Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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A member of the St. George Deanery

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 until Noon
E-mail address: stjoeoparishofc@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: 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

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

Replace every NEGATIVE thought with a POSITIVE one

thefitchronicles.com
**CINEMA NIGHT at ST. JOSEPH**
Come and join us for a **FREE** showing of "Unplanned".
**Sunday, September 29**th - **6:00 PM**
(in the basement of church)
Released in March of this year, the film tells the true story of Abby Johnson, one of Planned Parenthood’s top employees and youngest clinic director in their history, who experiences a life-changing realization, leading her to become one of the foremost pro-life advocates of today. **This event is open to all!** Come and watch this gripping, realistic film that is sure to make a lasting impression and inspire all viewers to do more in building the pro-life movement. *(Note: This film is 1 hour, 50 minutes and rated R for some disturbing images.)*

**Adult Choir:** Practice is on Monday evenings. All are welcome to join us, 7th grade and older. Call Joyce with any questions at 419-286-2989. We sing on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

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<td><strong>Sat</strong> 21 5:00 pm For Souls in Purgatory</td>
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<td><strong>Sun</strong> 22 7:30 am For Pope Francis</td>
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<td>9:30 am Don Ostendorf</td>
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<td><strong>Mon</strong> 23 7:00 pm Prayer Service</td>
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<td><strong>Tues</strong> 24 7:00 pm For Priests</td>
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<td><strong>Wed</strong> 25 7:30 am For Deacons</td>
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<td><strong>Thurs</strong> 26 7:00 pm Ed Michel</td>
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<td><strong>Fri</strong> 27 7:55 am For the Religious Ed Students</td>
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<td><strong>Sat</strong> 28 5:00 pm For Our Parish</td>
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**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**
**Mon 09/23** Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Ezr 1:1-6  Lk 8:16-18

**Tues 09/24** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20  Lk 8:19-21

**Wed 09/25** Ezr 9:5-9  Lk 9:1-6

**Thu 09/26** Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
Hg 1:1-8  Lk 9:7-9

**Fri 09/27** Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
Hg 2:1-9  Lk 9:18-22

**Sat 09/28** Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr
Sant Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Zec 2:5-9

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**WEEKDAY SERVERS**
Tues., Sept. 24, Thurs., Sept. 26 & Fri., Sept. 27
Sam Dube, Kyle Britton, Tenley Sarka

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - September 28 & 29:**

**SERVERS:**
- 5:00 pm  Tyler Kahle, Chloe Fields, Grace Fischbach
- 7:30 am  Reilly Fitzpatrick, Brook Hellman, Evan Hoersten
- 9:30 am  Cody Horstman, Elizabeth Howbert, Nathan Seals

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

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**
- 5:00 pm  Alice Swick, Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter, Jodi Von Sossan, Eva Von Sossan, Derek Weyrauch
- 7:30 am  **Volunteers Needed**
- 9:30 am  Norm & Kathy Fischer, Don & Christy Good, Roger Luersman, Carrie Horstman

**LECTORS:**
- 5:00 pm  Shelly Knippen
- 7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am  Denise Sukup

**USHERS:**
- 5:00 pm  Dan & Alice Stechschulte
- 7:30 am  **Volunteers Needed**
- 9:30 am  Karl Schimmoeller, Collin Sickels

**Please Pray for the Sick:**
Tom Grubenhoff, Tracey Lucke

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**September 15, 2019**

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**YTD as of Sept. 15, 2019 = $37,706.82**

YTD **Under Budget = $ - 2,308.88**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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**5th Grade SERVER TRAINING** will be on October 12th from 10 am to approximately 11 am in church.
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BAPTIZED as new members of the Catholic Church on September 15th: Mason George, Carder John and Sophia Lauren Osting, children of John and Lauren (Sass) Osting. May the power of the Holy Spirit guide these parents in sharing the faith with Mason, Carder & Sophia. Best wishes from the Catholic Community in Fort Jennings.

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family and friends of DAVID J. GASSE, to his wife, Tina Good; his son, Brandon Good, his sister; Janet (Walter) Hoersten; his nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. He died September 17th at the age of 66. May the Lord grant Dave eternal rest and life in the Kingdom.

The family of Hilda Kleman deeply appreciates all St. Joseph Church has done for her funeral Mass, the music, and the tasty meal provided by the ladies after Mass. To all who helped prepare her celebration of life; we are very grateful. Your thoughtfulness will always be with us.

~ The family of Hilda Kleman

A big “Thank You” to the family of Hilda Kleman for donating memorial contributions to our Parish. We greatly appreciate the support of our parish.

“A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all the donors, volunteers and those who donated cookies. THANKS to Krietemeyer Concrete for the food donation and to the FJ Legion for the use of their hall. It is through your generosity of time and giving that makes our Blood Drive a success. We could not do this without all of you. THANK YOU, Alice & Dianne”

A mother checked on the children during a playdate as they played “wedding”. The vows went; “You have the right to remain silent, anything you say can and will be held against you, you have the right to an attorney, you may kiss the bride.”

2019 Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries
Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
October 27, 2019 | 3:00 p.m.
Sign up before Oct. 4
If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2019 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register go to: www.toledoanniversarymass.org or call Alice Jacobs at 419-214-4978, or contact your parish secretary for more information.

