Saint Joseph Catholic Church
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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: 7:00 pm (Prayer Service)
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
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Jennings, Ohio

Intentions

Sat 07 5:00 pm Carol Meyer
Sun 08 7:30 am For Souls in Purgatory
         9:30 am Bob Meyer
Mon 09 7:55 am Feast Day of
         Immaculate Conception
         7:00 pm Prayer Service
Tues 10 7:00 pm Amy Gerdeman Bardall
         Tom Miller
         Dan & Ralph Ostendorf
Wed 11 7:30 am For those Struggling Financially
         7:00 pm Parish Advent Penance Service
Thurs 12 7:00 pm Milton & Joanne Nichols
         Jim, Rita & Gary Knott
Fri 13 7:55 am For the Religious Ed Students
Sat 14 5:00 pm Richard & Hilda Kleman
         Patricia Sarka
         Mary & Ben Sergeant
         Arthur Gasser
         Cletus Maag Family
Sun 15 7:30 am Norbert & Loretta Morman
         Norman & Catherine Wieging
         Martha & Ferd Lucke Family
         9:30 am Gerald & Leona Youngpeter
         Frank & Mary Wehri
         Ralph & Frances Youngpeter

6:00 pm BARN MASS
         at Ken & Karan Maenle’s house

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Mon 12/09 The Immaculate Conception of the
         Blessed Virgin Mary
         Gn 3:9-15,20  Eph 1:3-6,11-12  Lk 1:26-38
Tues 12/10 Is 40:1-11  Mt 18:12-14
Wed 12/11 Saint Damascus I, Pope
         Is 40:25-31  Mt 11:28-30
Thu 12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
         Zec 2:14-17  Lk 1:26-38
Fri 12/13 Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
         Is 48:17-19  Mt 11:16-19
Sat 12/14 Saint John of the Cross, Priest
         Sir 48:1-4, 9-11  Mt 17:9a, 10-13

WEEKDAY SERVERS

         Sidney Ricker, Adysen Grothause, Ryan Kahle

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - December 14 & 15:

SERVERS:
5:00pm Andrew Kahle, Braden Knippen, Garrett Hark
7:30 am Ian Howbert, Brandt Menke, Maggie Pothast
9:30 am Morgan Siefker, Jarron Swick, Alison Uphaus

OFFERTORY GIFTS:
5:00 pm Mary Sergeant Family
7:30 am Bud & Judy Wieging
9:30 am Youngpeter/Wehri Family

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:
5:00 pm Kathy Lucas, Alaina Maag, Mary Maag, John Michel, Carla Norbeck, Eileen Schimmoeller
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Norm & Kathy Fischer, Doris Horstman, Don & Christy Good, Cassie Horstman

LECTORS:
5:00 pm Amanda Maag
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Denise Sukup

USHERS:
5:00 pm Ray Schmersal, Kevin Ricker
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Tony & Chad Recker

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YOUTH GROUP this Sunday the 8th; 4 – 6 p.m. at
Ken & Karan Maenle’s house. We will be cleaning out
the barn in preparation for Barn Mass on the 15th.

November 30 & December 1, 2019:

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YTD as of December 1, 2019 = $ 91,823.55
YTD Over Budget = $ 3,773.55
Thank you for your continued generosity.
INTERESTED in leading the Rosary at 9:30 Mass one Sunday a month? If so, contact the parish office.

BAPTISM CLASSES
Baptismal Class will be in January
Please attend instructions before the birth of the child.
**Call the Parish Office to register for class**

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

NIGERIAN MISSION – During this season of Advent, if you have any monetary donation to assist the poor of my homeland, please do so. Due to your generosity we have been able to start construction on the home pictured below for the widow pictured and her family; with your continued generosity we can complete it and continue to help others with the most basic of life’s needs; shelter, food, health care costs, school fees and more. If you would like to make a donation to be sent to the poorest of the poor in Nigeria, put an envelope in the collection marked, “Nigerian Mission” or give it to me personally and I will make sure it gets to those most in need. I cannot express my gratitude sufficiently for your generosity and I pray you remain blessed at Christmas and always. - Father Charles

“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” not their demand 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 presents or donations back by December 19th.** Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ and sharing His love once again this Christmas.

