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

CONFESSIONS
Tuesdays 6:30 pm
Saturdays 4:30 pm
Any time 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 Schimoeller 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

Falling in Love with Jesus
**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - September 26 & 27:**

**SERVERS:**
- 5:00 pm Calvin Menke
- 7:30 am Maddie Anspach
- 9:30 am Bailey Hile

**Eucharistic Ministers:**
- 5:00 pm Amy Eickholt, Chloe Fields, Julie Fischbach
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Brad Eickholt, Norm & Kathy Fischer

**LECTORS:**
- 5:00 pm Jen Neidert
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Matt Dube

**USHERS:**
- 5:00 pm Jerry & Jackie Siefker
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Zach & Rhonda Liebrecht

**Please pray for the sick:** Cherrie Luersman

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**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

- **Mon 09/21:** Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist  
  Eph 4:1-7, 11-13  
  Mt 9:9-13

- **Tues 09/22:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13  
  Lk 8:19-21

- **Wed 09/23:** Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
  Prv 30:5-9  
  Lk 9:1-6

- **Thu 09/24:** Eccl 1:2-11  
  Lk 9:7-9

- **Fri 09/25:** Eccl 3:1-11  
  Lk 9:18-22

- **Sat 09/26:** Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs  
  Eccl 11:9-12:8  
  Lk 9:43b-45

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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 for you!

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**We thank you for wearing masks and social distancing** from those not in your household and ask you continue to do so. We must follow these rules to continue worshipping as a parish family.

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**St. Joseph Parish Part Time Job Opening:**

Mowing lawns at the cemetery & church and doing snow removal of the sidewalks at Church before Masses and morning religion. If you are interested, please email or stop by the parish office.

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**A big THANK YOU to the family of George Krietemeyer** for choosing St. Joseph Cemetery & Maintenance Funds for the memorial contributions. A very generous amount was donated to both in George’s memory.
Friday Morning Masses: Please reserve all the front pews on all sides for the children. You may use the back two rows on the baptismal & choir sides. No pews are available in the center sections, use the folding chairs.

PARKING for Friday morning Masses: Please, do NOT park alongside the church in the parking lot or the street spaces in front of church, these areas need to be used for buses. Use the side of the church by Brown Insurance Agency for parking or in the lot closest to the bus garage. Thank you all for your cooperation.

99.58% of our goal!! Will you be the donation to put us over the top? 140 parish families have donated $13,940.50 of our $14,000 goal! If you have not yet donated, PLEASE do so today. Our parish consistently meets our goal and that is something to very proud of! Envelopes for the ACA can be found around church or for more information, visit the Diocesan website at Toledodiocese.org/ACA.

Well it is finally here! and available for ALL St. Joseph parishioners to use and watch. The Toledo Diocese has purchased this program for every parish in the diocese for 2 years, as a way to help families stay connected to and nourish their faith. This is like a Netflix type format, with Catholic content and teachings. To sign up you can use your computer, iPad or phone. Go to FORMED.ORG Click “sign up”. Click “I belong to Parish or Organization”. Create an new account. Search our parish by typing in our zip code 45844- click “St Joseph OH 45844”. Click “next” then type in your name and email address and click “sign up”. It is that easy and from there you watch, learn and listen to whatever you like. There is so much on here from kids shows, movies, pod cast and much more. If you have any questions you can reach out to Rhonda Liebrecht.

Support Our Retired Priests! Please consider a donation to the Perpetuate the Gift appeal. Your gift directly assists our retired diocesan priests. After a priest retires, typically in his 70’s, he is responsible for his personal expenses: medical, housing, car, clothing and food. All funds contributed between September 19, 2020 and December 31, 2020 assists our assessed parish contribution to the fund. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate The Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697 or placed in the parish collection. A gift may also be made online by selecting the Give tab at www.toledodiocese.org. If you would like to give a gift of stock or designate a bequest to help our retired priests, please contact Brian Doyle at 419-214-4951 or bdoyle@toledodiocese.org To make a gift now on your handheld device, hold your phone’s camera up to the QR code above. THANK YOU!

Immaculate Conception Parish Festival will be Oct. 4th in a limited version! Drive-thru Chicken and Beef dinners will from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Presale tickets only, $10; includes chicken and beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, noodles, green beans, coleslaw and dinner roll. Tickets available at the Immaculate Conception Parish Office weekdays between 8am-3pm or call the Office at (419) 453-3513 to make other arrangements, or after any weekend Mass in Ottoville. Final day for meal tickets is September 20th!

For your convenience, the Ottoville K of C will be delivering meals to the St. Josephs’ Church parking lot at 11:00 am for you to pick yours up there, but PLEASE call the Ottoville parish office to make those arrangements! Big-Ticket & Bucket Raffle tickets available at the parish office & after most weekend Masses! You can view the raffle items on our Facebook.

Well Jennings American Legion Restaurant with assistance from the Legion Auxiliary will be offering a Swiss Steak Dinner on Election Day November 3rd from 4-6 pm. Drive Thru Carry-out only. Cost is $9, meal includes: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Apple Sauce and Dessert. Call the American Legion 419-286-2100 to reserve your meals, by Wednesday October 28th. If no one answers, let your name and meal count on the answering machine. Limited number of meals will be available at the door.

