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:
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
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Jennings, Ohio

**December 20, 2020**

**Intentions**

**Sat 19**
- 5:00 pm  Loretta Inkrott
- Cheryl Maziers
- Betty Hooks

**Sun 20**
- 7:30 am  Urban & Marguerite Wieging
- Norman, Ellen & Gary Wiechart
- Bob Meyer Family
- Dan Schimmoeller
- Todd Bidlack

**Mon 21**
- 7:00 pm  For a peaceful end of this year and a good beginning of next year.

**Tues 22**
- 7:00 pm  Pete Vetter

**Wed 23**
- 7:00 pm  Alice Knippen

**Thurs 24**
- 4:00 pm  Jerry & Carol Meyer
- 7:00 pm  Steve Kerner
- Jim, Rita & Gary Knott
- 8:30 pm  Ken Okuley
- Charlie & Nancy Stant
- Bill Seech

**Fri 25**
- 9:30 am  Rejoicing in Praise for Jesus Christ is Born!

**Sat 26**
- 5:00 pm  For Our Sick Parishioners

**Sun 27**
- 7:30 am  Donald Ostendorf
- 9:30 am  Walt Hoersten
- Mary Gerdeman
- Paul Krietemeyer
- Alphonse & Angela Schroeder
- Paula Stellar

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

**Mon 12/21**
- Saint Peter Canisius, Priest
  - Sg 2:8-14
  - Lk 1:39-45

**Tues 12/22**
- 1 Sm 1:24-28
  - Lk 1:46-56

**Wed 12/23**
- Saint John of Kanty, Priest
  - Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
  - Lk 1:57-66

**Thu 12/24**
- 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
  - Lk 1:67-79

**Fri 12/25**
- THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
  - 52:7-10
  - Heb 1:1-6
  - Jn 1:1-18

**Sat 12/26**
- Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
  - Acts 6:8-10
  - 7:54-59
  - Mt 10:17-22

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**December 26 & 27**

**SERVERS:**
- 5:00 pm  Ethan Koester
- 7:30 am  Bryce Gasser
- 9:30 am  Owen Dube

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**
- 5:00 pm  Deena Walsh, Doreen Knippen, Hannah Knippen
- 7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am  Karan Maenle, Trish Moening, Erin Ostdin

**LECTORS:**
- 5:00 pm  Penney Gerdeman
- 7:30 am  Volunteer Needed
- 9:30 am  Shirley Hammond

**USHERS:**
- 5:00 pm  Kevin & Mandy Kahle
- 7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am  Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

**Pray for the sick:**  Cherie Luersman

**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.

**LETTERS TO SANTA** can be dropped off in the silver Mailbox in front of Memorial Hall!

**December 13, 2020:**

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**YTD as of December 13th = $94,363.60**

**YTD Under Budget = $-1,636.40**

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.
Liturgical Ministers on Christmas Eve & Day

SERVERS
Christmas Eve:
4:00 pm  Brody Leis & Ryan Kahle
7:00 pm  Grace Fischbach
8:30 pm  Leah Kazee
Christmas Day:
9:30 pm  Danielle Weyrauch

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Christmas Eve:
4:00 pm  Michael & Chloe Fields,
          Monica Bruskotter
7:00 pm  Carla Norbeck, Becky Uphaus,
          Rose Ann Vetter
8:30 pm  Rita Beining, Don Bonifas,
          Amy Eickholt
Christmas Day:
9:30 am  Tim Luersman, Marilyn Metzger,
          Jennifer McElroy

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Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m. will not be the traditional children’s Mass to which our parishioners are accustomed. Children will not be asked to the front of church and there will be no children’s choir. Please, feel free to attend any Mass that fits your family’s schedule.

THANK YOU to all of you who sent well wishes, cards, flowers, said prayers and thought of us at the passing of Dick Youngpeter. Your support has been greatly appreciated. May you be blessed for your loving gestures.  ~ Alma Jean Schroeder & the Dick Youngpeter family

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!!
&
Merry Christmas Blessings,
Fr. Charles Obinwa
CHRISTMAS MASSES will be on December 24th at 4 p.m., 7 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. We are hoping that the 7 & 8:30 p.m. Masses will lessen the number of attendees at the 4 p.m. Mass. Christmas Day Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. We are not doing tickets or seating charts like some neighboring churches, but social distancing and masking will be enforced at Christmas Masses. If you wish to get a seat, come early. We will have overflow seating in the Narthex but once we are at capacity you may need to return to a later Mass. The greatest gift you can give fellow man this year is to adhere to the preventative guidelines therefore keeping each other safe from Covid.

THANK YOU to the family of DICK YOUNGPETER for their donation in Dick’s memory to St. Joseph Parish and St. Joseph Cemetery. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

THANK YOU to the teachers at Fort Jennings School! The teachers have once again donated a large supply of cleaning and personal care items to the St. Joseph Food Pantry this Christmas Season. How blessed we are to have such generous individuals teaching our children not only through their words but also their actions!

Father Thomas Leyland, 82, a senior status priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Friday, December 4, 2020. Please pray for his family and the repose of his soul. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

BAPTIZED as a new member of the Catholic Faith on December 6th:
MALLORY SHANNON SLATTMAN, daughter of Brett & Macy (Schroeder) Slattman. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the faith with Mallory. Best wishes from the Catholic Community of Fort Jennings.

THANK YOU to each of you that donated to our Christmas Sharing tree again this year. The generosity of our parishioners is beyond compare. As we sorted the gifts, we noticed the tag may say “socks” but the gift was huge and filled with so much more. You are truly the hands & feet of Christ and have blessed these families more than you realize. Their tears of gratitude are something we wish each of you could see! These families are truly grateful.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – You can bring your Christmas Flower donation to the office by Monday, December 21st to have the name of your loved one included in the Christmas Memorial List on the December 27th bulletin.

Fort Jennings Elementary will hold kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year on school days from until December 22. To register your child, come to the elementary office between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm. Bring your child’s birth certificate, social security number, and immunization record. Children must be five years of age on or before September 30, 2021 to be eligible for kindergarten. Call the elementary office at 419-286-2762 with questions.

FORMED is Available for ALL St. Joseph parishioners to use and watch. This is a Netflix type format, with Catholic content and teachings. To sign up you can use your computer, iPad/phone. Go to FORMED.ORG Click “sign up”. Click “I belong to Parish or Organization”. Create an new account. Search our parish by typing in our zip code 45844 - click “St Joseph OH 45844”. Click “next” then type in your name and email address and click “sign up”. It is that easy and from there you watch, learn and listen to whatever you like. There is so much on here from kids shows, movies, pod cast and much more. If you have any questions you can reach out to Rhonda Liebrecht.

Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph”. 
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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