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OFFICE HOURS
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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

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

Thank you for wearing a mask in Church.
It protects those who are praying when you are in church.
It protects the clergy and staff of the church.
Let’s keep our church safe, healthy, open, and a respectful place for all.
**Mass Schedule**

**Intentions**

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**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

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**August 30, 2020:**

| Envelopes | $ 2,772.10 |
| August EFT | $ 2,947.50 |
| Loose | $ 286.00 |
| Maintenance | $ 200.60 |
| August Maintenance EFT | $ 647.50 |

YTD as of August 30 = **$ 30,913.60**

YTD **Under** Budget = **$ -5,086.40**

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**RCIA** will begin in September!! 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 for you!

**We thank you for wearing masks and social distancing from those not in your household during Mass and ask that you continue to do.** Putnam County was elevated to a Red Level on Thursday and following the guidelines protects your fellow parishioners and will keep our church open. We must follow these rules so we can continue to worship as a parish community.

**PARISH OFFICE will be CLOSED MONDAY in observance of Labor Day.**
OUR SYMPATHY to the family and friends of AGNES M. (JOSTPILLE) HORSTMANN. Agnes died August 30th at the age of 90. May the Lord grant Agnes eternal rest and life in the Kingdom.

FJ Community BLOOD DRIVE
Wednesday, SEPT. 9th from noon till 6:00 p.m. at the FJ Legion Hall. For an appointment call Alice Wieging @ 419-286-2774 or Dianne Miehls @ 419-863-0067. Or go on-line at "www.redcrossblood.org". WALK-INS are always welcome. PLEASE WEAR A MASK, as required. Thank you for your support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION had a GREAT first week!! All the kids & teachers were excited to come back and things went smoothly even with the new guidelines and busing changes.

Town & drop off kids should be dropped off between 7:45-7:55 AM.

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 be 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.

Immaculate Conception Parish Festival will be October 4, 2020 – in a scaled down version! Drive-thru Chicken and Beef dinners will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Presale tickets only, at a cost of $10 includes chicken and beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, noodles, green beans, coleslaw and dinner roll. Tickets are purchased at the Immaculate Conception Parish Office weekdays between the hours of 8am-3pm or call the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513 to make other arrangements, or after any weekend Mass in Ottoville. Final day to purchase 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 11:00am for you to pick yours up there, but PLEASE call the Ottoville parish office to make those arrangements!

The Big-Ticket drawing tickets are available at the parish office or after any weekend Mass in Ottoville!
New this year, 3 Early Bird Drawings for $100 each after 10:30 am Masses Sept. 13th, 20th, & 27th and your tickets must be in the office by 3:00 the Friday before to be included. Festival day Big Ticket drawing is at 3:00 and includes $1500, $500, $250 & $200.
The popular bucket Raffle Booth has a lot of great items available for you to win! Tickets available at the Parish Office during business hours & you can view the items in our Fitness room. Tickets available after most of our weekend Masses & can view the items on our Facebook page. The Fitness/K of C Room will be open using the west side entrance to view the items & purchase tickets on Wednesday evenings September 9th, 16th & 23rd from 6:00pm-7:00pm, Tuesday September 29th and October 1 from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

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 Classes are temporarily discontinued due to COVID-19.

Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class before your marriage.
Find Marriage Prep Classes at http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org

Bulletin submissions deadline: Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. The next weekend in our area is September 25-27, 2020.

2020 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries
Congratulations on your milestone wedding anniversary! The Diocese of Toledo will honor you and other couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage. They have met the maximum number of in person participants, but they will live stream the mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on Sunday, October 25th, at 3:00 pm. You can still register and receive a certificate. To register, please visit www.toledoanniversarymass.org or contact Alice Jacobs at ajacobs@toledodiocese.org or by phone at 419-214-4978.

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 would love to “comfort you with the comfort we have received.” (2 Cor. 1:4) 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 The Zelie Ministry is a miscarriage ministry sponsored by Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo. Zelie references St. Zelie Martin who lived in France 1831 - 1877 and lost 4 of her 12 children before the age of 5.

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

Pope’s Prayer Intention for September:
We pray that the planet’s resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Are you or someone you know hurting from a past abortion? Contact Project Rachel for confidential help in starting your healing journey. God’s mercy is abundant and waiting for you.

