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
Tuesday: 7:00 pm
Wednesday: 8:00 am
Thursday: 7:00 pm
Friday: 7:55 am

CONFESSION
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  15  5:00 pm  Herman & Vicki Luersman
         Herman & Rose Mary Lehmkuhle
16   7:30 am  For Souls in Purgatory
         9:30 am  Jerry Meyer
Mon  17  7:00 pm  Prayer Service
Tues 18  7:00 pm  Eva Warnecke Family
         Dennis Siefker
Wed  19  8:00 am  In Repentance for our Sins
Thur 20  7:00 pm  For Couples Trying to Conceive
Fri  21  7:55 am  For those with Cancer
Sat  22  5:00 pm  In Thanksgiving to God
Sun  23  7:30 am  Urban & Marguerite Wieging
         9:30 am  For Souls in Purgatory

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Mon 06/17  2 Cor 6:1-10  Mt 5:38-42
Tues 06/18  2 Cor 8:1-9  Mt 5:43-48
Wed 06/19  Saint Romuald, Abbot
         2 Cor 9:6-11  Mt 6:7-15
Thu 06/20  2 Cor 11:1-11  Mt 6:7-15
Fri 06/21  Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
         2 Cor 11:18, 21-30  Mt 6:19-23
Sat 06/22  St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop
Sts. John Fisher, Bishop and
         Thomas More, Martyrs
         2 Cor 12:1-10  Mt 6:24-34

CREW LEADERS NEEDED FOR VBS!!
We are in need of about 7 more crew leaders – please, if you
can possible volunteer for this wonderful ministry, do so. We
need your help to make this week possible! Fill out the bottom
of a registration form to be a crew leader or call Ashley
Siefker 419.236.8992, Sarah Schroeder 419.236.2206

WEEKDAY SERVERS
Tues. June 18, Thurs. June 20, Fri. June 21
Brad Knippen, Garret Hark, Ian Howbert

LITURGICAL MINISTERS -  June 22 & 23:
SERVERS:
      5:00 pm  Bryce Gasser, Leah Kazee, Ethan Koester
      7:30 am  Derek & Danielle Weyrauch, Owen Dube
      9:30 am  Adam Luersman, Raylee Clay,
                Erica Crawford

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
      5:00 pm  Eileen Schimmoeller, Alice Swick,
                Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter,
                Jodi Von Sossan, Eva Von Sossan
      7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
      9:30 am  Tony, Kelly & Chad Recker,
                Doug & Logan Sickels, Denise Sukup

LECTORS:
      5:00 pm  Melissa Wurst
      7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
      9:30 am  Karan Maenle

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

Please Pray for the Sick:
Tracey Lucke, Tom Warnement, Cheryl Maziers,
Penney Gerdeman, Tom Grubenhoff

VBS - We are planning an exciting week full of faith and
fun on July 22nd – 25th. Forms are on the parish
website, www.stjosephfortjennings.org at the bottom of
the home page and in the Narthex. Bring or mail your
form and payment to the parish office, drop in the
collection (please mark envelope VBS) info - Ashley
Siefker 419.236.8992, Sarah Schroeder 419.236.2206.

Envelopes $ 2,295.00
Loose $ 681.00
Maintenance $ 314.00
Catholic Communication $ 10.00
Ascension $ 15.00

YTD as of June 9, 2019 = $ 193,316.19
YTD Over Budget = $ 1,316.19
Thank you for your continued generosity!
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Glandorf is Hosting Fr. Mitch Pacwa S.J. on Saturday, August 24, 2019, 9am to 3:30pm. Fr. Mitch Pacwa S.J. is well known as an EWTN TV & Radio Host, Scripture Scholar, Catholic Author, World Renowned Lecturer, & is Fluent in 12 Languages. Theme: ‘ALL THINGS CATHOLIC’. Eucharist, Mary, Prayer, & Q & A Session. RSVP to 419-890-3724 or jmschroeder51@gmail.com. Free Will Offering Will Be Taken. $6.00 Lunch Available (RSVP by Aug. 19 for lunch).

We are currently at $13,865, 99.04% of our $14,000 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal.

Ottoville Rosary Alter Society is sponsoring a bus trip to the heart of Amish country on Wednesday, October 16. Stops we will be making include Guggisberg cheese factory, shopping and lunch at an Amish restaurant, Lehman’s hardware and Troutman winery. $20 will hold your seat on the bus with remainder due, August 20 Cost is $80 For more info or to make reservations call 419-453-3789, 815-451-0454 or 419-453-3509.

Maria Stein Country Fest – June 21, 22 & 23 on the grounds of The Shrine of the most Holy Relics. Free Admission, parking and entertainment. Mass on the Patio, Tractor Square Dancing, Food, Games and Music all weekend. For more information, visit www.mscountryfest.com or call 419-202-6255.

