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
Intentions

Sat 13 5:00 pm Adeline Pohlman
Sun 14 7:30 am Donald Ostendorf
          8:30 am For Souls in Purgatory
          9:30 am John Gerker
Mon 15 7:00 pm Prayer Service
Tues 16 7:00 pm Len Bruskotter
Wed 17 7:00 pm For Souls in Purgatory
Thurs 18 7:00 pm Gerald Saum
Fri 19 7:00 pm For Peace in Our Country
Sat 20 5:00 pm Elwood & Rita Broecker
Sun 21 7:30 am Urban & Marguerite Wieging
          Harry Howbert
          8:30 am Eugene Schroeder
          9:30 am Richard & Dolly Friemoth
          Andy & Matilda Altenburger
          August & Alvertice Friemoth

THIS WEEK’S READINGS
Mon 06/15 1 Kgs 21:1-16  Mt 5:38-42
Tues 06/16 1 Kgs 21:17-29  Mt 5:43-48
Wed 06/17 1 Kgs 21:17-29  Mt 5:43-48
Thu 06/18 Sir 48:1-14  Mt 6:7-15
Fri 06/19 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
          Dt 7:6-11  1 Jn 4:7-16  Mt 11:25-30
Sat 06/20 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
          2 Chr 24:17-25  Lk 2:41-51

WEEKDAY SERVERS
Not needed until further notice.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - June 20 & 21:
SERVERS:
5:00 pm  Brayden Calvelage
7:30 am  Chase Neidert
8:30 am  Andrew Aldrich
9:30 am  Evan Hoersten

Eucharistic Ministers:
5:00 pm  Shelly Knippen, Sue Knippen,
          Jennifer McElroy
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
8:30 am  Brad Eickholt, Norm & Kathy Fischer
9:30 am  Tony, Kelly & Chad Recker

LECTORS:
5:00 pm  Agnes Krietemeyer
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
8:30 am  Karan Maenle
9:30 am  Matt Dube

USHERS:
5:00 pm  Todd, Jodi & Reese Von Sossan
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
8:30 am  Darren Beining, Charlie Gerdeman,
          Adam Luersman
9:30 am  Tony & Chad Recker

Please pray for the sick: Call to be added to the bulletin

NO VBS this year due to COVID-19 precautions. It would be nearly impossible to maintain social distancing during VBS in compliance with government regulations. To keep our children and volunteers safe we have decided to cancel the 2020 VBS. We plan to be back in the summer of 2021!!

If you are unfamiliar with the new procedures we have in place to protect our parishioners safety during the pandemic, you can read them on the church website at www.stjosephfortjennings.org. The link is at the top of the home page.

June 7, 2020:

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YTD as of June 7, 2020 = $191,678.14

YTD Over Budget = $3,678.14

THANK YOU for your continued generosity!

For the time being, Bulletins will be posted online on our parish website only, there will be no hard copies.
A huge THANK YOU to our parishioners for your generosity during the pandemic and at the first weekends back. We are very fortunate to have such amazing, supportive parishioners who have kept the parish in a good financial position.

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family and friends of WALT HOERSTEN, to his wife of 52 years, Janet (Gasser), his four children; Duane (Cindy), Chris (Wendy), Kevin (Molly), and Kari (Darrin) German, to his nine grandchildren, Ryan, Alexis, Katelynn, Evan, Adam, Aidan, and Mason, Chase & Jocelyn German and to his sister-in-law Tina Good. Walt died June 5th at the age of 81. May the Lord grant Walt Eternal Rest and Life in the Kingdom.

Office is back to regular hours of Mon., Wed. & Fri., 9 a.m. to Noon. We ask you avoid coming into the office unless absolutely necessary, most matters can be dealt with by email or telephone, please use those avenues first. Email is stjosephparishofc@bright.net phone: 419-286-2132.

YOUTH MASS IN THE PARK - ALL High School Students from Putnam County (incoming Freshman thru outgoing Seniors) Saturday, June 20, 2020 @ 8:00 PM Kalida Four Seasons Park (bring your own lawn chair) any questions, please contact Jill Zeller 567-376-9115

Immaculate Conception Church fundraiser for new electronic sign!! Sunday, July 19th, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm drive-thru pick up only. Meal includes BBQ pork & grilled chicken breast, mashed potatoes/gravy, noodles, green beans, homemade coleslaw, & dinner roll. $9.50 for adults, $6.00/children 10 and under. Call the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at (419) 453-3513 for more information or to order tickets.

Putnam County Right to Life Garage & Bake Sale Ottawa K of C hall on Road H, Ottawa. Sale days are Wednesday, August 12, from 9 am to 7 pm and Thursday, August 13, from 9 am to 3 pm. Gently used items and baked goods will be accepted on Tuesday, August 11, from 9 am to 6 pm.

