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

NORMATIVE MASS TIMES
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 06 5:00 pm Tom Evans
Sun 07 7:30 am Urban & Marguerite Wieging
     8:30 am For Souls in Purgatory
     9:30 am Leonard Bruskotter
Mon 08 7:00 pm Prayer Service
Tues 09 7:00 pm Paul & Dorothy Warnecke
Wed 10 7:00 pm For Our Country
Thurs 11 7:00 pm Gerald Saum
Fri 12 7:00 pm For the Health of our Parishioners
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

THIS WEEK’S READINGS
Mon 06/08 1 Kgs 17:1-6   Mt 5:1-12
Tues 06/09 Saint Ephrem, Deacon
     1 Kgs 17:7-16   Mt 5:13-16
Wed 06/10 1 Kgs 18:20-39  Mt 5:17-19
Thu 06/11 Saint Barnabas, Apostle
Fri 06/12 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16  Mt 5:27-32
Sat 06/13 Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest
     1 Kgs 19:19-21  Mt 5:33-37

Eucharistic/Lector Ministers & Usher Schedules are at the entrances of church. They can also be found online on our parish website: www.stjosephfortjennings.org at the top right of the page click on “Our Parish” tab, a menu will drop down, click on Ministry Schedule.

WEEKDAY SERVERS
Not needed until further notice.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - June 13 & 14:
SERVERS:
5:00 pm  Howbert
7:30 am  Cody Horstman
8:30 am  Eric Wieging
9:30 am  Ryan Fitzpatrick

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
5:00 pm  Julie Fischbach, Deena Walsh, Doreen Knippen
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
8:30 am  Anita Aldrich, Gilbert Burgei, Matt Dube
9:30 am  Jamie Saum, Trish Moening, Erin Osting

LECTORS:
5:00 pm  Denise Sukup
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
8:30 am  Pat Liebrecht
9:30 am  Phil Wurst

USHERS:
5:00 pm  Jerry Vetter, Roger Trentman
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
8:30 am  Zach & Rhonda Liebrecht
9:30 am  Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

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

May 31, 2020:
Envelopes                  $ 7,190.00
Loose                      $  611.00
Maintenance                $ 1,430.00

YTD as of May 31, 2020 = $175,728.14
YTD Under Budget = $ 470.86

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.

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!!
**OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the Family and Friends of Isaac Charles Schroeder**, to his parents, Austin & Sarah, his siblings; James, Layla, Carly, Levi, Cecilia, Ezekiel and Annie and to his grandmother, Diane Stennett. May the Lord grant Isaac eternal rest and life in the kingdom of Heaven.

A huge THANK YOU to our parishioners for your generosity during the pandemic and last week at the first weekend back. We are very fortunate to have such amazing, supportive parishioners who have kept the parish in a good financial position.

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10th.** Office is back to regular hours of Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to Noon. Please, for the safety of the parish staff we ask you avoid coming into the office unless absolutely necessary, most matters can be dealt with by email or telephone, we ask you 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

Putnam County Right to Life has rescheduled the Garage & Bake Sale at the 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.

For the time being, Bulletins will be posted online only on our parish website, there will be no hard copies.
“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!