Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 until Noon
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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.
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Jennings, Ohio

September 8, 2019

**CINEMA NIGHT at ST. JOSEPH**

**Come and join us for a FREE showing of "Unplanned."**

**Sunday, September 29, at 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:** Our first practice will be Monday, Sept. 9th at 7:30 p.m. We sing on the first and third Sundays of the month at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Practice is always on Monday evening. All are welcome to join us, 7th grade and older. Don’t be shy, give choir a try!! Call Joyce with any questions at 419-286-2989.

**WEEKDAY SERVERS**

Anna Menke, Sidney Ricker, Owen Calvelage

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - September 14 & 15:**

**SERVERS:**

5:00 pm Hannah Grote, Leah Kazee, Ethan Koester
7:30 am Adam Luersman, Owen Dube, Erica Crawford
9:30 am Gabby Martz, Isabella Conley, Chase Neidert

**OFFERTORY GIFTS:**

5:00 pm Volunteers Needed
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Family of Don Horstman

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 pm Doreen Knippen, Hannah Knippen, Shelly Knippen, Sue Knippen, Kathy Luersman, Kristen Luersman
7:30 am **Volunteers Needed**
9:30 am Gilbert Burgei, Rhonda Liebrecht, Denise Sukup, Lisa Wisner, Teresa Wurst, Nicole Wrasman

**LECTORS:**

5:00 pm Agnes Krietemeyer
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Andrea Recker

**USHERS:**

5:00 pm Jerry Vetter, Roger Trentman
7:30 am **Volunteers Needed**
9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

**Please Pray for the Sick:**

Tom Grubenhoff, Tracey Lucke

**September 1, 2019**

| Envelopes | $2,412.00 |
| Loose     | $880.75   |
| August EFT Offertory | $1,940.00 |
| Maintenance | $1,103.00 |
| Aug. EFT Maintenance | $450.00 |
| Assumption | $10.00   |
| Catholic University | $15.00   |

YTD as of September 1, 2019 = **$33,530.96**

YTD **Under** Budget = **$2,469.04**

Thank you for your continued generosity.
Jr. High & High School religion classes will begin this Wed, Sept. 11, from 7:30-8:30 PM. This first class is our kickoff event where if weather permits, we enjoy the weather with some food and activities outside in Fathers driveway. Please if you have not paid yet for classes just send it with your child and give to their teacher or Rhonda. Pray for good weather for us and a successful year with our Jr. high and high school students.

St. Catherine’s Embrace is a new outreach ministry that will acknowledge and support the many families in the St. George Deanery who have lost babies through miscarriage or stillbirth. Are you interested in helping? We need volunteers from each parish, and we have multiple ways to get involved! Our next meeting is Monday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m. at St. John’s Parish Hall Cafeteria in Glandorf.

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. If you have questions or want to RSVP for the September 16 meeting, call or text: Mary Beth Weisenburger at (419)980-8065, Ruth Gerding at (567)204-1275 or Jill Streicher at (419)796-0637.

**This Sunday** FJ Cub Scout Pack 230 will begin meeting this Sunday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. All boys in grades K-5 are invited to join and participate. All new and existing Cub Scouts AND a parent need to attend the meeting this Sunday or contact the Cub Master, John Osting, at 419-236-2532.

FJ Boy Scout Troop 230 will begin meeting Sunday, Sept.15, at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. All boys in grade 6 through seniors who are not yet 18 are welcome to join. All new and existing Boy Scouts need to attend this organizational meeting or contact the Scout Master, Matt Calvelage, at 419-233-2840.

FJ Community BLOOD DRIVE - Wednesday, SEPT. 11th, from noon till 6:00 p.m. at the FJ Legion Hall. For appointment call Alice Wieging @ 419-286-2774, or Dianne Miehls @ 419-286-2796. Or on-line at "www.redcrossblood.org", click on "Donate Blood", then "basic eligibility", enter zip code, click on "make appt.". WALK-INS are always welcome.

**This Sunday** BE THE MATCH for Luke, a 6-year-old boy from Glandorf. is in need of a bone marrow transplant this time. Luke comes from a family of 8; none of his siblings or anyone in the Be the Match registry system is a match. There is a BONE MARROW DRIVE at St. John the Baptist Parish Center in Glandorf on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH from 8 am to 5 pm, for ages 18 to 44 can attend this bone marrow drive or you can digitally register using your phone by texting HelpLuke to 61474 or by internet at the address https://join.bethematch.org/HelpLuke You will receive a swab kit to see if you are a match. For more information, contact Ashley Goecke at ashgoecke@gmail.com

CLC Members-- Fall Follies this Wednesday at Ft. Haven at 6:00. We are hosting the meeting for all Putnam County councils and we need a nice group to welcome our fellow CLC sisters. Cost $5 which includes supper, fun, games and fellowship. Contact Sharon for reservations at 419-306-0367. The reservations for the CLC Annual Meeting in Findlay on Oct.12 are due by Sept.12. Our Council will pay the $15 fee; a form needs to be filled out before. Please let me know by calling or texting so we can get the form completed.

Fall Prevention Awareness Day: Attend a free 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. RSVP’s are required. Council on Aging at 419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760.

I would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, well-wishes, prayers, love and support during my entire cancer journey. The community's response was overwhelming, and I feel so blessed to be part of this wonderful faith-filled community and church family! My family and I appreciate your acts of kindness more than you know! Thanks be to God, I am now cancer free, so our prayers have been answered. I just need to continue to heal and recover from the surgery. Thanks again for all of your kindness!

- Penney (Jim) Gerdeman

**This Sunday** “Putnam County Habitat for Humanity: Building Futures and Helping Our Senior Population Through Home Repairs”. Matt Rau, Executive Director with Putnam County Habitat for Humanity, will be offering a presentation on Sunday, September 8th at 6:30 on how Habitat for Humanity is meeting the needs of numerous Putnam County residents, especially the senior/elderly population. He will provide information on their projects, as well as offer information for those that may be interested in applying for one of their housing assistance programs. If you are unfamiliar with Habitat for Humanity, or would just like more information, this presentation will offer an inside look at Habitat for Humanity and its mission in Putnam County.