BAPTIZED as a new member of the Catholic Church: Madeline Elizabeth Wagner & Maile Josephine Poole, children of Scott & Sara (Wilkins) Wagner. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents in sharing the faith with Madeline & Maile. Best wishes from the Catholic Community in Fort Jennings.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES
Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. in Ottoville
Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 4 & 7 p.m. in Kalida
**Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in Fort Jennings**
Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. in Columbus Grove
Monday, Dec. 16 at 4 & 7 p.m. in Ottawa
A big “THANK YOU” to Ruth Lucke and the ladies at the Talented Hands crochet group. The group donated an entire garbage bag full of crocheted hats, scarves and gloves for us to give to the Christmas Sharing Tree Families and those that come to the food pantry. Your generosity and hard work are greatly appreciated.

Fort Jennings Elementary will hold kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year on school days from December 9th thru December 20th. Please come to the elementary office between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm to register your child. However, due to an early dismissal on Friday, Dec. 20th hours are 8-2:00. Your child does not have to come along. Children must be five years of age on or before September 30, 2020 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. Feel free to call the elementary office at 419-286-2762 with any questions.

FISH FRY at the FJ Legion, Dec. 13, 4:30-6:30 pm. All you can eat, while it lasts. $9 Dine in, $8 Carry-out.

FLYING SOUTH FOR THE WINTER?? Would you like to ensure that your parish is taken care of in your absence? Winter months are when our expenses are higher due to heating costs and it’s important, we have the support of our parishioners. We now offer Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) offertory service that can be taken directly out of your bank account bi-weekly or monthly on the date you choose. Want the ease of not having to remember your envelope each week at Mass? Then this service is for you! EFT forms can be found on the parish website, at church exits or by contacting the parish office.

Before church, do your Sunday mornings sound like this?
Can I just stay at home? Can’t we SKIP? I don’t want to go to church!

“Dear Lord Jesus, Why do I have to go to church?” is a new Christian children’s book (ages 3-9) that helps parents with explaining to their children why it’s good to go to church, instead of just saying “because I said so”. Check out your fellow parishioner – new author Jacqueline B Kohls and her new book at www.jacquelinebkohls.com Also available on Amazon.com

CLC Members - The Christmas party will be on Wednesday, Dec.11 with Kalida CLC in the Kalida church basement. Doors open at 5:30, eat at 6. Cost is $5 payable at the door. Please call Shelley Hoersten to make your reservations. 419-286-2383 Deadline is December 5. See you there!!

MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP - Leaving from Kalida around NOON on Thursday, Jan. 23 - Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020. Approx. cost will be $235/person includes bus transportation, hotel (4 or 5/room) and Metro Pass. We are planning on a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser to help with student cost. (Pancake Breakfast—Sunday, January 12 at Kalida St. Michael ‘s church basement) Reserve your Seat soon - $100 deposit due by December 20, 2019 – seats are limited! Contact Don Rall (419.969.0521) OR Jill Zeller (567.376.9115) for more details

OTTAWA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is hosting their New Year’s Eve Party. All proceeds go to the Ottawa Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund. Tickets are $50.00 and includes food, drinks, games and prizes. Grand prize is $3,000. Please contact Pat Gerten with questions or to purchase tickets, 419-235-1991

SAVE THE DATE for the 2020 Welcome (CHRP 2.0) Women’s retreat, on weekend of Feb 29-March 1, 2020, here at St Joseph’s. This will be a great opportunity to "leap into Lent" on that first weekend in Lent. Contact any CHRP member or call Sue Luersman at 419-453-3763 with questions, this weekend will change your life!


OSU Quilt Raffle - Ohio State themed quilt sized 70"x 89". Tickets are $5 each. All money goes towards The John T. Massawe Charity for Tanzania. This charity is dedicated to the building of Catholic Churches that serve rural communities in Tanzania, Africa. The drawing will be 1/1/2020. Need not be present to win. Please visit Ellen Millott of Kalida's Facebook page to purchase tickets or send her a personal message via Facebook with questions or call Denise Schroeder at 419-532-2662.