



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 Chairman:

Mr. Larry Schimmoeller 419-286-2170

Maintenance Chairman:

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	16	5:00 pm	Arnold Krietemeyer Martha & Julius Neidert
Sun	17	7:30 am	Urban & Marguerite Wiegung
		9:30 am	Bockrath – Meyer Family Gerald & Leona Youngpeter Frank & Mary Wehri Ralph & Frances Youngpeter
Mon	18	6:30 pm	Precious Blood Chaplet
		7:00 pm	Precious Blood Mass
Tues	19	7:00 pm	Ruth Wegesin Don Horstman
Wed	20	7:30 am	Bob & Pat Ewing
Thur	21	7:00 pm	For Souls in Purgatory
Fri	22	7:55 am	For Struggling Families
Sat	23	5:00 pm	Donald Schimmoeller
Sun	24	7:30 am	In Thanksgiving
		9:30 am	Tom & Agnes Swick
			Christmas Masses
		4:00 pm	Children's Christmas Mass Jerry & Carol Meyer Michelle "Mikey" Metzger
		10:30 pm	Charles Landwehr Paul Menke
Mon	25	9:30 am	Christmas Day Luke Obinwa

THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

Mon	12/18	Jer 23:5-8	Mt 1:18-25
Tues	12/19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a	Lk 1:26-38
Wed	12/20	Is 7:10-14	Lk 1:26-38
Thu	12/21	Saint Peter Canisius, Priest	
		Sg 2:8-14	Lk 1:39-45
Fri	12/22	1 Sm 1:24-28	Lk 1:46-56
Sat	12/23	Saint John of Kanty, Priest	
		Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	Lk 1:57-66

Pictorial Directory Pictures taken on Nov 2 and before along with all Christmas orders are available for pick up. They are on the table in the narthex. Also, an extra date is set for pictures of those we may have missed. Thursday Dec 28th from 3:00 to 7:00 pm in church basement. Please call Alice Swick at 419 286 2798 or 567 712 1044 to schedule.

WEEKDAY SERVERS:

Tues., Dec. 19, Thurs, Dec. 21 & Fri., Dec. 22
Danielle Weyrauch, Owen Dube, Adam Hoersten

LITURGICAL MINISTER - December 23, 24 & 25:

SERVERS:

5:00pm	Nick Fields, Ian Ricker, Alex Wiegung
7:30 am	Austin & Derek Weyrauch, Raylee Clay
9:30 am	Justin & Jared Liebrecht, Erica Crawford

CHRISTMAS MASSES

4:00 pm	Jarron Swick, Garrett Hark, Morgan Siefker, Ian Howbert
10:30 pm	Brad Eickholt, Tyler Kahle, Carson Kazee
9:30 am	Kristen Luersman, Kyle Norbeck, Blake Schram

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

5:00 pm	Donald Schimmoeller Family
7:30 am	Volunteers Needed
9:30 am	Tom & Agnes Swick Family
4:00 pm	Children of the Parish
10:30 pm	Volunteers Needed
9:30 am	Volunteers Needed

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm	Nancy Wiechart, Rita Beining, Karen & Jessie Young, Don Bonifas, Amy Eickholt
7:30 am	Volunteers Needed
9:30 am	Doris Horstman, Cassie Horstman, Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman, Tim Luersman, Marilyn Metzger
	CHRISTMAS MASSES
4:00 pm	Deena Walsh, Sharon Kleman, Doreen Knippen, Shelly Knippen, Sue Knippen, Marissa Krietemeyer
10:30 pm	Alice Swick, Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter, Jodi Von Sossan, Eva Von Sossan, Nancy Wiechart
9:30 am	Karan Maenle, Erin Osting, Jamie Saum Tony, Kelly & Chad Recker,

LECTORS:

5:00 pm	Penny Gerdeman
7:30 am	Volunteers Needed
9:30 am	Denise Sukup
	CHRISTMAS MASSES
4:00 pm	Agnes Krietemeyer
10:30 pm	Lisa Kaverman
9:30 am	Phil Wurst

USHERS:

5:00 pm	Jerry Vetter, Roger Trentman
7:30 am	Volunteers Needed
9:30 am	Bryan & Shelley Hoersten
	CHRISTMAS MASSES
4:00 pm	Jerry & Jackie Siefker
10:30 pm	Need Volunteer
9:30 am	Rob Weber



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, February 13th.

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.



