



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. Alan Calvelage 419-303-0560

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	30	5:00 pm	Lawrence & Ida Schimmoeller Family Mary Gerdeman Mildred Sarka
Sun	31	7:30 am	For Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Dan Schimmoeller World Day of Prayer for Peace Rosary & Prayers at 10:30 am every hour on the half hour Closing Benediction at 5 pm
Mon	01	9:30 am	Solemnity of Mary Holy Day
Tues	02	7:00 pm	For the Sick
Wed	03	7:30 am	Carl Wieging
Thur	04	7:00 pm	For the Unborn FIRST FRIDAY
Fri	05	7:55 am	For the healing of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Sins and the Sins of the world ~Exposition after Mass with Closing at Noon~ FIRST SATURDAY
Sat	06	7:00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		8:00 am	For the Immaculate Heart of Mary
		5:00 pm	Isadore & Rose Siefker Family Hoersten & Luersman Family
Sun	07	7:30 am	Collin Wieging Norm & Catherine Wieging
		9:30 am	John Gerker

THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

Mon	01/01	The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Tues	01/02	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory the Nazianzen, Bishops 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28
Wed	01/03	The Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34
Thu	01/04	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42
Fri	01/05	Saint John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51
Sat	01/06	Saint Andre Bessette, Religious 1 Jn 5:5-13 Mk 1:7-11

A bracelet was found at church. If you lost one, please call the Church Office to identify and retrieve.

WEEKDAY SERVERS:

Tuesday, January 2 & Friday January 5
Mason German, Hannah Grote, Adam Luersman
Thursday, January 4 & Saturday, January 6
Leah Kazee, Garret Hark, Maggie Pothast

LITURGICAL MINISTER – January 6 & 7:

SERVERS:

5:00pm Eric Wieging, Lydia Will, Eli Zehender
7:30 am Zoe Young, Haven Knippen,
Abigail Koester
9:30 am Gabby Martz, Chase Neidert,
Brayden Calvelage

OFFERTORY GIFTS:

5:00 pm Isadore & Rose Siefker Family
7:30 am Dave & Alice Wieging
9:30 am John Gerker Family

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Sharon Kleman, Doreen Knippen,
Shelly Knippen, Sue Knippen,
Marissa Krietemeyer, Kathy Luersman
7:30 am **Volunteers Needed**
9:30 am Brad Eickholt, Kathy & Norm Fischer,
Bob Geise, Don & Christy Good


LECTORS:

5:00 pm Dave Luersman
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Cheryl Hellman

USHERS:

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

Please pray for the Sick: Leonard Bruskotter

	
December 24, 2017:	
Envelopes	\$ 17,382.80
Loose	\$ 2,525.82
Maintenance Envelopes	\$ 1,110.00
Initial Offering	\$ 6.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 90.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Pew Rent	\$ 15.00
(YTD as of Dec. 24, 2017,) = \$ 104,750.30	
YTD <u>Over Budget</u> = \$ 4,750.03	
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, 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.

**Solemnity of Mary Holy Day
Monday, January 1 at 9:30 am**

Servers: Cole & Cody Horstman, Nathan Sealts

Eucharistic Ministers:

**Rob & Tina Warnecke,
Theresa Wurst, Gilbert Burgei,
Matt Dube, Julie Fischbach**

Lector: Shirley Hammond

Offertory: Volunteers Needed

Ushers: Volunteers Needed

New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2018 is Pray for Peace Day!

In the church, there will be exposition of the Blessed Eucharist with the rosary being recited every hour starting at 10:30 am, (10:30, 11:30, 12:30...). Closing will be at 5 pm. Please come and spend time with Jesus as we pray for peace in the world.

We have a NEW Parish Website:

www.stjosephfortjennings.org

**Interactive format with upcoming events, bulletins,
information, forms & Ministry Schedules.**

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!**

First Friday & Saturday Mass, Benediction, &

Exposition - The Church recommends that on the first Friday and Saturday of the month we as Catholics, go to Confession, attend Mass and receive the Eucharist worthily. First Friday Mass is for the Sacred Heart of Jesus that bleeds each time we sin. On first Friday we pray for the healing of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our own sins and the sins of the world. First Friday Mass is at 8 a.m. followed by Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with closing at Noon. First Saturday Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the First Saturday of every month at 8 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be before Mass beginning at 7 a.m. We will come together to pray for the sins of the world and our salvation.

"WE'VE GOT HEART!" AWARENESS GAME

Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) is the most common birth defect among children, effecting nearly 2-3 million individuals from the United States, including several from Fort Jennings and Kalida. The key to help is providing awareness, and "We've Got Heart!", a local Congenital Heart Disease awareness and fundraising event, is being hosted by the Kalida Biomedical Innovation class. The event will be held at the **Kalida versus Fort Jennings boys' basketball game on January 12, 2018**, with a 6pm start time. Funds raised through raffle baskets and donations will be donated to Nationwide Children's Hospital for CHD research and to afflicted families. "We've Got Heart!" T-shirt order forms are available at each schools' offices and websites with a \$10 price, with orders due January 2, 2018 with checks written to Kalida High School earmarked to Cats Who Care. Come to Kalida High School January 12th to support "We've Got Heart!" and raise awareness for CHD and help the families it impacts.

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!

"Entering Canaan" Day of Prayer & Healing Retreat for Women (Jan. 27) and Men (Feb. 10)

Suffering from a past abortion? You're not alone. Connect with local support and resources and explore other women's and men's experiences. Begin your healing journey and experience God's mercy.

"Entering Canaan" Day of Prayer and Healing Retreats for Women will be held Saturday, January 27, 2018 and April 21, 2018. An "Entering Canaan" Day of Prayer and Healing Retreat for Men will be held Saturday, February 10, 2018.

The day is hosted by Project Rachel, a ministry of Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo. For more information and confidential reservations, please call 1-888-456-HOPE or 419-260-5811. Or email projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Visit hopeafterabortion.com for more information on Project Rachel. God Bless!

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. 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

August 16 - 27, 2018 Join the Diocese of Toledo, at the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland! "Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018, guided by the theme 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World'. Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church." World Meeting of Families website

<http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>
or Contact maggie@CatholicFaithJourneys.com or 419-290-8782 for more information or to join!

A New Year's Prayer

*May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright,
even in the shadows
Not by making your life always pleasant;
But by helping you to see the pleasant in your
life;
By making you anxious to be there to help when
people and their causes need you most.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you
for the year ahead.*

HAPPY NEW YEAR
MAY GOD'S GLORY FILL THIS YEAR FOR YOU
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Bible Trivia

1. How did Abraham show his generosity to Lot when they decided to separate?
2. Which number Psalm begins: "The Lord is my Shepherd"?
3. What ability of Zacharias was taken away for awhile by God because he didn't believe his old wife could have the baby John the Baptist?
4. What land did Cain go to live in which was east of Eden?
5. What kind of water did Jesus offer the woman at Jacob's well?