



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	02	5:00 pm	Lucille & Joe Gasser Ed & Catherine Hoersten
Sun	03	7:30 am	Mary Helen (Schweller) Lengerich
		9:30 am	Richard & Irma Warnecke Rita Knott
Mon	04	6:30 pm	Precious Blood Chaplet
		7:00 pm	Precious Blood Mass
Tues	05	7:00 pm	Herman & Vickie Luersman
Wed	06	7:30 am	Carl Wieging
Thur	07	7:00 pm	Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri	08	7:55 am	HOLY DAY Charles & Nancy Stant NO Evening Holy Day Mass
Sat	09	5:00 pm	Elwood & Rita Broecker Mary Sergeant
Sun	10	7:30 am	Mary Metzger
		9:30 am	For Souls in Purgatory
		6:00 pm	Annual Barn Mass at Ken & Karan Maenle's In Thanksgiving

THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

Mon	12/04	St. John Damascene, Priest	
		Is 2:1-5	Mt 8:5-11
Tues	12/05	Is 11:1-10	Lk 10:21-24
Wed	12/06	St. Nicholas, Bishop	
		Is 25:6-10a	Mt 15:29-37
Thu	12/07	St. Ambrose, Bishop	
		Is 26:1-6	Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri	12/08	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
			Lk 1:26-38
Sat	12/09	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin	
		Is 30:19-21, 23-26	Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Pictorial Directory pictures will take place in the church basement: St. Elizabeth room. **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

Youth Ministry had 20 students at the meeting this past Sunday!! This is a huge increase. The kids set up for Barn Mass, played games, enjoyed fellowship and ate Tacos! Please, continue to encourage your child to attend Youth Group Meetings!!

WEEKDAY SERVERS:

Tues., Dec. 5, Thurs, Dec. 7 & Fri., Dec. 8
Alison Uphaus, Adam Luersman, Isaac Heitman

LITURGICAL MINISTERS December 9 & 10:

SERVERS:

5:00pm	Taylor Liebrecht, Carley Von Sossan, Rachael Von Sossan
7:30 am	Madison Tumlinson, Abigail Koester, Andrew Aldrich
9:30 am	Kevin Schumaker, Emily Luersman, Trent Siefker

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

5:00 pm	Mary Sergeant Family
7:30 am	Mike & Melanie Metzger
9:30 am	Volunteers Needed

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm	Marissa Krietemeyer, Elaina Maag, Kathy Luersman, Mary Maag, John Michel, Carla Norbeck
7:30 am	Volunteers Needed
9:30 am	Theresa Wurst, Gilbert Burgei, Matt Dube, Deb Dulle, Julie Fischbach, Brad Eickholt

LECTORS:

5:00 pm	Marge Von Sossan
7:30 am	Volunteers Needed
9:30 am	Andrea Recker

USHERS:

5:00 pm	Kevin & Amanda Kahle
7:30 am	Volunteers Needed
9:30 am	Jerry & Jackie Siefker

Please pray for the Sick: Logan Schimmoeller



November 25 & 26:

Envelopes	\$ 2,905.00
EFT Contributions	\$ 1,370.00
Loose	\$ 924.00
Maintenance Envelopes	\$ 901.00
Pew Rent	\$ 200.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 391.00
Human Development	\$ 33.35
Cemetery	\$ 901.00
Thanksgiving Mass	\$ 424.00

(YTD as of Nov. 26, 2017,) = \$ **91,263.80**

YTD Over Budget = \$ 3,263.80

Thank you for your continued generosity!!



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.

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

Our Sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Robert “Bobby” Calvelage, to his wife Elizabeth, his daughter Nancy Haunhorst, his five sons, Rick (Jackie), Bill (Deb), Alan (Elaine) Rex (Beth) and Brad (Sue) Calelage; his sisters, Irma Meyer, Norma Von Sossan, and Carol Ricker; his 10 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. We are thankful for Bob’s service to the St. Joseph Cemetery for the last 58 years. He died on November 28 at the age of 80. May the Lord grant Bob eternal rest and life in the Kingdom.