Drive 1 for your School June 22, 2019 at Ottoville Local Schools. We need 150 drivers from different addresses. For more information, contact Shelly Knippen. 419-286-2124

GOLF CART RAFFLE - $20 per ticket, contact Stacy Warnecke 419-302-7870 or any freedom square member. Tickets also available at Reflections Hair Salon. Proceeds Freedom Square Project. Check out details at Freedom Square Facebook Page. 1,200 total tickets sold.

Food Pantry Needs
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Vegetables
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Hamburger Helper
- Rice
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Soup
- Baked Beans
- Crackers
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent

Going on Vacation soon? Visit www.masstimes.org to Mass near your location. Jesus doesn’t vacation from you!
LEADING THE FLOCK

“Nurturing Parish Life” “My dear Dad used to say: “In the Catholic Church, the parish is where the rubber hits the road!” It’s true isn’t it? When a new pastor is installed, which will be happening in many of our parishes this summer, the wording of the Rite of Installation highlights that it is in the parish where the Sacraments are received, where families bring their new born children to the font for baptism and their loved ones who have died to entrust them to the Lord in the Funeral Mass. In the parish, the members share in the Holy Eucharist at each Mass, they have their sins forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, they share in Holy Communion for the first time, they receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, they are wedded as husbands and wives in Holy Matrimony, they are cared for in illness, receiving the anointing of the sick. In the parish, members enter into a communion of prayer and a communion of persons. Around the pastor, such a communion has to begin with the leadership team in the parish. The parish is where the Gospel is preached, where the faith is taught and shared, where the corporal and spiritual works of mercy come alive, and where most people find the grounding for the exercise of and perseverance in their Catholic faith.

Just as some people would say “all politics is local,” so we might say “all Church is local” to the extent that what most folks know, and experience of the Catholic Church revolves around their experience of their parish. For this reason, it is so important that all of us, priests, deacons, consecrated religious and lay men and women, do all we can to nurture parish life. In fact, promoting healthy parishes is one of the major goals of the first pillar of our new Diocesan Strategic Plan, for the good of all our parishioners and parishes.

A few weeks ago, from May 13-15, I had the privilege of accompanying folks from 28 of our parishes to the “Amazing Parish Conference” in Cincinnati. It was a blessed opportunity to spend time with parish staffs from across our diocese, being equipped with the tools to nurture and to build a stronger culture of prayer, teamwork and active discipleship for our parishes. Together with over 1,100 attendees, we were inspired by Patrick Lencioni, Chris Stefanick and Sister Maris Stella, SV, and by the music of Sara Kroger. We heard from Father John Riccardo, John Martin and others. We offered Mass with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr and prayed a Eucharistic Holy Hour with parish teams from across the country. The health of a parish depends on the health of its leadership.

At the Conference, we were challenged to embrace the four qualities of a parish leadership team member: one who is a committed parishioner, has a missionary heart, is a team player, and is whole parish oriented. We were challenged, with vulnerability, to recognize the five behaviors of a team pyramid: trust, conflict, commitment, accountability and results! Before the Conference itself began, we gathered as members of our diocese at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Retreat Center, where we were led in prayerful reflection by Father Norman Fischer of Lexington, KY, shared meals and offered Mass together. It was both inspiring and encouraging to be with so many of our pastors, parish priests, deacons, consecrated religious, and numerous lay men and women who so faithfully serve as parish staff and volunteers, who day in and day out “make the rubber hit the road” in our parishes. I am both hopeful and convinced that the participation of now more than 50 of our parishes in the “Amazing Parish Conference” cannot help but bear spiritual and pastoral fruit. Now, is every parish required to make the Amazing Parish Conference? No. Is every Parish able to make the Amazing Parish Conference? No. But would every parish benefit from the principles and tools being shared? Absolutely. In fact, the Amazing Parish is not about a “one size fits all” approach, nor is it a “program” to be implemented. Instead, it is all about taking best organizational practices and applying them in a Catholic way to the most important organization we have in the local Church: the parish.

We are grateful for how the members of each of the parishes of our diocese strive to live and share the Catholic faith. We want all our parishes, in common parlance, “not just to survive, but to thrive.” And we want to do all we can to help make that happen. Back when my Dad spoke about how the parish is where the “rubber hits the road” for the Catholic Church, he was seeing the shift from parishes with a team of one – the pastor – to parishes which were being served more and more by faithfully committed lay men and women who were becoming intentional disciples for the sake of the Gospel. Today, it is not only important but essential that parishes have staff and volunteers who, together with the pastor, faithfully serve the mission of Christ and His Church in the local parish. Of course, it’s not only those who have attended the Amazing Parish Conference who are called to the intentional discipleship which nurtures healthy parishes, it’s all of us together, priests, pastoral leaders, parish staffs, volunteers and parish members combined. It is only first by each of us being serious and joyful as intentional disciples of the Lord and as members of His Church, that then together, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can announce the Gospel, celebrate the Sacraments, invite people into and back home to the Catholic Church, and be instruments who lead others to holiness, to communion, and to a life of worship and service. Why? Because “In the Catholic Church, the parish is where the rubber hits the road!”

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
May 24, 2019