Deadline to be on the list & maps is Thursday, May 2nd.** Contact Doris Wittler at 419-286-2892.

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**No garage? No problem!** The Auxiliary will be renting space inside the Legion Hall during the FJ garage sales May 8-9-10. $15 for 3 tables for 3 days! Mail $15 check or money order to Legion Auxiliary, PO Box 37, Fort Jennings OH 45844.

**Ft. Jennings American Legion Trip to Vermont,** October 20-26th. Cost is $899 per person. $75 deposit required to reserve your seat. Contact Doyle Wittler 419-286-2892, if interested in the trip or would like more information.

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**THANK YOU** to all that sent cards on our birthday! The outpouring was overwhelming and greatly appreciated. What a joy it was to receive so many cards and be remembered by our fellow parishioners.

– Leona Bruskotter & Ladonna Ostendorf

**First Friday Latin Mass** will be celebrated **May 3rd** 7:00 pm at Domus Angelorum Retreat House, 21706 St. Rte. 114, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

**Retreat at Domus Angelorum Retreat Center** on the topic “Christ Crucified and Risen” on **Saturday May 11th**. The day begins with Mass at 8:30 AM with registration and Adoration following Mass. The day will conclude with Confession and Benedictions at 3:00 pm. Retreat leader will be Father Herman Scherger. Costs is $ 10.00 per person and please bring a packed lunch. All are welcome.

**Lancend** St. John the Baptist Catholic **breakfast** on Sunday, May 5 in the Church basement. Sausage, pancakes, eggs, toast, coffee & juice from 9 - 1. Free will offering. Proceeds benefit our capital campaign.

**Young adults aged 18-39** are invited to an **RUCALLED DINNER** on May 13, 2019 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas in Miller City This evening is for men and women who are curious about what it is like to be a Religious Sister, Brother or Priest. (Seniors in high school are welcome to attend.) It is a fun, pressure-free evening with a free meal, the opportunity to interact with religious Sisters and Brothers of various congregations, and to hear the vocation stories of persons in initial formation. RSVP at rucalled@snd1.org.

**Drivers Needed for Those Battling Cancer** - Volunteers are needed to give a much-needed car ride for cancer patients who cannot drive themselves or have no other means of getting to cancer-related medical appointments. Volunteers pay for the gas and use their personal vehicles. Contact Marybeth marybeth.torsell@cancer.org or 888-227-6446 for more information. Thanks for your consideration!

**Putnam County Right to Life** meeting Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 pm at Heartbeat of Ottawa, 1225 E. Third St. Ottawa, next to the Putnam County WIC. A representative from Heartbeat will be speaking. Please come see the office and find out about Heartbeat and its work. Everyone is welcome!

**OTTOWILLE Community Garage Sales** - May 3rd and 4th, 9:00-5:00. Over 50 participants with maps. Fundraisers: 8th Grade Bake Goods for Cancer & ICY Church Group item sales.
Putnam County Rabbit/Poultry Committee BBQ Chicken and Pork Loin Dinner: May 19 at Kalida K of C. From 11-1. Pre-sale Only, call for tickets call Judy Kleman at 419-357-3686 by May 2.

Diocesan FERTILITY AWARENESS SEMINAR at St. Joseph’s Convocation Center in Crestline, Ohio (331 N. Thoman St. Sat., May 4th, 9 am – 1pm. Discussing infertility, polycystic ovarian syndrome, endometriosis, repetitive miscarriages, painful periods, irregular periods, PMS, postpartum depression & more. Also, how NaPro technology is more successful than other methods to achieve pregnancy. Geared to parents, singles, couples, clergy & the health community. Cost is $10/person or $15/household. Register: TOLEDOCONFERENCE.ORG. Join us for this truly amazing, healthy way to cooperate with God’s creation of the gynecological system.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS, BENEDICTION, & EXPOSITION**

The Church recommends that on the first Friday of the month we as Catholics, go to Confession, attend Mass and receive the Eucharist worthily. First Friday Mass is for the Sacred Heart of Jesus that bleeds each time we sin. On first Friday we pray for the healing of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our own sins and the sins of the world. First Friday Mass is at 8 a.m. followed by Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with closing at Noon.

**FIRST SATURDAY MASS & EXPOSITION**

Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the First Saturday of every month at 8 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be before Mass beginning at 7 a.m. We will come together to pray for the sins of the world and our salvation.

Riding Through It for Courtney - Sat., May 4. Motorcycle Ride, Chicken Dinners, Children's Activities & More - All Are Welcome at Kalida Fish & Game to support Courtney & Chad Ehrnsberger & their three boys. Courtney is undergoing treatment for invasive triple negative breast cancer. Registration for the ride (adults only) at 11:30 a.m. Blessing of the bikes at 12:30 p.m. Bikes out at 1:00 p.m. Benefit ride: $10 single/$15 couple. Silent auction begins at 11:30 a.m. (do not need to be present to win). Live auction at 8:00 p.m. Live bands 4 p.m. to midnight. Concessions served throughout the day. Kid’s activities include bounce house & more. Chicken dinner tickets by presale only; pickup 3-7 pm; Sat., May 4 at Kalida Fish & Tickets $9 at Moose Landing, Kalida.

**Diocese of Toledo Safe Environment Program**

in Full Compliance with USCCB Norms. Each year, the Diocese of Toledo is required to undergo an audit to ensure that it is in compliance with the articles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Bishop Daniel Thomas is pleased to announce that, for the fiscal year 2017-2018, the Diocese was found to be in full compliance with the requirements in the Charter.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. **If you have any knowledge of abuse** that has been committed by a cleric, or any employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church, please report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services, and Mr. Frank DiLallo, Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. DiLallo can be reached at (419) 214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

**We are at $12,045.00 which is 86.04% of our $14,000 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal. 120 parishioner households have donated thus far... are you one of them? Thank you to those who donated!**

**Y.E.S., Youth Elect Service Project, June 13-15** at Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish Center, begins Thursday, June 13th at 5:30 p.m. Current 8th grade students through graduating seniors are encouraged to join us for this weekend service retreat. This will give you opportunities to make new friends from throughout the St. George Deanery, have some great fun, grow in faith and be the hands and feet of Christ in your community! This 3-day rewarding experience will close with 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 15th at Ottoville Immaculate Conception Church. Registration forms are available in Narthex on the table by the elevator and are due by May 31st!

**Adult Team Leaders are also needed**, to sign up or for more information contact Renee Kelch at 419-236-4006. Sign up forms in Narthex as well.

**Y.E.S. – Youth Elect Service Project Donations needed**

The 2019 St. George Deanery Y.E.S. project, June 13-15 involves high school youth and adults helping those in need with painting, cleaning, landscaping, or many other tasks. Work sites are all over the county and supplies are needed to help. Monetary donations are appreciated to pay for supplies. Please contact Renee Kelch 419.236.4006 or your parish office with any questions. Checks may be payable to Ottoville Immaculate Conception- YES - P O Box 296, Ottoville, OH 45876.