419-260-5811 - kpakka@toledodiocese.org – www.hopeafterabortion.com

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 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.
We invite you to join in the diocesan-wide initiative to reconnect with our faith and one another during the months of September, October, and November. Each month will focus on a pillar of the Christian life with a specific intention from our diocesan prayer.

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

**Pray**

*Set aside 10 minutes per day*
Pray for the intention of holy disciples, particularly that the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo will become holier disciples.

*Make a Holy Hour*
Check with your parish to see when Eucharistic Adoration is available or spend praying in front of the tabernacle.

*Learn the Diocesan Prayer*
Heavenly Father, with the redeeming cross of Christ Jesus your Son, and the gifts of your Holy Spirit, renew and strengthen us, so that by our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we may foster Holy Disciples, Holy Families and Holy Vocations, so as to become a more Holy Diocese of Toledo. We turn to Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, for her intercession and never failing prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Read & Watch**

*Read a Catholic Book*

*Go to ReconnectToledo.org/september*
You’ll find a collection of videos about discipleship.

*Sign up for FORMED.org*
Most parishes in the Diocese of Toledo have subscriptions for their parishioners! Resources to strengthen your faith include movies, children’s programs, bible studies, sacramental preparation, and more.

**Reflect**

*What does it mean to be a holy disciple?*
Being a holy disciple simply means loving God with all of our heart and striving grow closer to Him every day. This love for God overflows into everything that we do in life and illuminates our desires and priorities. Being a holy disciple ultimately brings peace and joy even in the midst of great suffering, because we continually learn how to offer the difficulties that we face to God in union with Christ. May God continually make Himself known to us in the midst of all of the circumstances of our lives, and may we always respond with ever more love for Him.

*Check back in your bulletin each week for a new reflection.*
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 first of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This first outline will provide a framework to examine all the other issues effecting the human person by answering the question: what is Catholic Social Teaching?

**Catholic Social Teaching**

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) “Is built on the foundation handed on by the apostles to the Fathers of the Church and then received and further explored by the great Christian doctors. It is attested to by the saints and by those who gave their lives for Christ.” Specifically, “It is an expression of the prophetic task of the supreme pontiffs to give apostolic guidance to the church of Christ and to discern the new demands of evangelization.” (Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, 12)

This prophetic teaching from the heart of the church, “Rests on the threefold cornerstone of human dignity, solidarity and subsidiarity.” (Saint John Paul II, *Ecclesiae in America*, 55) Along with the idea that we should search for the “common good” these are the preeminent themes of Catholic Social Teaching:

1. **Human Dignity**: Every human person conceived is made in the image and likeness of God and is thus deserving of fundamental rights and respect, including first and foremost, the right to life.

2. **Solidarity**: As Pope Francis has said we have a ‘common father’ and thus we all belong to one family. Being a part of one family we have a responsibility to care for one another.

3. **Subsidiarity**: The belief that problems are best handled at the level in which they arise. Subsidiarity then insists on limits to State’s intervention in the affairs of the family and society.

It is from the dignity of the human person that all of Catholic Social Teaching flows. Being made in God’s image and likeness, Catholic’s must defend the dignity of each human life especially when life is in its most vulnerable state. This is why in their 2020 introductory letter to “Faithful Citizenship” the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops wrote:

> The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed. ([https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship-introductory-letter](https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship-introductory-letter))

Beyond the threat of abortion, Catholic Social Teaching communicates that the key to addressing issues of justice and the serious destruction of our society begins with the family. CST defines the family as “Founded on marriage, in which the mutual gift of self by husband and wife creates an environment in which children can be born and develop their potentialities, become aware of their dignity and prepare to face their unique and individual destiny.” (Saint John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, 39) Indeed, it is the family, “In which man receives his first formative ideas about truth and goodness, and learns what it means to love and to be loved, and thus what it actually means to be a person.” (CA, 39)

In summation, as we form our conscience, build a culture of life and love, and vote; it is imperative that we direct our minds and hearts, those whom we love, and those we encounter every day to the Church’s fruitful vision for the sanctity of life and the sacredness of the family. For it is from the family that “citizens come to birth” for the “development of society itself.” (Saint John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio*, 42)