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: 8:00 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

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

St. Joseph’s Festival
THIS WEEKEND!!
Saturday after 5 p.m. Mass:
Food & Beer Tent Open
Stick Horse Races
Sunday - Food, Children’s Games and Country Store begin at 11 a.m.
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, FORT JENNINGS, OHIO
AUGUST 11, 2019

**Intentions**

**Sat** 10 5:00 pm Class of 1979  
Kenneth Schroeder

**Sun** 11 7:30 am For Souls in Purgatory  
9:30 am Dick & Irma Warnecke Mon

**Tues** 13 7:00 pm In Thanksgiving to God

**Wed** 14 8:00 am For Troubled Marriages

**Thurs** 15 **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8:00 am For those that have strayed, that they may re-open their hearts to God and the Catholic Faith  
7:00 pm Clarence & Delores Pohl

**Fri** 16 7:55 am For those in the Military

**Sat** 17 5:00 pm For Our Young Adults Leaving for College

**Sun** 18 7:30 am For Souls in Purgatory  
9:30 am For Veterans and Active Duty Military  
(9:30 Mass is at Church, not at the park this year)

**WEEKDAY SERVERS**  
Tuesday, August 13 and Friday, August 16  
Morgan Siefker, Jarron Swick, Alison Uphaus

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - August 17 & 18:**  
**SERVERS:**
- 5:00pm Chloe Fields, Marina Lucas, Emilee Calvelage
- 7:30am Owen Calvelage, Adam Hoersten, Braden Knippen
- 9:30am Garret Hark, Ian Howbert, Brandt Menke

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

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**
- 5:00pm Shelly Knippen, Sue Knippen, Kathy Luersman, Kristen Luersman, Kathy Lucas, Alaina Maag
- 7:30am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30am Brad Eickholt, Julie Fischbach, Kathy & Norm Fischer, Don & Christy Good

**LECTORS:**
- 5:00pm Jen Neidert
- 7:30am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30am Mike Knippen

**USHERS:**
- 5:00pm Kevin & Mandy Kahle
- 7:30am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

**Please Pray for the Sick:**
- Will Lucas, Penney Gerdeman, Tom Grubenhoff, Tracey Lucke

**RCIA** will begin on Sunday, September 1st from immediately following 9:30 Mass until 11:45. The RCIA is for those discerning a call to enter the Catholic Church as well as for Catholics who, for whatever reason, have not yet received their First Communion and/or Confirmation. If you are interested in joining RCIA, please contact Karan Maenle at 419-286-2877.

Have you ever wondered what the Catholic Church really teaches about the Bible, Mary, the Communion of Saints, Eucharist, Baptism, Marriage, Papal Authority, Confession, Purgatory, the End times, etc.? If so, this inquiry class, known as RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) may be just what you’ve been looking for!

**RCIA**

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**August 4, 2019**

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**YTD as of August 4, 2019 = $15,647.97**  
**YTD Under Budget = $ - 4,352.03**

**Thank you for your generosity and keeping St. Joseph Parish going strong.**

**Religious Ed Registrations** please remember to pay by the start of the school year. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** we get a registration for each child attending. We need this information to prepare classrooms & order books.
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A huge THANK YOU to the volunteers who cleaned up the landscaping. There were many hands involved including the FJ Lion’s Club members. For those that were there, God knows who you are, and we pray that you be rewarded greatly in Heaven for giving your time and labor to His house!!

Our Sympathy goes out to the family and friends of THOMAS WARNEMENT, to his wife, LaDonna (Teman), his sons; Jeffrey, Daniel and Gregory, his daughters; Kathy Ann (Brent) Newland and Julie Marie (Donald) Carder. He died July 24th at the age of 83. May the Lord grant Tom eternal rest and life in the Kingdom.

American Legion Kitchen will be closed on Sunday, August 11th for Homecoming food preparations. Please, come and support our Annual Homecoming.

American Legion Extended Hours during Fort Fest Weekend. Friday and Saturday Hours will be 6am-1pm for Breakfast and Lunch.

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, September 10th. 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

Bulletin submissions deadline: Wednesdays at Noon.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday, August 15th

8:00 am – Servers: Volunteers Needed
  Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers Needed
  Lector: Pat Liebrecht
  Ushers: Volunteers Needed

7:00 p.m. – Servers: Nathan Seals, Lydia Will, Eli Zehender
  Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Maag, John Michel, Rose Ann Vetter, Eileen Schimmoeller, Carla Norbeck
  Lector: Dave Luersman
  Ushers: Volunteers Needed

Sons of the American Legion Steak Dinner will be held on Friday, August 16th from 4:30-6:30pm at the Legion Hall. Cost is $12.00 (Includes 8oz Sirloin, Baked Potato, Green Bean Casserole & Garlic Toast.

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. Maximum 1,200 total tickets will be sold.

There has been an increase in scams requesting money, gift cards, etc. by email or text. If you receive an email requesting money, gift cards or financial information from anyone, pick up the phone and call that person to verify it is legitimate. Do not reply to the email or text message.