Kindly remember in prayer all our Priests serving in the Diocese of Toledo, as they gather on Monday, December 4 for the annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Through our prayers, may the Lord grant them many blessings.

CLC MEMBERS-- Christmas party on Wednesday, December 13 at 6 PM in the Kalida Church basement. The menu includes boneless chicken breast, red skin potatoes, California blend, noodles and a small salad. Your cost is \$4. Call or email Shelley Hoersten-419-302-5420 or Sharon Calvelage-419-306-0367 to make your reservation by Dec.11th. Pay at the door. Hope to see you there!

Fort Jennings Elementary will hold kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year on school days from December 11th thru December 20th Please come to the elementary office between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm to register your child. Your child does not have to come along. Children must be five years of age on or before September 30, 2018 to be eligible for kindergarten. Parents are asked to bring their child’s birth certificate, social security number, and immunization record at the time of registration. Please, feel free to call the elementary office at 419-286-2762 if you have any questions.

Immaculate Conception Holy Day Vigil Mass– Thursday, Dec. 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers

Servers: Alex & Lexi Kahle, Elizabeth Meyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers Needed

Lector: Jen Neidert

Ushers: Jerry Vetter, Roger Trentman, Darren Beining, Charlie Gerdeman

TEEN MASS – Sunday, December 10th, 6:00 p.m. – Annual Barn Mass at Ken & Karan Maenle home. All are invited! Please plan on staying after this Mass for hot chocolate and treats. No Youth Group after this Mass, next Youth Group Meeting will be January 7th.

Especially for Advent: "The Star of Bethlehem " movie will be shown in our church after 7:00 pm Mass on Thursday, December 7th. This intriguing film lasts 65 minutes. Join us to see this amazing documentary about the star of Bethlehem. Explore the truth of scripture and evidence for God's existence as seen in the stars above. Discover the secret of the star as well as God's vastness of creativity. The presenter walks you through the historical and biblical clues revealing the significance of this event. It is excellent!

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.

Christmas Open House at the Putnam County Historical Society Museum in Kalida. Featuring Christmas in the one-room school in the new annex. Trees decorated by Putnam County elementary students, military display featuring WWI, carols on the parlor organ, antique Christmas décor. FREE admission and PCHS books and memberships for sale. Sunday, Dec. 3rd 1-4p.m.; Friday, Dec. 8th 6-9 pm; Sunday, Dec. 10th 1-4 pm.

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!**

Holy Communion for the sick at St. Rita's: 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.

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.

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!

“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 beautiful Christmas trees and wreaths on display. Our campus will be open to the community starting November 27th through December 17th to set up and decorate their donated items. Feel free to donate in memory of a loved one. 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.”

Bus Trip to Rhoda Wise House & Grotto and Santa Clara Monastery, Canton OH. Tuesday, Dec. 5th. Leaving Mustard Seed at 8 am. Will return around 6 pm. \$45. Payment due at registration. Call Mustard Seed at 419-538-7220 to make a reservation.

Bible Trivia

- Q. I have hidden this in my heart that I might not sin against God. What is it?
A. **God's Word (Psalm 119:11)**
- Q. Which archangel disputed with the devil over the body of Moses?
A. **Michael (Jude 9)**
- Q. Name the disciple who was Peter's brother.
A. **Andrew**
- Q. How many sons did Noah have?
A. **Three (Shem, Ham & Japheth)**
- Q. What queen threatened to kill the prophet Elijah?
A. **Jezebel**
- Q. When Jesus told Peter and Andrew to leave their nets, what did He say they would be catching from then on?
- Q. Who was the wife of Ahab?
- Q. What prophet did Jezebel hate and threaten to kill??
- Q. What sign did God give Noah that the earth would never be again be destroyed by a flood?
- Q. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in this. What is it?

*I wait.
I watch.
I hope.
Advent*