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

NORMA 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
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Jennings, Ohio

Sat 04  5:00 pm  LaDonna Ostendorf
Sun 05  7:30 am  Harry Howbert
        8:30 am  Eugene Schroeder
        9:30 am  Leonard Bruskotter
Mon 06
Tues 07  7:00 pm  Paul & Dorothy Warnecke
Wed 08  7:00 pm  For Peace in Our Country
Thurs 09  7:00 pm  For Marriages in Turmoil
Fri 10  7:00 pm  For the Sick of the Parish
Sat 11  5:00 pm  Dorothy Miller Family
Sun 12  7:30 am  For Souls in Purgatory
        8:30 am  For Couples trying to Conceive
        9:30 am  Bob Heitmeyer

THIS WEEK’S READINGS
Mon 07/06  Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr
        Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22  Mt 9:18-26
Tues 07/07  Host 8:4-7, 11-13  Mt 9:32-38
Wed 07/08  Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12  Mt 10:1-7
Thu 07/09  Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and
        Companions, Martyrs
        Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9  Mt 10:7-15
Fri 07/10  Hos 14:2-10  Mt 10:16-23
Sat 07/11  Saint Benedict, Abbot
        Is 6:1-8  Mt 10:24-33

THE COUNTRY STORE is once again asking
for donations to raffle off as part of our Annual Parish
Festival. This year’s Country Store will be held online. All
donations must be turned in by Sun, July 26th in order
to allow time to load them to the online raffle website.
Please take your donations to the designated room in
the church basement with your name on it or call Kelly
Recker at 419-231-6660 if you need an item picked up.
Thanks in advance for supporting our festival!

St. Joseph Homecoming Festival Letter & Raffle
Tickets went out this week. Please, be on the lookout for
your envelope. If you are a registered parishioner and did
not receive an envelope or there has been a change in your
household, contact the parish office so we can correct your
information.

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.

WEEKDAY SERVERS
Not needed until further notice.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - July 11 & 12:

SERVERS:
5:00 pm  Chloe Fields
7:30 am  Hannah Grote
8:30 am  Danielle Weyrauch
9:30 am  Owen Dube

Eucharistic Ministers:
5:00 pm  John Michel, Carla Norbeck, Alice Swick
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
8:30 am  Tim Luersman, Marilyn Metzger, Karan Maenle
9:30 am  Trish Moening, Erin Osting, Jamie Saum

LECTORS:
5:00 pm  Dave Luersman
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
8:30 am  Pat Liebrecht
9:30 am  Denny Osting

USHERS:
5:00 pm  Rick Maag, Dan Krietemeyer
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
8:30 am  Zach & Rhonda Liebrecht
9:30 am  Tony & Chad Recker

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

Envelopes $ 1,543.00
Loose $ 221.00
June EFT $ 3,017.50
June Maintenance EFT $ 667.50
Maintenance $ 100.00
Peter’s Pence $ 43.00

End of Fiscal Year = $ 202,882.01
Over Budget = $ 2,882.01

We once again closed out the fiscal year OVER
our projected collection budget of $200,000!! This
is a strong sign of the Catholic Faith in this
community, especially during this year of
uncertainty and weeks without Mass! Thank you for
your generosity and keeping St. Joseph Parish
going strong.
UNITED in HOLY MATRIMONY on June 20:

CODY VICTOR WARNECKE, son of Bill & Jan (Ricker) Warnecke and

MCKENZIE ANN SNOKE, daughter of Michael & Pamela Snoke.

Congratulations to Cody & McKenzie on their wedding and best wishes from the Catholic Community in Fort Jennings. May the Lord bless you with many happy, holy years together.

BAPTIZED as new members of the Catholic Church:

SHAY ANNABELLE SCHNIPKE, daughter of Aaron & Morgan (Schroeder) Schnipke.

JAMES ANDREW SCHMERGE, son of Adam & Renee (Lahmon) Schmerge.

May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the faith with Shay & James. Best Wishes from the Catholic Community of Fort Jennings.

The family of Walt Hoersten would like to thank The Meadows of Kalida for the care they provided to Walt. Thanks to Love Heitmeyer Funeral Home for their assistance in planning. To the Friends of Hope, your assistance in planning the mass, as well as, your care and concern was heartfelt. Father Charles, Deacon Larry Schimmoeller, Joyce and Angie Gasser, thank you for a beautiful mass. To our extended families, neighbors and friends for the many cards and messages received, their donations of food and expressions of sympathy. We appreciate all of you and sincerely thank you for everything during this difficult time.