CLC Members – Our local council is hosting a meeting/fun evening with all Putnam County councils on Wednesday, September 11th. It will begin at 6pm at Fort Haven including a meal, fun, fellowship and games. We are looking for door prizes. If you are willing to donate call, text or email Sharon at 419-306-0367  sharoncalvelage@yahoo.com If you can help that evening please let Sharon know.

The annual meeting of the CLC’s is quickly approaching. It will be on Saturday, October 12th at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts in Findlay. It is a one-day event starting at 9am until 4pm. All members are invited and if you would like to go, our council will pay the $15 registration fee. Please contact Sharon to make your reservations or for any other information you may need. Reservations are due by September 12th. Just to refresh your minds, there are no longer conventions. They have been replaced with the annual meeting.

August 15 Holy Day Mass Online for the Homebound - Is someone you love unable to join us at church for the August 15 Holy Day Mass in celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary? Catholic Mass video available all day at www.HeartoftheNation.org. (For those who can get to church, the online liturgy will not fulfill the Holy Day Mass obligation.)

FJ School News

First day of school for the 2019/2020 school year will be Monday, August 19th.

Religion Class for Grades 1 thru 6 begins on Monday.

Kindergarten Religion Class begins on Tuesday, they do not come Monday.
Dear Priest, Deacons, Pastoral Leaders, Consecrated Religious and Lay Faithful,

All good greetings in the Lord! The year 2018 marked the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the permanent diaconate as an active and permanent ordained ministry in the Universal Church. Since 1973 the Diocese of Toledo has been blessed by the generous ministry of many deacons serving throughout our nineteen counties. Currently, our diocese has over 174 permanent deacons, active and retired.

The diaconate is part of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, and therefore deacons are members of the Catholic clergy. By their ordination, deacons “are empowered to serve the People of God in the ministries of the liturgy, the word and charity” (canon 1009). There is no such thing as a “lay deacon.” The liturgical vesture for a deacon is the white alb, the diaconal stole worn over the left shoulder, and the dalmatic (which is especially appropriate when assisting at Mass).

As members of the Catholic Clergy, it is at times helpful and appropriate when exercising a pastoral ministry for deacons to wear clerical attire (in many dioceses it is a gray clerical shirt with white collar). Our diocesan policy for a number of years has been that clerical attire for a deacon is permitted only in very specific situations, such as prison ministry.

This past year our diocesan Council of Deacons studied the matter and recommended that our deacons be given the option to wear a gray clerical shirt for a wider range of ministerial settings – such as when visiting hospitals, nursing homes, hospices, or when officiating at certain liturgical rites such as funerals, marriages, or when participating in ecumenical events. The Council’s reasoning is that the wearing of clerical attire, on certain occasions, helps identify the deacon as a member of the Catholic clergy, improves pastoral access, and helps facilitate his ministry, especially when visiting large health care facilities, prisons, or jails.

As part of its study, the Council of Deacons surveyed 10 nearby dioceses and found that half of them have a policy permitting clerical attire for their deacons. The Council of Deacons also surveyed our own deacons. Out of 125 deacons who responded, 73% were in favor of giving our deacons the option of wearing a clerical shirt in certain circumstances where they thought it would be helpful in exercising their ministry. Further, the Council of Deacons’ proposal was reviewed by the Presbyterial Council in its December 2018 meeting, and the priests on that council, which includes all our deans, elected by their brother priests, were supportive of the proposal that the wearing of a gray clerical shirt be an option for our deacons in certain ministerial situations.

Therefore, having received the proposal of the Council of Deacons, having heard the support of the Presbyterial Council, and having given the matter due prayer and deliberation, I have revised our diocesan policy regarding ecclesiastical vesture for our deacons, effective August 10, 2019, the Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr.

Specifically, permanent deacons in the Diocese of Toledo, at their discretion, may opt to wear a gray clerical shirt with collar in the exercise of their office in the following ministerial circumstances:

- Functioning as a deacon at the celebration of Mass, the Sacraments, liturgy, or devotions.
- Officiating at Catholic funeral rites (in church, funeral homes, or at cemeteries).
- Visiting the sick or infirm, making pastoral visits, or serving as a chaplain in health care facilities, nursing home, hospices, prisons, jails, and rehabilitation centers.
- Officiating at Catholic weddings.
- Attending the Funeral Mass for a deceased deacon.
- Participating in ecumenical events or celebrations.

Clerical clothing is not to be worn in places of secular employment or in non-ministerial settings.

I want to stress that the permission to wear clerical attire in ministerial settings, if the deacon so chooses, is given not to promote any kind of clericalism. Instead, it is meant to assist the deacon as a visible sign of his ministry of service and to help the faithful recognize the role of deacons in the life of the Church. The decision of a particular deacon to wear clerical attire or not is to be respected. The wearing or not wearing of clerical garb by a deacon should certainly not be used as a point of division or contention among deacons or the faithful.

My heartfelt thanks goes to our Council of Deacons and all our permanent deacons who serve our local church with great generosity and dedication, as well to their wives and their families. Together, with their pastors, parish co-workers, and fellow parishioners, may we continue to walk in the path of Christ Jesus, the Servant of Servants. With prayers for you and your intentions, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,
Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo