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
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
September 27, 2020

**Intentions**

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**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - October 3 & 4:**

**SERVERS:**
- 5:00 pm Carley Von Sossan
- 7:30 am Chase Gerdemar
- 9:30 am Madelynn Myers
- 1:00 pm Tenley & Addison Sarka

**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:**
- 5:00 pm Deena Walsh, Doreen Knippen, Hannah Knippen
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Anita Aldrich, Gilbert Burgei, Monica Bruskotter
- 1:00 pm Karan Maenle, Doreen Knippen, Rhonda Liebrecht

**LECTORS:**
- 5:00 pm Penney Gerdemar
- 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
- 9:30 am Denise Sukup

**USHERS:**
- 5:00 pm Kevin & Mandi Kahle
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Jerry & Jackie Siefker

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

**Support Our Retired Priests!** Envelopes at the exits for the Perpetuate the Gift appeal. Your gift assists our retired diocesan priests. After a priest retires, typically in his 70’s, he is responsible for all his personal expenses: medical, housing, car, clothing and food. All funds contributed between September 19 and December 31: reduces the amount the parish has to pay. 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 or online by selecting the Give tab at www.toledodiocese.org.

**September 20, 2020:**

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**YTD as of September 20 = $ 38,840.60**

**YTD Under Budget = $ - 9,159.40**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Collections are severely down. If you do not come to Mass due to Covid, you can mail in your offertory or drop it off at the FJ Bank, Fort Jennings location.

**WE DID IT!!!** 144 St. Joseph Parish Families donated $14,390.50 to the Annual Catholic Appeal. 102.79% of our $14,000 parish goal! A huge THANK YOU to all who donated toward to support these important ministries.

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

**FOOD PANTRY in NEED** – We served 6 different families

the last 2 weeks. We are in need of food to restock. Please, NO macaroni & cheese as we have a lot. Suggestions: baked & kidney beans, spaghetti & sauce, boxed potatoes, cookies, instant rice, bag noodles, cereal, soup, oatmeal, pancake mix & syrup, hamburger helper, crackers, ketchup, mustard, mayo, fruit snacks, Kool-Aid, sugar, juice, boxed meals, toilet paper, shampoo & conditioner. (no toothbrushes or toothpaste). Thank You
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**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 a 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.

**Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**
Wednesday, October 7, 2020
6:30 p.m. Holy Rosary
7:00 p.m. Holy Mass

**Join** all the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo in celebration of the feast of the patroness of the Diocese of Toledo - Our Lady of the Rosary!

**Pray the novena** in preparation of the feast day beginning on September 29. Sign up at toledoprays.org.

**On October 7,** Watch live (go to toledoprays.org) or join us in person at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral (2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo, OH).

**Immaculate Conception Parish** Festival will be Oct. 4th. in a limited version! **Big-Ticket & Bucket Raffle tickets** available at the parish office & after most weekend Masses! You can view the raffle items on their Facebook.

**Ft Jennings American - Election Day Dinner.** November 3rd from 4-6 pm. Drive Thru Carry-out only. Cost is $9, meal includes: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Applesauce 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.

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**With the collection being drastically under budget we will continue to only do electronic bulletins.** Not printing paper bulletins is saving the parish a substantial amount at this time. When Covid subsides, Mass attendance and the collection increases we will return to printing papers bulletins. Currently bulletins can be found every Friday afternoon online at our parish website: www.stjosephfortjennings.org. You can print the bulletins from the website if you have a family member that does not go online.

**If you have not been going to Mass due to Covid, you can drop your offertory donation off at the Fort Jennings State Bank (FJ location), the Parish Office or send in by mail; PO Box 68.** Collection is drastically down & we ask that you support your parish during this time. Our employees are working harder than ever to coordinated religion classes, clean and disinfect the church and run the parish office. Our expenses are virtually the same as any other time and we depend on our parishioners to support the church. **God Bless you for your generosity.**

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**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.**

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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.