Praying the Rosary for America on October 10 at Noon in the Glandorf St. John’s Marian Shrine across from the church. As human efforts fail to solve America’s key problems, we turn to God through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help.
BETHLEHEM WOOD CARVING

will once again be visiting our parish on Saturday, October 3 & Sunday, Oct. 4. Please, stop by after Mass and take a look at the amazing items made by the faithful in the Holy Land. Due to Covid-19, the catholic Christians of the holy land are struggling to make a living as the wood carving is their only source of income. Pilgrims are banned from visiting and pandemic measures have affected and everything shut down, these people they find them self-afraid and lost. Your purchase supports the catholic Christian of the holy land.

2020 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries

celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage. They have met the maximum number of in person participants but will live stream the Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on Sunday, Oct. 25th, at 3:00 pm. You can still register and receive a certificate at www.toledoanniversarymass.org or contact Alice Jacobs at ajacobs@toledodiocese.org or 419-214-4978.

Join other young adult women to explore the call to religious life and learn more about the Sisters of the Precious Blood. This virtual retreat will be held in a series of four one-hour zoom calls beginning at 7:30 EST each evening, Monday-Thursday, September 21-25th. Come and see what life as a Sister is like! For more information and to register: tinyurl.com/pbcomeandsee

Did you know you can give donations to our parish through the Diocesan website? At toledodiocese.org/help-your-parish-now you can make a one time or recurring donation to our parish using your credit or debit card!

Parish receives 100% of your donation amount!

After you select the donation amount, designate Fort Jennings, St. Joseph from the drop-down menu.

THANK YOU to all the donors for helping us have a very successful Blood Drive. A BIG THANKS also to all the volunteers for all their hard work. It is through your generosity of time and giving that makes our Blood Drive such a success. We could not do this without all of you!!

Are you grieving from a miscarriage or stillbirth? Are you, or someone you know, in need of prayer support, resources, or someone to listen who has been there before? We know this deep pain that many do not understand. We would love to send you a free care package of helpful resources, meaningful connections and a special gift in memory of your little one. Email us at zelieministry@gmail.com

Cascade Park Benefit, Cloverdale on Sept. 26th. BBQ Chicken Dinners, pre-order available, text Karla @ 419.303.5921, $9, 11 am until sold out. Bring your drinks. Canoe Poker Run: Registration at 11-11:45 a.m. at Cascade Parks, paddles in at Noon. $20 per person, includes 1 BBQ chicken dinner. Music, Prizes & Fun: 50/50 Raffle (drawing at 7 p.m., need not be present to win).

September 27, 2020

A Vocation Must Be Nurtured

For a lifetime, not just until ordination or the taking of vows. You can help nurture the vocations of priests by praying, listening, and expressing appreciation. A life of service needs support from those served.

Please honor our Priests on this special day.

Join the NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER & FASTING on September 24th

For God’s mercy on our land and the healing and conversion of our hearts.

40 Days for Life begins Wednesday, September 23rd.

Spiritually adopt an unborn child & pray this for 9 months:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

~ Venerable Fulton J. Sheen
CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER – 3RD of 8

“In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.”
- Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 13

Since participation in political life is a moral obligation, Catholics need to form their conscience with the mind and heart of the Church on issues of consequence. This outline is the third of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This third outline will provide an overview of the issue of marriage and the family.

Marriage and the Family

The family is the foundational cell of society. That is why the Church teaches what Pope Saint John Paul II wrote in 1981:

The future of humanity passes by way of the family. It is therefore indispensable and urgent that every person of good will should endeavor to save and foster the values and requirements of the family. I feel that I must ask for a particular effort in this field from the sons and daughters of the Church... They must show the family special love. This is an injunction that calls for concrete action. (Saint John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio, On the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World, 86)

If the future of humanity passes by the way of the family, Catholics should pay special attention to the political approaches of candidates to the family. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has written, Catholic are called to:

Protect the fundamental understanding of marriage as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman as the central institution of society; promote the complementarity of the sexes and reject false “gender” ideologies; provide better support for family life morally, socially, and economically, so that our nation helps parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility. (The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, Handout Part II)

Yet today, we find the family in crisis. As Pope Francis has pointed out:

The family is experiencing a profound cultural crisis (which) is particularly serious because the family is the fundamental cell of society, where we learn to live with others despite our differences and to belong to one another, it is also the place where parents pass on the faith to their children. (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 66)

This crisis arises from a general lack of openness to life, the use of contraception, absentee fatherhood, and the destruction of what marriage actually is. The Church has always taught that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman that brings them together as husband and wife to be father and mother to any children their union produces.

Marriage is a covenant “by which man and woman establish themselves a partnership of the whole of life that is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1601)

In summation, marriage is the building block of families, and therefore of all human civilization. Marriage then has public, not just private, purposes. The Church recognizes that marriage is based on the truth that men and women are distinct and complimentary, that having children requires a man and a woman, and that every child deserves both a mom and a dad. Catholics therefore should pay special attention to where candidates stand on the crucial role of the family, that is founded on God’s design for love, between a man and a woman in marriage.