OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 until Noon
E-mail address: stjoeparishofc@bright.net

NORMAL MASS TIMES
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am and 9:30 am
Monday:
Tuesday: 7:00 pm
Wednesday: 7:00 pm
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
Mass Schedule

**Intentions**

Sat 16 5:00 pm  Adeline Pohlman
Sun 17 7:30 am  For Souls in Purgatory
         9:30 am  David & Coletta Dray
Mon 18  No Mass
Tues 19 7:00 pm  Dick Youngpeter
Wed 20 7:00 pm  Jim & Janice Kleman
Thurs 21 5:00 pm  Lois McKowen
Fri 22 7:55 am  Religious Ed Students
Sat 23 5:00 pm  Paul & Mary Lou Menke
Sun 24 7:30 am  Souls in Purgatory
         9:30 am  Mary Gerdeman

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

Mon 01/18  Heb 5:1-10  Mk 2:18-22
Tues 01/19  Heb 6:10-20  Mk 2:23-28
Wed 01/20  Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr
           Saint Sebastian, Martyr
           Heb 7:1-2, 15-17  Mk 3:1-6
Thu 01/21  Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
           Heb 7:25-8:6  Mk 3:7-12
Fri 01/22  Day of Prayer for the Legal
           Protection of Unborn Children
           Heb 8:6-13  Mark 3:13-19
Sat 01/23  Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin
           Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
           Heb 9:2-3, 11-14  Mk 3:20-21

Thank you to each of you that once again generously supported my Nigerian Mission. The outpouring was amazing! Enough money has been donated to build the widow a new home! I cannot adequately express how overwhelmed with gratitude she was when I called to tell her to find temporary living arrangements while we tear down the mud house currently on the property and build her a new one. You have changed this poor woman’s life. Your donations will also help others throughout the year with much needed medicine, food, school fees and other life sustaining necessities. I cannot thank you enough!! I pray that the Lord blesses each of you.

- Fr. Charles

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**  January 23 & 24

**SERVERS:**
5:00 pm  Sidney Ricker
7:30 am  Evan Ellerbrock
9:30 am  Sam Dube

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**
5:00 pm  Deena Walsh, Doreen Knippen, Hannah Knippen
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Matt Dube, Norm & Kathy Fischer

**LECTORS:**
5:00 pm  John Michel
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  Darren Beining, Charlie Gerdeman

Pray for the sick: Call the parish office to be added.

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**January 10, 2021:**

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**YTD as of January 10th = $112,930.95**

YTD **Over** Budget = $4,930.95

A huge Thank You to those of you who have continued to donate throughout this difficult time.

If you are unable to attend church due to Covid, please, mail your offering to PO Box 68 or drop off at the FJ Bank, FJ Location. Thank you!

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Parish Office will be CLOSED on Monday, January 18th. Will be open Wednesday & Friday from 9 a.m. to Noon.
OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family and friends of KEN VON SOSSAN, to his wife Marge (Schimmoeller), his four daughters: Becky (Duane) Von Lehmden, Barb (Mike) Sinn, Kathy (Don) Bonifas, Rose Boggs; his three sons: Doug (Cheryl), Darrell (Theresa), Dean (Eva); his 32 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, his three brothers: John (Phyllis), James (Norma), Dan (Sandy) and his two sisters: Joanne Von Sossan and Mary Kay (Karl) Kennedy. Ken died January 10th at the age of 86. May the Lord grant Ken eternal rest and Life in the Kingdom.

BBQ Chicken in the Winter!! The FJ American Legion is holding a BBQ Chicken carry-out dinner on Sunday, January 31st. Make your reservations by Jan. 26th. RSVP by phone 49-286-2100, email: commander@legionpost715.org or by going to Facebook@legionpost715. Dinner includes ½ chicken, potato salad, green beans, roll & assorted desserts for $10. Let us support the Legion who is ALWAYS there to support out town!

Fort Jennings School Elementary Building Secretary: School Year 2020-2021 - Jennings Local School District has an elementary building secretary position opening for the 2020-2021 school year. Expected start date is February 22, 2021. Application procedure and job description available at: https://www.jenningslocal.org/home/employment

PLEASE PRAY for our FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS who are making their Sacrament of First Reconciliation, this Sunday, January 17th following 9:30 a.m. Mass

DUE TO COVID – There will be no Annual Marriage Encounter Mass/Dinner/Dance this year, which is always in February. Looking forward to next year 2022 when it will be hosted by Ft. Jennings and Ottoville. For more information how to join, please contact Elaine & Bob 419-234-2254 or Turtle & Brian Eickholt 419-615-5917

Does your marriage need a tune up? Or even a major overhaul? Sometimes lines of communication break down and they need repair. Sometimes our focus moves away from our marriage and family and needs a little redirection. Sometimes a fair or average marriage is just not enough. Have you ever thought to yourself, "How can I make my marriage better?" If so, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples and it can work for your marriage. Our next weekend in this area will be January 22-24. For more information, contact registration team: Jeff and Robyn@ 419-481-1116 or online: HelpOurMarriage.com

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9dayforlife.com!
Statement of the Diocese of Toledo Regarding COVID-19 Vaccinations

During these days, when many have experienced compromised health due to COVID-19 or have suffered the loss of loved ones because of the virus, there is a greater need for each of us to recommend one another to our compassionate Lord and His Blessed Mother, who never fail to be near us in times of trial. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the distribution of vaccines to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. The use of these vaccines raises a number of moral and practical issues which merit careful consideration. It is out of deep concern and pastoral solicitude for the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo (Diocese), that this guidance is offered.

- Members of the faithful are encouraged to receive a COVID-19 vaccination for the protection of their own health, that of others, and for the common good of all.
- It is morally acceptable to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.
- Members of the faithful are not obligated or mandated to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), which is responsible for safeguarding Catholic doctrine on faith and morals, with the approval of the Holy Father, recently confirmed that, while no one is morally obligated to be vaccinated against COVID-19, each person, however, has the duty to protect one’s own health and to pursue the common good of all. When means to prevent the ongoing spread of the virus other than vaccination do not exist, the pursuit of the common good may suggest vaccination with a view to protect the most vulnerable, the weakest and the most exposed.

For information concerning the moral implications of receiving vaccinations, see the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith’s, “Note on the Morality of Using Some Anti-Covid-19 Vaccines,” the USCCB statement “Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines”, and the “Statement from the Bishops of the Catholic Conference of Ohio.”

May this New Year bring about hope and healing, particularly through the intercession of Saint Joseph, patron of the Church Universal.