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 15, 2019

Intentions

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

Mon 16 7:00 pm Prayer Service
Tues 17 7:00 pm Dorothy Warnecke
Pete Vetter
Ken Miller Family

Wed 18 7:30 am For those mourning the loss of a
loved one this Christmas season

Thurs 19 7:00 pm Bob & Alma Good
Tom & Janet Schroeder

Fri 20 7:55 am For Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat 21 5:00 pm Lois Recker
Sun 22 7:30 am Urban & Marguerite Wieging
9:30 am Dick German
Heitmeyer/Neidert Family
Dave Gasser
Joe & Lucille Gasser

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Mon 12/16 Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27
Tues 12/17 Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17
Wed 12/18 Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25
Thu 12/19 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25
Fri 12/20 Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38
Sat 12/21 Saint Peter Canisius, Priest
Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Sidney Ricker, Adysen Grothause, Ryan Kahle

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - December 21 & 22:

SERVERS:
5:00pm Isaac Heitman, Raylee Clay, Tyler Kahle
7:30 am Carson Kazee, Erica Crawford, Kristen Luersman
9:30 am Brad Eickholt, Kyle Norbeck, Anna Wisner

OFFERTORY GIFTS:
5:00 pm Lois Recker Family
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Dick German Family

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
5:00 pm Alice Swick, Becky Uphaus
Rose Ann Vetter, Jodi Von Sossan, Eva Von Sossan, Derek Weyrauch
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Mike & Jill Knippen, Roger Luersman, Rachael Luersman, Tim Luersman, Marilyn Metzger

LECTORS:
5:00 pm Jen Neidert
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Phil Wurst

USHERS:
5:00 pm Rick Maag, Dan Krietemeyer
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Pat & Tom Liebrecht

Annual BARN MASS will be held this
Sunday, December 15th at 6 p.m. at Ken & Karan
Maenle’s home. Come listen to the lowing of the
cattle and see the live nativity by the Senior class
as we celebrate the upcoming birth of our Lord &
Savior, Jesus Christ. As always there will be
snacks after. ALL are welcome to attend.

Q: Why does Santa do in his garden?
A: He hoe hoe hoes
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.

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.

Christmas Choirs: The Children’s Choir will sing at the 4:00 pm Children’s Mass. Singers should be downstairs at 3:35 pm. All children remember to bring your bell for our special bell song after communion. Shh… don’t ring your bells until it’s time.

**The Adult choir will sing at the 10:30 pm Mass.** The choir will start singing at 10:00 pm. Come and listen while the choir celebrates the birth of Jesus with songs.

ADVENT PENCE SERVICE
Monday, Dec. 16 at 4 & 7 p.m. in Ottawa.
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!

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.

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

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


Would you like to eat your favorite foods while you learn how to lose weight? Light Weigh One King is a Bible study-DVD series without weigh-ins that gets you healthy physically and spiritually. A Light Weigh One King group will be meeting at St John’s Parish Center in Glandorf on Monday January 13 from 7:00-8:30 pm. This is a 12-week Catholic Bible Study DVD program recommended by priests, doctors, nurses & Prevention Magazine for weight-loss and health. View the Light Weigh Orientation video at: www.lightweigh.com. If you are interested in joining, please call Sue Leopold (419-538-6914) by Friday January 3 to order your program materials and join this life changing program!

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

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.