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family & friends of RUSS A. WIEDEMAN, to his wife Sheryl, his son, Tyler (Elaina Maag) and his daughter, Alyssa. Russ died June 22 at the age of 54. May the Lord grant Russ eternal rest and life in the Kingdom.

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.

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 KEEP MOVING FORWARD!! Help your parish meet their goal and help fund the very important work carried out by the many ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal. For more information, visit the Diocesan website at Toledodiocese.org/ACA.

Our parish has currently pledged $12,565.50 of our $14,000 goal by 130 parish donors, 89.75% 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
After almost 100 years, the Province of the Sisters of Notre Dame here in the Diocese of Toledo will unite this July with the three other Provinces of Notre Dame Sisters in the United States, to form one Province which will be located in Chardon, Ohio, in the Diocese of Cleveland. As this column tries to touch on matters pertinent to all of us in the diocese, and because this is such a significant moment for the Sisters, I asked the present Provincial Superior, Sister Mary Delores Gatilff, SND, to share with us about this transition, their “Journey of Becoming One.” I’m so glad to offer here Sister’s message:

“On July 5, 2020, the four United States provinces of the Congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame will unite to form a single province. Why and how has this come about? What effects will this change have? We answer these questions in the context of our membership in an international Congregation, which calls upon its members in 17 countries around the globe to be united in One Heart, One Hope, and One Mission.

Beginnings and expansion
Since 1874, when the first eight Sisters of Notre Dame arrived from Germany for the initial purpose of serving German immigrants, the sisters have responded to the needs of the Church in the areas of education, health care, and social service ministries. By 1880, more than 200 German sisters had immigrated to the USA. They found not only a refuge from the Anti-Catholic legislation in Prussia, but also a fertile ground for ministry among diverse populations, especially to those who were poor and lacking in resources. Vocations to the community were numerous, and by the mid 1920’s more than 650 sisters lived and ministered in dozens of locations.

The U.S. province center, initially located in Covington (Kentucky), moved to Cleveland (Ohio) in 1878. In 1924, Toledo and Covington were named as separate provinces. That same year, sisters from Cleveland started working in the Watts area of Los Angeles (California), which became the fourth U.S. province in 1961. Each province established its own provincial center
including a novitiate, built its own schools, and founded international missions.

Process and planning
Regular meetings of the sisters in leadership on the national and international level have increased awareness of new means of sharing our spirit and charism. We asked ourselves, “How are we being called to witness as apostolic women religious of the 21st century, committed to global transformation?”

In 2011, the leadership teams of the four U.S. provinces began to explore the possibility of reunification. SND-USA gradually took shape, designed not as a business model or a merger, but as a process of “becoming one.” We have relied on and experienced God’s goodness and provident care, and the support and encouragement of our co-workers and those who partner with us. Our overwhelming response can only be one of gratitude! The global pandemic in which we find ourselves may have made these last steps a bit steeper, but our course has not shifted.

The new province center will be in Chardon, Ohio, and offices in each geographic area will serve local needs and contacts. Sister Margaret Mary Gorman from Chardon has been appointed the new Provincial. The new leadership team includes sisters from each former province: Sister Regina Marie Fisher from the Toledo area will serve on the new team.

What comes next for SND-USA?
We will maintain our witness in present geographical areas, while expanding our influence into new areas through active and web-based ministries as well as ministries of presence. Sharing resources and personnel will unify our commitment and support for our sustainable sponsored ministries/institutions, allow us to develop strategies for sharing our mission and charism, and strengthen our efforts to promote justice, peace, and integrity of creation. Our Notre Dame spirituality and passion for mission will continue, with God’s grace.

Sister Mary Delores Gatliff, who has served as Provincial of the Toledo Province from 2009 to the present, writes, “Thank you to Bishop Thomas and the people of the Toledo Diocese, who have supported the sisters and enriched our lives over many years. We eagerly look forward to continuing our ministry among you’!”

Even though after almost 100 years, the Diocese of Toledo will no longer be home to a Province of the Sisters of Notre Dame, we will happily continue to be home to so many of the sisters who serve faithfully in various capacities in our parishes and institutions. Please join me in expressing our deepest gratitude for the consecrated religious witness and work of the Sisters of Notre Dame here in our diocese, in looking forward to their continued presence among us, and in begging the Lord Jesus to grant all the sisters grace and peace during this transition!

+Daniel E. Thomas
Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
July 1, 2020