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: No Mass
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 2, 2018

Sat  01  5:00 pm  For Souls in Purgatory Sun
Sun  02  7:30 am  For Our Parish
   9:30 am  Daniel Schimmoeller
           Norman & Rita Martin
Mon  03  7:00 pm  Prayer Service
Tues 04  7:00 pm  Herman & Vickie Luersman
           Rita Knott
Wed  05  7:30 am  For Parishioners Battling Cancer
Thur 06  7:00 pm  Alfred Brickner Family
Fri  07  7:55 am  FIRST FRIDAY
           For the Sacred Heart of Jesus
           That Bleeds Each Time We Sin
           ~ Exposition after Mass with Closing at Noon ~
           7:00 pm  Immaculate Conception Vigil
Sat  08  8:00 am  The Immaculate Conception
           of the Blessed Virgin Mary
           5:00 pm  Julius & Martha Neidert Family
           Mary & Ben Sergeant
           Art Gasser
Sun 09  7:30 am  Mary Helen (Schweller) Lengerich
           9:30 am  For Souls in Purgatory
           6:00 pm  BARN MASS at the Maenle’s

THIS WEEK’S READINGS
Mon 12/03  Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
        Is 2:1-5        Mt 8:5-11
Tues 12/04  Saint John Damascus, Priest
        Is 11:1-10     Lk 10:21-24
Wed 12/05  Is 25:6-10a    Mt 15:29-37
Thu 12/06  Saint Nicholas, Bishop
        Is 26:1-6      Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri 12/07  Saint Ambrose, Bishop
        Is 29:17-24    Mt 9:27-31
Sat 12/08  The Immaculate Conception of the
           Blessed Virgin Mary
           Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Advent items now available on the Narthex bookstand. More new titles will be added next week so check back. We do have Joy to the World and The Joy of Christmas available at this time both were very popular in the past

THANK YOU to all parishioners who donated to our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your generosity was overwhelming and we have plenty of food to help those in need this Holiday season. May your rewards be great in Heaven. Bless you!!

WEEKDAY SERVERS:
Tues. Dec 4, Thurs. Dec 6, Fri. Dec 7
Adam Hoersten, Andrew Kahle, Braden Knippen

LITURGICAL MINISTERS -   December 8 & 9:

SERVERS:
  5:00pm  Eli Zehender, Abigail Koester,
          Haven Knippen
  7:30 am  Chase, Casey & Keaton Suever
  9:30 am  Gabby Martz, Will Lucas,
          Chase Neidert

OFFERTORY GIFTS:
  5:00 pm  Volunteers Needed
  7:30 am  Ron & Mary Jean Schweller
  9:30 am  Volunteers Needed

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
  5:00 pm  Lexie Stant, Alice Swick,
           Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter,
           Jodi Von Sossan, Eva Von Sossan
  7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
  9:30 am  Trish Moening, Erin Osting,
           Chad Recker, Jamie Saum,
           Tony & Kelly Recker

LECTORS:
  5:00 pm  Dave Luersman
  7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
  9:30 am  Denise Sukup

USHERS:
  5:00 pm  Jerry Vetter, Roger Trentman
  7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
  9:30 am  Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

Please pray for the Sick:  Pat Will
(Call or email Parish Office to be added)

November 25, 2018:

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(YTD as of November 25, 2018,) = $ 86,795.03
YTD Under Budget = $ - 1,204.97
**NIGERIAN MISSION** – During this season of Advent, if you have any monetary donation to assist the poor of my homeland, please do so. If you would like to make a donation to be sent to the poorest of the poor in Nigeria, please feel free to put an envelope in the collection marked, “Nigerian Mission” or give it to me personally and I will make sure it gets to those in the most need. Thank you for your generosity and may you remain blessed at Christmas and always. – Father Charles

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**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

*Holy Day of Obligation*

**Friday, Dec. 7 at 7:00 p.m.:**
Servers: Nathan Seals, Eric Wieging, Lydia Will
Eucharistic Ministers: Alaina Maag, Mary Maag, John Michel, Carla Norbeck, Eileen Schimmoeller
Lector: Shelly Knippen
Ushers: Volunteers Needed

**Saturday, Dec. 8 at 8:00 a.m.:**
Servers: Justin & Jared Liebrecht, Zoe Young
Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer McElroy, Karan Maenle, Roger Luersman, Tim Luersman, Marilyn Metzger
Lector: Doug Sickels
Ushers: Volunteers Needed

1st Advent Candle (purple) – Candle of Hope – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)
Come and prepare your heart for Christmas! On Monday, December 3rd at 7:30 pm at Delphos St. John Church an evening of music & reflections to prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth.

Sacred Music Unveiled, A Three-Part Event at Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish on Sunday, December 2nd at 3:00pm. Join a choir of young adults from the Toledo Diocese & Fort Wayne for sacred advent music.  
Part I: The Mass - Sunday, December 2nd at 10:30am  
Part II: The Concert In the church at 3:00pm  
Part III: The Seminar Immediately following the concert.

Ladies of the CLC: Time to get in that Christmas Spirit at the CLC Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 12th at Fort Haven. Doors Open at 5:30 - Eat at 6:00. Cost is $5.00. Call Elain Wehri to make your reservation at 419-234-2254 or 419-286-2920.

Parish Advent Penance Service will be Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. Please allow the High School Religion Teachers to go first as they need to get downstairs to teach class. Come and cleanse your sins in preparation for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Travel with Fr. Charles  
To Mexico  
May 11 - 17, 2019  
Cost $2,500  
Destinations include: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tlaxcala, Ocotian, Puebla, San Juan Teotihuacan, Acolman  
Trip Includes: Daily Mass, Round-Trip Airfare from your local airport, Airport Taxes, Security Fees, and Fuel Surcharges. Exclusively 4- or 5-star hotels, all breakfasts & dinners. Transportation with luxury buss. All entrance fees to sites. All tips to everyone involved in the tour, tour guide fees. Groups limited to 24 persons. (Cost does not include lunches, luggage and insurance.) For more information call 769-220-2702 or visit www.procatholictours.com. To register call 612-730-2890.

School News  
FJ Kindergarten Registration for the 2019-2020 school year will be on school days from December 10th thru December 21st. To register your child, please come to the Elementary office between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Parents are asked to bring their child’s birth certificate, social security number, and immunization record at the time of registration. Children must be 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2019 to be eligible for Kindergarten. Please feel free to call the elementary office at 419-286-2762 with any questions.  

Thank you for all those who attended the 5th Grade Native American Open House. We loved sharing our awesome projects with you.

Putnam County Museum Christmas Open House (Located in Kalida). Dates: Sunday, Dec. 2nd from 1-4 which includes a craft show with items by local artists and Sunday, December 9th, from 1-4 with entertainment by local musicians.