



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: **stjoeparishofc@bright.net**

MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am and 9:30 am

Monday: No Mass

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:

Rhonda Liebrecht 419-286-2019

Finance Council:

Mr. Larry Schimmoeller 419-286-2170

Maintenance:

Mr. Ted Verhoff 419-286-2480

Friends of Hope and
Communion to Homebound:

Norma Maag 419-286-2265

Cemetery:

Mr. Bob Calvelage 419-286-2020

Prayer Line:

Mrs. Laurie Maag 419-234-6518

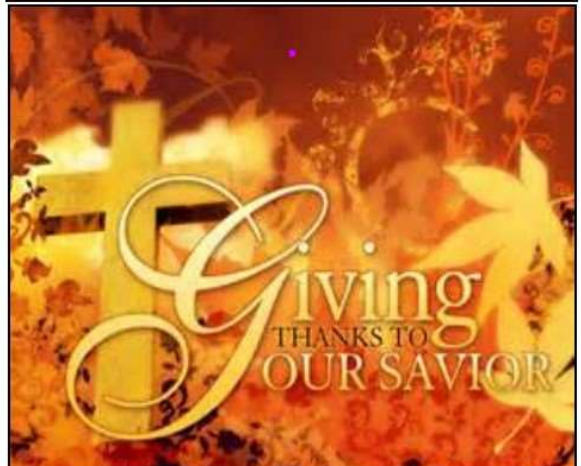
Maintenance & Hall Manager:

Mr. Doyle Wittler 419-286-5100

Funeral Luncheon Committee:

Mrs. Mary Menke 419-286-2504

Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-286-2429





Intentions

Sat	18	5:00 pm	Carl & Milly Metzger
Sun	19	7:30 am	For Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Bob Meyer
		6:00 pm	For Our Teens
Mon	20	5:30 pm	Precious Blood Chaplet
		6:00 pm	Precious Blood Mass
			(Note time change for this Monday only)
Tues	21	7:00 pm	In Thanksgiving
Wed	22	7:30 am	Dan & Karen (Ewing) Francis
		7:00 pm	In Thanksgiving Eva Warnecke Family
Thur	23		NO MASS
Fri	24	7:55 am	For Souls in Purgatory
Sat	25	5:00 pm	Arnold Krietemeyer
Sun	26	7:30 am	Edith Calvelage
		9:30 am	Carol Meyer

THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

Mon	11/20	1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63	Lk 18:35-43
Tues	11/21	The Presentation of the Virgin Mary	2 Mc 6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10
Wed	11/22	Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Lk 19:11-28
Thu	11/23	Saint Clement I, Pope & Martyr	Saint Columbian, Abbot
		Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro, Priest	1 Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44
Fri	11/24	Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, & Companions	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 Lk 19:45-48
Sat	11/25	St Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr	1 Mc 6:1-13 Lk 20:27-40

Thanksgiving Food Drive



Again, this year we will be collecting canned goods, non-perishable food items and paper products for those in need. Items can be brought to the 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 22. Please drop off your donation in the narthex **before** Mass begins. You can also drop off items in the Bride's Room any time before the Thanksgiving Eve Mass. Donations will be used to stock our food pantry here at St. Joseph's. Overstocked items will be donated to another food pantry here in Putnam County. Please, check expiration dates to make sure items are not expired. In advance, thanks for your generosity in helping those in need.

WEEKDAY SERVERS:

Tuesday, Nov. 21 & Friday, Nov. 24
 Braden Knippen, Mason German, Garret Hark

LITURGICAL MINISTERS November 25 & 26:

SERVERS:

5:00pm Elizabeth Howbert, Nathan Sealts, Eric Wiegung
 7:30 am Lydia Will, Zoe Young, Eli Zehender
 9:30 am Sarah Gasser, Aubrey Joseph, Haven Knippen

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

5:00 pm Gene & Agnes Krietemeyer
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Carol Meyer Family

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Nancy Wiechart, Nicole Wrasman, Jessica Young, Karen Young, Rita Beining, Don Bonifas
 7:30 am **Volunteers Needed**
 9:30 am Tony, Kelly & Chad Recker, Jamie Saum, Larry Schroeder, Doug Sickels

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Amanda Maag
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Karan Maenle

USHERS:

5:00 pm Rick Maag, Dan Krietemeyer
 7:30 am **Volunteers Needed**
 9:30 am Kevin, Evan & Adam Hoersten



November 11 & 12:

Envelopes	\$ 3,513.00
Loose	\$ 836.00
Maintenance Envelopes	\$ 220.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 20.00
Cemetery Envelopes	\$ 20.00
Pew Rent	\$ 567.00
All Saints Day	\$ 35.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 30.00
Human Development	\$ 20.00

(YTD as of Nov. 12, 2017,) = **\$ 81,021.80**

YTD Over Budget = \$ 1,021.80

Thank you for your continued generosity!!

**To check the date/time you signed up for directory pictures, the schedule in the Bride's room. For any questions, call Alice Swick at 419-286-2798



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 Class will be Tuesday, December 12th.
Please attend instructions before
the birth of the child.
Call the Parish Office to register.



**Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class
before your marriage.**

Find Marriage Prep Classes at
<http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org>

Bulletin submissions deadline is
Wednesdays at Noon each week.

**THANKSGIVING MASS
Liturgical Ministers**

Servers: Emilee Calvelage, Cole & Cody Horstman

Eucharistic Ministers:

Eileen Schimmoeller, Alice Swick,
Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter,
Jodi Von Sossan, Eva Von Sossan

Lector: Dave Luersman

Ushers: Pat & Tom Liebrecht,
Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

Pictorial Directory pictures will take place in the church basement: St. Elizabeth room. Please go down to the Fellowship Hall on your scheduled day and time.