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for June: The Way of the Heart
We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

2020 Century Farm Award Applications Available
Catholic Charities is now accepting applications for Century Farm Awards for a farm or homestead within their family for at least 100 years, with an emphasis on well-preserved working farms. Applicants will be asked to submit a registration form, copies of old deeds, and pictures to support claims. The information submitted must show family residence and ownership of a farm for at least 100 years. Applications should be submitted no later than August 15, 2020. A Mass honoring award recipients will be celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 14010 US-24, Grand Rapids, OH 43522, on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. For more information or to request the registration form, please contact Melissa Tonti at (419) 214-4898 or mtonti@toledodiocese.org.

We are Inching Closer to Our Goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal - If you have not given yet, please send in your donation today! Help your parish meet their goal and help fund the very important work carried out by the many ministries supported by the Appeal. For more information, visit the Diocesan website at Toledodiocese.org/ACA.

Our parish has currently pledged $12,165.50 of our $14,000 goal by 126 parish donors, 86.9% of our goal. 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

Ordinations to the Priesthood & Diaconate will be Livestreamed at toledopriesthood.org. You are invited to watch. Dates and times are below along with the pictures and bios of the men entering into Holy Orders. Pray for them to live a live of service and devotion to God.

BAPTISMS: To arrange a baptism please Call the Parish Office or Deacon Larry (cell) (419) 302-2532 or by email larry@jsb.com.

BAPTISM CLASSES
Baptismal Classes are temporarily discontinued due to COVID-19.

Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class before your marriage.
Find Marriage Prep Classes at http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org

Bulletin submissions deadline: Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
“Statement of Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on the Death of George Floyd and the Resulting Aftermath”

“I can’t breathe.” The harrowing plea of George Floyd as he was violently robbed of his life, now seared into our minds, hearts and souls; and the chanting of that phrase in protests, many tragically marked by violence and vandalism, are a stark reminder that hatred, racism and injustice are alive and well. Attacks on human life cannot be tolerated because each human life has inherent dignity and all human life is sacred. The right to life is the first and most fundamental principle of human rights that leads us actively to work for a greater respect for human life and a greater commitment to justice and peace.

United with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Toledo and together with all people of good will, we denounce in the strongest terms immoral actions which are the poison fruit of racism; and we denounce immoral actions which are born of hatred and result in unbridled violence. "Love compels each of us to resist racism courageously. It requires us to reach out generously to the victims of this evil, to assist the conversion needed in those who still harbor racism, and to begin to change policies and structures that allow racism to persist" Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call To Love, A Pastoral Letter Against Racism (USCCB, Nov 2018, p. 18).

While it might be easy to denounce racism and violence in a written statement, in a catchphrase on a poster, or in a political call for systemic change; it is far from easy to stop and examine where they have their roots: in one’s own heart, thoughts, intentions, speech and attitudes. It is never easy for anyone to identify any sin or vice and work courageously to eradicate it, never easy to work to replace it with goodness and virtue. Only such an examination leads to a "genuine conversion of heart, a conversion that will compel change, and the reform of
our institutions and society” (p. 7). Only personal ongoing conversion from evil and sin can lead to the healing so desperately needed today.

Pope Francis exhorts us: “My friends, we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life. At the same time, we have to recognize that the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost...let us implore the national reconciliation and peace for which we yearn.”

As we pledge our prayers for the repose of George Floyd, for all who have lost their lives, and for their grieving loved ones, we pray together for our broken and wounded nation. Most of all do we pray that every person so disturbed and outraged by the events of these last days will work to promote and protect that peace and justice which is the right of all citizens, no matter their race. We cannot condone the brutality of some in law enforcement which led to the horrific death of George Floyd; we cannot condone the violence of some protesters which brutalizes and ruins the livelihoods of ordinary citizens.

“If one member of the body suffers, all suffer together” (1Cor 12:26). In this moment we are all suffering, united in particular with the suffering African American community. In this moment, we cannot lose sight of George Floyd’s struggle to breathe, nor be deaf to the “I can’t breathe” of the countless voices of those for whom there is no one to speak. Nor can we be blind to those who try to manipulate this moment of suffering to promote an agenda of hatred and foment division to pit us one against the other.

As members of the human race, in this moment, it feels difficult to breathe. The violence we have all witnessed has left us breathless. We look forward to that day when, moved by the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, we can stand united as one human family in a society moving toward hope and healing. We look forward to that day when the harrowing plea “I can’t breathe” has been transformed into a full throated “I can breathe freely!”; where each human person can breathe deeply of the pure air of mercy, love, harmony, peace, justice, understanding and respect for each human person!

