OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 until Noon
E-mail address: stjoeparishhofc@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  28  5:00 pm  Walt Hoersten
Sun  29  7:30 am  Souls in Purgatory
      9:30 am  Tom & Mid Stechschulte
Mon  30  
Tues  01  7:00 pm  For Parishioners with Covid
Wed  02  7:00 pm  In Thanksgiving to God
Thurs  03  7:00 pm  For Our Country
Fri  04  7:55 am  For the Religious Ed Students
Sat  05  5:00 pm  Herman & Vickie Luersman
      Fr. Joseph Przybysz
      Elwood & Rita Broecker
      Todd Gengler
      Adeline Pohlman
Sun  06  7:30 am  Harry Howbert
      Dennis Gasser
      9:30 am  Leonard Bruskotter
      Francis & Jeanette Fischer
      Mary Lou Menke

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Mon  11/30  Saint Andrew, Apostle
      Rom 10:9-18  Mt 4:18-22
Tues  12/01  Is 11:1-10  Lk 10:21-24
Wed  12/02  Is 25:6-10a  Mt 15:29-37
Thu  12/03  Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
      Is 26:1-6  Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri  12/04  Saint John Damascene, Priest
      Is 29:17-24  Mt 9:27-31
Sat  12/05  Is 30:19-21, 23-26  Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Cemetery Donations

Cemetery envelopes were recently in the offertory envelope boxes. If you do not have offertory envelopes and would like to make a donation to the St. Joseph Cemetery, put a regular envelope in the collection marked “Cemetery.” Purchasing plots is a one-time expense but maintenance and upkeep goes on indefinitely. Please, donate what you can to continue to keep our cemetery beautiful and well maintained. Any donation, no matter how small or large is greatly appreciated.

New Hymnals

New hymnals are in the Narthex. Please, take a hymnal and bring the hymnal back and forth to Mass each week or use at home to follow along. Due to Covid, do not leave the hymnals in the pews after Mass. This will be your personal hymnal until the pandemic subsides.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - December 5 & 6:

Servers:

5:00 pm  Madison Tumlinson
7:30 am  Elizabeth Meyer
9:30 am  Chase Neidert

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm  Mary Maag, John Michel, Carla Norbeck
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Brad Eickholt, Norm & Kathy Fischer

Lectors:

5:00 pm  Lisa Kaverman
7:30 am  Volunteer Needed
9:30 am  Doug Sickels

Ushers:

5:00 pm  Kevin & Mandi Kahle
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

Pray for the sick:  Cherie Luersman

November 22, 2020:

Envelopes  $ 2,000.00
Loose     $  273.00
Maintenance $  120.00
Christmas Flowers $  225.00

YTD as of November 22nd = $ 80,741.60
YTD Under Budget = $ -3,258.40

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! As we once again fall below budget, we ask for the support of our parishioners. Please, send in your donations, even if you are not attending Mass in person.

2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are in the Narthex. Please, do not use these envelopes until January 1, 2021. Your envelope number may have changed. We reduced the number of boxes ordered to have less unused boxes. If you need envelopes, please contact the parish office.
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 Classes are temporarily discontinued due to COVID-19.

Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class before your marriage.
Find Marriage Prep Classes at http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org

Bulletin submissions deadline:
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Nigerian Mission Fund
I have come again to solicit your support for the Nigerian Mission Fund. I ask of this request once a year during the Christmas season. Your generosity helps put smiles on the faces of the wretchedly poor in my homeland. I am extremely grateful to all of you for your prayers and very generous contributions to this fund in the past. May the good Lord bless and replenish your stocks.

This mission has benefited numerous people in so many diverse ways, food, school expenses, hospital bills, house rents, funerals and so on. We have been able to erect a house for a very poor widow and her children. All that remains is electricity for the house to be completed. When this house is finished you will see it in the bulletin. By the grace of God, we will begin the building of another house for a very poor widow by early 2021.

I remain ever grateful to you all for standing for these poor ones. May God bless you always. You are in my prayers.

Cheers!!

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Merry Christmas Blessings,
Fr. Charles Obinwa

“I never thought it was such a bad little tree. It’s not bad at all, really. Maybe it just needs a little love.”
– Linus Van Pelt

CHRISTMAS SHARING – There are tags for several families on the “Sharing Tree” in the Narthex to help those in need for Christmas.
If you want to help, take a tag from the tree and purchase the item. Remember, the tags are ideas, you do not need to get the exact item. Larger items could be purchased by an extended family going together for example. This is their “Wish List”. They are told to put what they really want. Pick a tag that fits YOUR budget. For example, if your children have a gaming system they do not use, that could be donated.

Return the item to the parish office or under the tree in the narthex. Gift wrapping the present would be greatly appreciated but not necessary. Please attach the tag securely on the gift. If you would like to make a cash donation, we would gladly do the shopping for you. You can drop your donation in the collection basket, please mark your envelope “Christmas Sharing” or drop off at the Parish Office. We need all gifts that were assigned back by December 19th. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ sharing His love once again this Christmas.

Fort Jennings Elementary will hold kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year on school days from December 7th thru December 22nd. To register your child, please come to the elementary office between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm. Parents are asked to bring their child’s birth certificate, social security number, and immunization record at the time of registration. Children must be five years of age on or before September 30, 2021 to be eligible for kindergarten. Please feel free to call the elementary office at 419-286-2762 if you have any questions.

The faithful are to be reminded that the dispensation to attend Sunday Mass, and Holy Days of Obligation, remains in place for the foreseeable future until you are notified otherwise. Those who are at high risk, especially the elderly and those with pre-existing health conditions are to be strongly advised to refrain from Mass attendance out of concern for their own well-being and out of Christian charity for others.