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

December 1, 2019

**WEEKDAY SERVERS**

Tuesday December 3 and Friday December 6
Evan Ellerbrock, James Schroeder, Sam Dube

Thursday, December 5 and Saturday December 7
Kyle Britton, Evie Gasser, Baylee Griffin

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - December 7 & 8:**

**SERVERS:**

5:00 pm  Trent Siefker, Bryce Gasser, Mason German
7:30 am  Hannah Grote, Leah Kazee, Adam Luersman
9:30 am  Ethan Koester, Owen Dube, Owen Calvelage

**OFFERTORY GIFTS:**

5:00 pm  Dan Schimmoeller Family
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Bob Meyer Family

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 pm  Doreen Knippen, Hannah Knippen, Shelly Knippen, Sue Knippen, Kathy & Kristen Luersman
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Anita Aldrich, Gilbert Burgei, Matt Dube, Deb Dulle, Brad Eickholt, Julie Fischbach

**LECTORS:**

5:00 pm  John Michel
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Doug Sickels

**USHERS:**

5:00 pm  Rick Horstman, Ralph Knippen
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Pat & Tom Liebrecht

Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Monday, May 9th this year. Mass is Monday morning at 7:55 a.m. with the religion students attending. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, but you are encouraged to attend if possible. There will be no evening Mass.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Flower Fund, put an envelope in the collection marked “Christmas Flowers”. Insert a list of the names of the person(s) you would like memorialized in the bulletin.
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 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.

UNITED IN HOLY MATRIMONY according to the Rites of the Catholic Church on November 24, 2019:
Catherine (Katie) Schnipke, daughter of Vince & Cheryl (Wieging) Schnipke and Tyler McManaway, son of Scott & Christine McManaway and Chris & Tina Wolford. May the Lord grant Katie & Tyler many happy, holy years together. Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. McManaway!

BAPTIZED as a new member of the Catholic Church:
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Rhett Joseph Goins, son of Jared & Brittany (Cooper) Goins.

May the Holy Spirit guide these parents in sharing the faith with Allegra & Rhett. Best wishes from the Catholic Community in Fort Jennings.

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.

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

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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES
Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 4 & 7 p.m. in Glandorf
Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in Miller City
Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in Leipsic
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

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!!

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.

An elderly man in Oklahoma calls his son in New York and says,"I hate to ruin your day son, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are getting a divorce; 45 years of marriage... and that much misery is enough!"
"Dad, what are you talking about?" the son yells. "We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old dad explained. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Hong Kong and tell her!".

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this."

She calls her elderly father immediately, and screams at him,"You are not getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, you hear me?" she yelled as she hung up the phone.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay", he says, "it's all set. They're both coming for Christmas and paying their own airfare."