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
June, 2020
PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION

Meet the four men of the Diocese of Toledo will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 27, 2020.

Deacon Michael Bialorucki
Hello, my name is Deacon Michael Bialorucki. My home is Holy Angels Parish, part of the Sandusky Catholic Community in Sandusky OH. I graduated from Perkins High School in 2006 and Bowling Green State University in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. During college and the years after, I wrestled with whether or not God was calling me to the priesthood. With the help of many great priests, I finally took a chance and entered seminary at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in the Fall of 2013. I have been blessed with the formation I received at St. Meinrad. I look forward to beginning my service in the priesthood to the people of the Diocese of Toledo who have been so gracious and kind in their support. Please know of my continued prayers for all of you!

Deacon Zach Brown
Hello! My name is Deacon Zachary Brown. I am from Our Lady of Hope Parish in Attica, Ohio. My immediate family includes my parents, Dave and Maryann, as well as my two sisters, Jenni and Katie. I attended Seneca East Public School in Attica for my K-12 education and graduated from Seneca East in 2011. Years prior to my graduation my grandparents prayerfully encouraged me to consider a possible vocation to the priesthood. I was accepted as a seminarian in 2011 and attended the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio for college seminary and the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy for major seminary. Throughout my nine years of seminary I knew I could count on the continued prayers and support of so many people from the diocese. Thank you for your support these past years of formation, it is greatly appreciated. I humbly ask you to continue to pray for all priests and seminarians of the diocese and for an increase to the vocation of diocesan priesthood.
PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION
Meet the four men of the Diocese of Toledo will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 27, 2020.

Deacon Peter Grodi
My name is Deacon Peter Grodi. I was born in Warren, OH but spent most of my childhood in Steubenville and Dresden, OH. My parents converted to Catholicism soon after I was born. I have an older brother, JonMarc, and a younger brother, Richard. We were mostly homeschooled; we helped our father take care of a small piece of farmland. I graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2013 with a degree in Philosophy. I took a job in Bowling Green, OH as the Director of Worship for St. Thomas More University Parish. After a year, I discerned that God was calling me to apply for Seminary. I studied at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology for 6 years until my graduation in 2020. I have so many people to thank for supporting my journey to the priesthood. I ask for your continued prayers for myself, my fellow transitional deacons, and all the Church. God bless you and draw you deeper into the heart of his Son, Jesus Christ.

Deacon Kevin Moebius
Hello Diocese of Toledo! My name is Deacon Kevin Moebius. I’m a parishioner at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish. After graduating from CCHS, I attended UT before transferring to U of M where I graduated with a degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. Although feeling called at a young age, it wasn’t until working overseas and a visit to Fatima that I truly responded to the call. Thank you, Mary! I spent 6 years at Mount Saint Mary's and 2 years in between discerning with the Jesuits. Thank you for all of your prayers and looking forward to serving you!
TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE
ORDINATION

Meet the two men of the Diocese of Toledo will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Friday, June 19, 2020.

Albert Beltz

My name is Albert Beltz, and I am currently entering into my final year of studies at Mount St. Mary Seminary & School of Theology in Cincinnati. Born and raised in the Youngstown area, I am the oldest of three children. I am a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Fine Arts and lived and worked for many years in the Cleveland area, primarily in historic home remodeling and as a free-lance artist. Having previously spent some time discerning as a seminarian for the Diocese of Cleveland, I moved to the Toledo area in 2017 to resume my seminary studies as a candidate for the Diocese of Toledo, and my home parish is St. Joseph in Maumee. In that short time, I have been warmly welcomed and supported by the people of our diocese, which I have come to call home, and I very much look forward to continuing my service among you in ordained ministry.

Joseph Mominee

Praised be Jesus Christ. My name is Joseph Mominee and my home parish is Our Lady of Lourdes in Genoa. Growing up, I attended St. Jerome School in Walbridge until 5th grade and then attended the Genoa Area Schools from which I graduated in 2011. After high school, I attended the Ohio State University for two years and in the fall of 2013, I was accepted as a seminarian for our diocese and studied philosophy at the Pontifical College Josephinum. After graduating from there in 2016, I studied theology in Rome at the North American College. Since last year I have been on a pastoral internship year in Delphos, Landeck, and Spencerville, in preparation for ordination to the diaconate on June 19th, the feast of the Sacred Heart. The generosity of God has been so evident throughout these years of seminary formation, and often His generosity has been shown through those who cooperate with His grace. Know of my deep gratitude to God for your prayers and support as Albert and I resolve to be ordained for the Church’s ministry.