FREE!! – There are books at the exits of church, “Everybody needs to Forgive Somebody.” Father Charles asks that each family take one book and share it. Have your family members each read this wonderful book, it may just bring peace into your life. Remember, forgiveness is a way to Heaven.

CRHP Retreat 2018 on March 3-4, 2018.
Ladies, this retreat is for you to grow in faith with other like-minded ladies. Please, if you have not yet been to a CRHP retreat, consider joining us for this spirit filled weekend. It may just change your life. More information at a later time, **mark your calendars today!**

New Inspirational CD’s & Books now available to help you grow and know your faith. We all have busy, busy lives. Finding time to learn about our faith can be difficult. But now we can meet you where you are! Wherever you have a CD player available, you can deepen your understanding and love for your Catholic Faith. Located in the Narthex you will see a stand offering CD’s & Books for a suggested donation. These feature some of the most inspiring Catholic speakers. The titles will change as items sell out. All donations will be used to purchase new titles.

FJ STUDENTS NEED YOU!! The Fort Jennings Student Council is in need of housing for students for the Ohio Association of Student Councils Annual State Conference. Each household in the Jennings Local School District received a flyer in September with the details. The conference will be held April 26-28, 2018. Please, consider housing a few students for the 2 nights of the conference. You can choose junior high or high school students and either boys or girls. They don’t need a bed, that’s why they make sleeping bags!! Please, send in your registration found on the flyer by December 15th. We need to find homes for 300+ kids! FJHS Student Council thanks you for your support. If you need a flyer, please contact FJHS Student Council Advisor Jeff Jostpille at j_jostpille@jenningslocal.org.

FLAG BURNING will be held at the FJ Legion on November 25th at 11:30 a.m. Please, bring your torn and faded flags to the post before Nov. 25th for proper disposal.

Holy Communion for the sick at St. Rita’s: Visiting the sick is one of the corporal works of mercy, and bringing Holy Communion to people in the hospital is a great way to practice this. St. Rita’s Medical Center is looking for volunteer Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to share the sacrament with patients, and are especially in need on weekends. The Medical Center will provide orientation and training. If you are interested in serving the sick, please contact Deb Miller, Spiritual Care Office Coordinator at 419-226-9481.

As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget that the
highest appreciation is not to
utter words, but to live by them.

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy.



Our Sympathy goes out to Charlie, Kelly & Lexie Stant on the occasion of the death of Charlie's mother, Nancy J. Stant. She died November 13th at the age of 76. May the Lord grant Nancy, eternal rest and life in the kingdom of Heaven.

"The Meadows of Kalida is currently accepting donations for our **11th annual Hope for the Holidays fundraiser. This year, proceeds will be going towards The PHAALS Foundation, Playing Hardball Against ALS.** A silent auction will be held Sunday, December 17th from 1-4 with many, beautiful Christmas trees and wreaths on display to bid on. Our campus will be open to the community starting November 27th through December 17th to set up and decorate their donated items being put on display. Feel free to donate in memory or in honor of a loved one for all to see. We look forward to your participation in helping raise money for our local families affected by ALS. Call Cindy at our campus with any questions at 419-532-2961."

Mustard Seed Gift Shop is keeping Christ in Christmas! Christmas items will be out on display on and after Saturday, November 25. Happy Thanksgiving from Mustard Seed Gift Shop, located in Glandorf, behind St John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Delphos St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, will present an evening of music and reflections to prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth on Monday, Dec. 4th at 7:30pm. Soloists and groups from various churches are involved as well as young people from Jefferson and St. John. Come and prepare your heart for Christmas!

Advent by Candlelight at St. John's in All WOMEN are invited to St. John the Baptist. Sunday, Nov. 26th @ 7:00pm, in the Parish Center. If you are interested in hosting a table, attending, or hearing more about this event, please contact Jeanette @ 419-890-3724 or email jmschroeder51@gmail.com.

The Friends of the Putnam County District Library are sponsoring their **26th Annual Christmas Tree Festival**, December 2 thru January 4 during library hours. 35+ decorated trees will be on display beginning with an Open House on Saturday, December 2, from 1 to 3 PM with music, refreshments, and a visit from Santa.

Bible Trivia

- Q. What did God do when Pharaoh would not let the Israelites go free?
A. He sent plagues on the Egyptians.
- Q. Where did Moses receive the Ten Commandments?
A. At Mount Sinai
- Q. Who was the oldest man in the world?
A. Methuselah (Genesis 5:26)
- Q. Who wrote the Ten Commandments on the two stone tablets?
A. God (Exodus 32:16)
- Q. How may one heap coals of fire on the head of one's enemy?
A. By being kind to him. (giving him food & drink)
- Q. How many years did Methuselah live?
- Q. Abraham tried to persuade God not to destroy Sodom. How many righteous men would need to be found in Sodom in order to save it?
- Q. What King visited a witch (or a spiritual medium) in order to talk to a dead person?
- Q. When the people of Samaria would not receive Jesus and His disciples, James and John wanted to call this down from heaven to destroy the city. What is it?
- Q. Jesus said that birds have nests, and foxes have holes, but that He did not have this, what is it?

SANTA IS COMING!!

To Memorial hall on
Saturday, December 2nd
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Come give Santa your Christmas list!
Sponsored by Vetter Lumber



No matter how bad you think your life is, there is **ALWAYS** someone who has it worse. Be Thankful!