Let us support our brothers & sisters in Christ at the

DELPHOS ST. JOHN’S 108th FALL FESTIVAL
October 17 & 18, 2020

Dinner tickets are now on sale for the Delphos St. John’s 108th Fall Festival on October 17 and 18. Home-cooked chicken and beef dinners with all the trimmings are $10.00 for adults and $7.50 for children (5th grade and younger). All tickets will be pre-sold. Carry-out only dinners will be available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. Enter the high school east parking lot by the St. Vincent de Paul building. You will not need to get out of your car, the meals will be delivered to you. We will have volunteers there to direct traffic. We will have money raffle tickets and instant bingo tickets available for purchase while you are waiting in line. Get your chance to win part of the $6,000.00 drawing to be held Sunday, October 25 live at 7:00 p.m. on the Parish website. The event is open to the public! You will be helping to support the mission at St. John’s School. Dinner tickets, and raffle tickets may be purchased at the Ministry Center, high school and elementary school offices. Or mail your check to: St John’s Festival, 201 N Pierce St, Delphos, OH 45833. Specify if you want adult or student tickets and if you want Saturday or Sunday tickets. We will mail you your dinner tickets. We look forward to serving you on October 17 and 18.

September 27, 2020
Holy Disciples
for the Month of September 2020

Pray
• Still your body and mind. Take a deep breath and transition into a time for prayer. Try to leave your daily to-do list and anxieties behind.
• Acknowledge Jesus. Affirm your belief that He is present under the appearance of bread. Make a thoughtful recitation of the Creed.
• Speak to Jesus heart to heart. Tell Jesus what is happening in your life - your hopes, joys, and worries - in the same way you would talk to a spouse or your closest friend.
• Listen. Let God speak to you.

Read
Read the daily readings or the Gospel for the day.
Visit bible.usccb.org to read the daily readings online.

Reflect
How can I become a better disciple?
In addition to learning from the example of the Saints and holy people in our lives, there are so many ways for us to grow in our love for God. The simplest and most fundamental way is to continually lift our minds and hearts to the Lord in prayer. God has also gifted us with the sacraments of the Church, which help us to grow ever closer to Him. In particular, a frequent reception of the Most Holy Eucharist and the sacrament of penance is one of the best things that we can do in this life to strengthen us on our journey toward God. We are also so blessed to be able to know the Word of God through Sacred Scripture, and a frequent reading of the Bible can help us to hear God’s voice in our lives. Let us never take God’s gifts for granted as we strive to love Him more and more each day.

40 Days for Life began 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

Did you know you can give donations to our parish through the Diocesan website? At toledociocese.org/help-your-parish-now you can make a 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.
CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER – 4TH 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 fourth of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This fourth outline will provide an overview of the issue of religious freedom.

Religious Freedom

Catholics in America have long enjoyed the fact that in the Bill of Rights, religious liberty, with its rights of conscience, is the first freedom that is protected in our Constitution. Yet today, religious freedom, even in the United States, is consistently being challenged. As Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, the acting chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee for Religious Liberty has pointed out:

Religious freedom is under stress throughout the world. Even in our Western liberal democracies, discrimination against religion in general and Catholic Christianity, in particular, is growing. Yet, just as freedom of speech depends not only on one’s right to say what’s on one’s mind, but also on the existence of institutions like newspapers, universities, libraries, political parties and other associations that make up what we call ‘civil society’, so too freedom of religion for the good of all must also encompass protecting those institutions that nourish the individual’s free exercise of religion. (Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, http://www.usccb.org/news/20-100.cfm)

We can see this stress and hostility towards religion from cases against the Little Sisters of the Poor to faith-based adoption agencies, the accreditation of religious educational institutions, the grants and contracts of faith-based charities and small businesses, and the licensing of religious professions. Our cherished religious liberties are now at stake by our political choices. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has written:

In the United States, religious freedom generally enjoys strong protection in our law and culture, but those protections are now in doubt. For example, the longstanding tax exemption of the Church has been explicitly called into question at the highest levels of government, precisely because of her teachings on marriage. Catholics have a particular duty to make sure that protections like these do not weaken but instead grow in strength. This is not only to secure the just freedom of the Church and the faithful here but also to offer hope and an encouraging witness to those who suffer direct and even violent religious persecution in countries where the protection is far weaker. (The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, P. 30)

It is imperative then as Catholics that we defend religious liberty and the rights of conscience in our political choices. For religious liberty has its foundation in the dignity of the human person. As Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami points out:

The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person. Religious freedom is the human right that guarantees all other rights — peace and creative living together will only be possible if freedom of religion is fully respected. (http://www.usccb.org/news/20-100.cfm)

In summation, it is the duty of every Catholic to fight for religious liberty to ensure not only the right of conscience in the workplace, but so that families, Churches, and peoples of all faiths can work in accordance with their religious beliefs while they care for the common good, the poor and vulnerable, and God’s creation.

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