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
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

Director of Music & Liturgy Chairperson
Mrs. Joyce Gasser 419-286-2989

Sacristan
Mrs. Kathy Fischer 419-286-2003

Youth Minister
Mrs. Rhonda Liebrecht 419-286-2019

Finance Council Chairman
Mr. Larry Schimmoeller 419-286-2170

Maintenance Chairman
Mr. Ted Verhoff 419-286-2480

Friends of Hope and Communion to Homebound
Mrs. Norma Maag 419-286-2265

Cemetery
Mr. Alan Calvelage 419-303-0560

Prayer Line
Mrs. Laurie Maag 419-234-6518

Maintenance & Hall Manager
Mr. Tony Recker 419-286-5100

Funeral Luncheon Committee
Mrs. Mary Menke 419-286-2504
Mrs. Sue Knipke 419-286-2429
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Jennings, Ohio                                           December 22, 2019

**Intentions**

| 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 |
| Mon 23 | 7:00 pm | Prayer Service       |
| Tues 24|         | **Merry Christmas**  |
|        | 4:00 pm | Children’s Christmas Mass |
|        |         | Jerry & Carol Meyer  |
|        | 10:30 pm | Steve Kerner         |
| Wed 25 | 9:30 am | Rejoicing in Thanksgiving for the Christ Child is Born |
|        |         | Luke Obinwa          |
|        |         | Stella Chijindu      |
| Thurs 26 | 7:00 pm | **NO MASS**          |
| Fri 27 | 7:55 am | **NO MASS**          |
| Sat 28 | 5:00 pm | Mary Gerdeman        |
|        |         | Elwood & Rita Broecker |
|        |         | Loretta Inkrott      |
|        |         | Mikie Metzger        |
| Sun 29 | 7:30 am | For Holy Souls in Purgatory |
|        | 9:30 am | Tom & Agnes Swick    |
|        |         | Ray & Louella Maenle |
|        |         | Edmund Wieging Family |

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

Mon 12/23  St. John of Kanty, Priest  

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

Wed 12/25  The Nativity of the Lord  
Is 52:7-10  Heb 1:1-6  Jn 1:1-18  

Thu 12/26  St. Stephen, The First Martyr  
Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59  Mt 10:17-22  

Fri 12/27  St. John, Apostle & Evangelist  
1 Jn 1:1-4  Jn 20:1a, 2-8  

Sat 12/28  The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
1 Jn 1:5-2:2  Mt 2:13-18

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**Children’s Christmas Choir** will sing at the 4:00 pm Children’s Christmas Eve 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.

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**WEEKDAY SERVERS**

Thursday, December 26 & Friday, December 27  
Ryan Aldrich, Tessa Meyer, Layla Schroeder

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - December 28 & 29:**

**SERVERS:**

- **5:00pm**  Brook Hellman, Elizabeth Howbert, Jared Liebrecht
- **7:30 am**  Nathan Seals, Derek Weyrauch, Danielle Weyrauch
- **9:30 am**  Evan & Adam Hoersten, Cody Horstman, Logan Sickels

**OFFERTORY GIFTS:**

- **5:00 pm**  Mary Gerdeman Family
- **7:30 am**  Volunteers Needed
- **9:30 am**  Swick Family

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

- **5:00 pm**  Hannah Knippen, Shelly Knippen, Sue Knippen, Kathy Luersman, Kristen Luersman, Kathy Lucas
- **7:30 am**  **Volunteers Needed**
- **9:30 am**  Chad Recker, Tony & Kelly Recker, Doug & Logan Sickels, Rhonda Liebrecht

**LECTORS:**

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

**USHERS:**

- **5:00 pm**  Kevin & Madi Kahle
- **7:30 am**  **Volunteers Needed**
- **9:30 am**  Jerry & Jackie Siefker

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**December 15, 2019:**

- **Envelopes**  $ 3,228.75
- **Loose**  $ 978.00
- **Maintenance**  $ 115.00
- **Christmas Flowers**  $ 180.00
- **Christmas Sharing**  $ 70.00
- **Christmas Envelopes**  $ 125.00
- **Cemetery Donation**  $ 100.00
- **All Saints Envelope**  $ 50.00
- **Immaculate Conception**  $ 89.00
- **Retired Religious**  $ 120.00
- **Diocesan Priest Retirement**  $ 15.00

**YTD as of December 15, 2019 = $ 99,862.30**

**YTD Over Budget = $ 3,862.30**

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

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

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

Interested in leading the Rosary at 9:30 Mass one Sunday a month? If so, contact the parish office.

Liturgical Ministers—CHRISTMAS Masses

SERVERS:
4:00 pm Brody Leis, Ryan Aldrich, Owen Conley, Calvin Menke
10:30 pm Noah Wittler, Emilee Calvelage, Chloe Fields, Grace Fischbach
9:30 am Blake Schram, Reilly Fitzpatrick, Ryan Fitzpatrick

OFFERTORY GIFTS:
4:00 pm Religion Students
10:30 pm Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Volunteers Needed

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
4:00 pm Michael, Nick & Chloe Fields, Rita Beining, Don Bonifas, Amy Eickholt
10:30 pm Nancy Wiechart, Deena Walsh, Karren & Jessica Young, Sharon Kleman, Doreen Knippen
9:30 am Jennifer McElroy, Karan Maenle, Trish Moening, Erin Osting, Jamie Saum, Larry Schroeder

LECTORS:
4:00 pm Ryan Kahle & Luke Menke
10:30 am Melissa Wurst
9:30 am Matt Dube

USHERS:
4:00 pm Jerry & Jackie Siefker
10:30 pm Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Darren Beining, Charlie Gerdeman

Pray for Peace Day on New Year’s Day, January 1, 2020
Mass at 9:30 a.m. There will be exposition of the Blessed Eucharist with the rosary being recited every hour starting at 10:30 am (10:30, 11:30, 12:30...4:30) Closing will be at 5 pm. Please come and spend time with Jesus as we pray for peace in the world.

May each of you and your families be blessed this Christmas and always
-St. Joseph Parish Staff
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.

OTTAWA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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

A huge “THANK YOU” to the Fort Jennings Student Council and the Fort Jennings Education Association. They conducted a raffle at school and raised $150 for the St. Joseph Food Pantry. The school organizations continue to raise funds for the St. Joseph Food Pantry throughout the year and it is so very greatly appreciated!

Effective 1-01-2020 the price of funeral meals will increase to $5 per plate. This is the first increase in price since the parish began preparing funeral lunches in the church basement. Due to increased costs for supplies we must increase the price per plate.

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!

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Improving marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a program designed to bring couples closer together. The next weekend in our area is January 24-26, 2020. For more information contact our registration team: Joe & Arlene 419-481-1116 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com