December 10, 2017:

Envelopes	\$ 2,872.00
Loose	\$ 571.00
Maintenance Envelopes	\$ 171.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 192.00
Christmas Envelope	\$ 110.00
Cemetery Envelopes	\$ 160.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 265.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 861.04
Pew Rent	\$ 80.00

(YTD as of Dec. 10, 2017,) = **\$ 98,541.30**

YTD Over Budget = \$ 2,541.30

2018 Offertory Envelopes are in the rear of church. Please pick yours up. Do not use your new envelopes until January 1. Some envelope numbers have changed and if you use them before Jan 1st, you may not get the correct credit for your donation. If you do not have envelopes in the Narthex and would like them, please, contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU...to Fort Jennings Student Council and all of the students who donated to the Annual FJ High School Penny Stall. We received a check for \$300 from the Student Council to be used for the St. Joseph Food Pantry. Students, God Bless you for your generosity which will be used to help those in need.

FJ PURSE & FINE JEWELRY BINGO! FJ women's club is having their annual purse bingo on February 9, 2018. Tickets are on sale now. Contact Stacey Warnecke or any member for tickets.

NIGERIAN MISSION – During this season of Advent, if you have any cash donation to assist the poor of my homeland, please do so. If you would like to make a donation to be sent to the poorest of the poor in Nigeria, please feel free to put an envelope in the collection marked, “Nigerian Mission” or give it to me personally and I will make sure it gets to those in the most need. Thank you for your generosity and may you remain blessed at Christmas and always.

- Father Charles

WINTER FUN DAY on December 27th for all Jr & Sr High Students at Ottawa YMCA from 5 – 8 p.m. Please join us for food, laughter and fun! There will be a 4 on 4 volleyball tournament. Swimming (if you are swimming girls must wear a t-shirt over any bathing suit that reveals your midriff and no speedos for the boys) \$10 per person. **LOCK IN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING** the Winter Fun day at St. Anthony's in Columbus Grove, 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. Thursday morning. Join the fun with games, snack and breakfast in the morning. \$3 per person. Registration forms for fun day can be picked up in the High School Office.

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!**

A Wish for the New Year: The New Year is often a time of reflection, re-examining, setting goals, and looking ahead. It is the perfect time to reflect on your marriage relationship as well. If one of your goals is to deepen your love and enhance your marriage, a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend may be just what you're looking for. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are for married couples with good, great, and even so-so marriages who want to enrich their marriages, and are designed to expand and deepen the joys of married life. Weekends are a time to concentrate exclusively on one another, giving you the opportunity to enhance your communication, develop a deeper appreciation of each other and strengthen your bond. The next weekend being offered within the Diocese is scheduled for January 12-14, 2018 in Perrysburg, OH. For more information or to register for an upcoming weekend, please contact Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210 or bcschroeder@bright.net.

7 Days until the coming of our Lord and Savior... is your heart prepared?

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about our January 26-28th Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: **Joe & Arlene @ 419-841-1116** or visit our website: **HelpOurMarriage.com**

2018 March for Life Trip - Interested in attending the 2018 March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 20, 2018? Join the College and Young Adult bus trip sponsored by Catholic Charities! The trip is only \$159, but for college students discounted price of \$119!

Two nights in the Marriott Hotel in Downtown Washington, as well as free time to tour the city. Depart Thursday, January 18, at 3 p.m. and will return Saturday evening, January 20. Payments by check can be made out and mailed to Catholic Charities, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo with "March for Life" in the memo line. Be sure to include name, email, cell phone and rooming preferences.

If you have any questions, contact Peter Range, Director of the Office for Life and Justice, at prange@toledodiocese.org or call 419-214-4933. Deadline to register is Monday, January 1.

"The Meadows of Kalida 11th annual Hope for the Holidays fundraiser. This year, proceeds will be going towards The PHAALS Foundation, Playing Hardball Against ALS. silent auction will be held TODAY, Sunday, December 17th from 1-4 with beautiful Christmas trees and wreaths on display.

Faith with The Fella's is a newly forming men's ministry, hosted by St. Michael's parish. Men from all ages and experiences are welcome to share our faith, learn more about the faith and enjoy some camaraderie on Saturday mornings. The topics and content have been developed by members of our parish based on feedback from similar endeavors. The content is unique from week to week and provides the opportunity to participate in a flexible manner as the previous week is not a building block for the following week. There will be no "signup", cost or requests for donations. The Intent is to kick off January 13th at 6:30-7:30 am. Take a look sometime in our first few weeks!

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. JOY TO THE WORLD by Scott Hahn and a few other Christmas items are on the CD/Book rack, with more advent and Christmas titles coming in within a few days.

Bible Trivia

- Q. Who threw a tree into bitter water and made them sweet?
A. Moses (Ex 15:24-25)
- Q. Who was the son of Zacharias & Elizabeth?
A. John the Baptist (Luke 3:2, Luke 1)
- Q. "I am the _____; you are the branches."
A. Vine (John 15:5)
- Q. Which book of the New Testament comes before Matthew?
A. None
- Q. The story of Jesus told about a man who was beaten and robbed, but only one man stopped to help him, is called the parable of the good what?
A. Samaritan (Luke 10)

*"Joy is not the absence of suffering.
It is the presence of God."*