BATTLE OF THE YOUTH – This year we are hosting, so encourage your 9-12 grade child to put together a 10 member team (5 boys & 5 girls, if you cannot find enough boys; you may have as many girls as you want but no more than 5 boys). It is Oct 6th from 1-6 p.m. with dinner included. The theme is “Battle of the Holidays”. It will be an afternoon filled with games, fellowship and fun. Religion teachers have all the information and registration deadline is Sept. 27th.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED for Battle of the Youth for dessert for our “Holiday Meal”. Please, bring your baked items to the church basement by 7 pm Saturday, October 5th. Cookies, brownies or anything you think the high school students would enjoy.

FUNDRAISER FOR FREEDOM SQUARE - Bourbon on the Auglaize a High-End Tasting Event on October 5, 2019. Doors open at 6 p.m. This is a private prohibition theme event at Whiskey, Wine & Roses (Password needed to enter, will be emailed). Tickets at Whiskey, Wine & Roses, Reflections Hair Care or call Stacey Warnecke at 419-302-7870. 1920 Prohibition era dress is highly recommended. There will be a Jazz band, heavy hors d’oeuvres served and silent auction. Extremely Limited Tickets! Visit the Freedom Square Facebook page for info.

First annual Memorial Mass to honor the lives of all babies lost will be Sunday, October 20 at 1:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist church in Glandorf. All are welcome at this Mass, whether your loss was recent or years ago.

CASINO TRIP to Firekeepers Casino, on November 3, 2019 Meeting place is Fort Jennings Legion. Bus arrives at 7:30 a.m., leaves at 8:00 a.m. Cost is $35. Call Betty at 419-286-2335 or 419-516-2375; email ruth@legion or call 419-286-2100. Sponsored by Aux. Post 715.
Priesthood Sunday is a special day to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. The 29th of September, parishioners are encouraged to offer a prayer of thanksgiving and support for our pastor Fr. Charles, and other priests who have served our parish. Consider sending Fr. Charles a note or card of appreciation for his dedication and leadership for our parish. Priesthood Sunday was established to honor Priesthood in the Church and recognize those who are called to this life of service.

Hurricane Dorian Collection This Weekend - If you were unable to donate at Mass; you can send your donation directly to Catholic Charities. Checks should be made out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, with a Bahamas Recovery OR United States Recovery notation; send to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604.

Mustard Seed Gift Shop, located behind St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Glandorf, will be hosting a Customer Appreciation Week. September 24th - 28th, 2019. Come in for Refreshments. Save 10% on your purchase. Like Mustard Seed Gift Shop on Facebook.


Join in Preparation on September 29 – October 7; pray a rosary novena in preparation for the Feast Day. To register for the Pro-Life Novena visit www.toledoprays.org.

Lunch and Learn in Honor of Fall Prevention Awareness Day: Are you an older adult who worries about the risk of falling? Do you want to stay active, independent and safe in your home? If so, make plans to attend a free Lunch and Learn Program in celebration of Fall Prevention Awareness Day. The Putnam County Council on Aging, Health Department and Home Care and Hospice will be hosting a Lunch and Learn program on Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Leipsic Community Center, 120 E. Main Street, Leipsic. A free lunch will be provided. Seating is limited and RSVP’s are required. Council on Aging at 419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760 to register.

BINGO FOR DESIGNER BAGS - Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019, in the St. Anthony Church basement, Columbus Grove. Opens at 6:00 p.m. bingo begins at 7:00. Tickets are $30 which includes 20 bingo games and light hors d’oeuvres. There will be drinks available, 50/50, and raffle items. Must be 18 years old. Contact Kate Mormon at 419-303-1198. Proceeds benefit St. Anthony School.

Project Rachel Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing, on Sat. Oct. 19, 2019 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., for women suffering from a past abortion. Cost of retreat $25. For more info and confidential reservations, contact Clarissa Lapinski, at 1-888456-HOPE or projectrachel@toledodiocese.org.

Sts Adalbert & Hedwig Parish Polish Heritage Festival on Sunday, September 29, 12pm-6pm at the St. Clement Community Center, 2990 Tremainsville Road, Toledo. Authentic Polish Food available A La Carte. Music, raffles, Polish & Domestic Beer, Games, Polish Bakery items. Free admission.

40 Days for Life Campaign Begins September 25: Catholic Charities is hosting the ecumenical 40 Days for Life campaign in Northwest Ohio from September 25 – November 3. You can participate in three ways: prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil. We invite you to pray for an hour in front of Capital Care Network, the Toledo abortion clinic, located at 1160 W. Sylvania Avenue. To learn more or to sign up for daily prayer intentions, hours of prayer and information on upcoming events visit: www.40daysforlife.com/toledo.

Travel with Fr. Charles! June 3rd – 13th, 2020
Portugal (Tour of the city of Lisbon, Our Lady of Fatima); France (Our Lady of Lourdes); Switzerland (Tour of the city of Geneva; St. John Vianney place at Ars-Sur-Formans) & Poland (Auschwitz Concentration Camps & Holocaust Memorial; Lagiewniki: Shrine of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina’s convent; Wadowice: Birthplace of Pope John Paul II; Visit to Our Lady of Czestochowa, Poland’s greatest pilgrimage shrine).

Cost is $4,699.00. For more information and registration, contact: Jennifer Wadsworth at 612-730-2890. Email jennifer@procatholictours.com. Website: www.procatholictours.com.