

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"What I say to you in the darkness,  
speak in the light,  
what you hear whispered,  
proclaim on the housetops."

-Matthew 10:27



### ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Joseph is a place of refreshment, peace and love, a place of ministry and renewal. We welcome you to be part of our faith community where the Word of God is proclaimed, friendship is offered and the Sacraments are celebrated.

#### Pastoral Care

Fr. Michael Williams  
Deacon Marv Robertson (retired)  
Deacon Jerry Fust  
Deacon Eric Elstro

#### Worship

Music • Jeff Richards

#### Parish Life

Parish Council • Dick Weller  
Finance Council • Scott Dzurka  
Parish Secretary • Judi Thelen  
Business Manager • Susan Mahoney  
Maintenance • Dave Klein

#### Family Ministries

Marriage Preparation • Fr. Michael Williams  
Baptism • Please contact the parish office  
St. Joseph School • Chris Wells  
Religious Education • Jen Nelson  
Confirmation • Jen Nelson  
RCIA • Amanda Grigar  
High School Catechesis • Chris Groves  
*Please call the parish office for more information on our Family Ministries.*

#### Medical Emergencies requiring an

**Anointing of the Sick, please call 989-227-1244.**

**St. Joseph School:** (989) 224-2421

**Religious Education Office:** (989) 224-8537

#### Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday • 5:00 p.m.

Sunday • 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

(Holy Days • Consult the bulletin.)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** (in the church)

Tuesday • 6:30 p.m.

Saturday • 4:00 p.m.

#### Prayer Tree

Parish Office: (989)-224-8994

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays at Noon for the following weekend. Send to stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com



### THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

**Monday • June 26**

*Genesis 12:1-9/Matthew 7:1-5*

**No Mass**

**Tuesday • June 27**

*Genesis 13:2, 5-18/Matthew 7:6, 12-14*

**7:00 p.m. Mass** †Sarah Esper By: Anne Wiser

**Wednesday • June 28**

*Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18/Matthew 7:15-20*

**12:05 p.m. Mass** †Dolores Ziegler By: Charlie and Lisa Wieber

**Thursday • June 29**

*Acts 12:1-11/2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18/Matthew 16:13-19*

**8:30 a.m. Mass** †Charles Miller and the living and deceased members of the family

By: The Miller Family

**Friday • June 30**

*Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Matthew 8:1-4*

**8:30 a.m. Mass** In Honor of Amy and John Flynn

By: Brad and Andrea Rehmann

**Saturday • July 1**

*Genesis 18:1-15/Matthew 8:5-17*

**8:30 a.m. Mass** For an End to Abortion

**5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass**

†Cindy Miller By: Thelma Miller

**Sunday • July 2**

*2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a/Romans 6:3-4, 8-11/Matthew 10:37-42*

**8:00 a.m. Mass** For the United States of America

By: Society of St Vincent DePaul

**10:00 a.m. Mass** †Dave Schroeder By: Susie Schroeder

**12:00 p.m. Mass** For the People of the Parish

**Mass in Spanish**

**6:00 p.m.** †Karl Hufnagel By: Eric, Monica and Camilla Hufnagel

### Looking Ahead

There will be **no Masses or Confessions**  
July 3 through July 7, 2023

### The Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn from June 25 to July 1, 2023  
In memory of

*Ann Green*

### Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies  
to the family and friends of

*Mike J. Norris*

### Eucharistic Adoration



As the month of June, which is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, comes to a close, make sure to stop by our church and spend some time in adoration of Our Lord. There are prayer resources at the back of church to help you focus your prayer time on showing your love to the Sacred Heart whose love for you is without end.

Please note: **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be July 8-9th this month, beginning on First Friday.**

Would you like to commit to a monthly Holy Hour to honor The Sacred Heart of Jesus? We are in need of a second adorer on First Fridays at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Saturday at 1:00 a.m. Call or text Rebecca at 989-292-2072.

## KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

- Adam
- Beverly
- Sawyer Ballinger
- Daniel Blair
- Bob
- Joan Bozung

- Carol Burgtorf
- Joseph Caudy
- Sherri Couch
- Jacob Epling
- Friend
- Marcia Goerge
- Robert Harte
- Brenda Higgins
- Judy Kissane
- Korine
- Mary

- Matthew
- Myah
- Noah
- Danielle P.
- Patricia
- Jenny Pytlowanyj
- Jerry Schafer
- Joany Schrauben
- Donna Smith
- Jason Thelen
- Jeff Wadell

- Brad Walker
- Millie Wassa
- Fr. Don Wieber
- Bill Darnell
- Susan Darnell
- Please pray for our parishioners in the service, especially:
- Bryce Bongard
- William Hess
- Jake Hoskins

- Jacob Longoria
- Eric Martin
- Jessica Mitchell
- Colby Munger
- Adam Novak
- Alex Rojas
- David Seperic
- Noel Smith II
- Joshua Szpont
- Jordan Van Amburg
- Jacob Wells

To add or remove a name from the bulletin prayer list, please call: 989-224-8994 or email Stjosephchurchst-johns@gmail.com

**\*Please note: only immediate family members may add names to the bulletin prayer lists.**



**WE ARE ALL  
EVANGELIZERS**  
(and whatever else is on  
Deacon Eric's mind)

**SUNRISE, SUNSET**

Which is more beautiful, sunrises or sunsets? Why? Simple questions with answers that may run quite deep. I've always enjoyed sunsets over Lake Michigan. I've seen sunsets over the Pacific Ocean on numerous occasions while in California, and they are not nearly as beautiful as those over Lake Michigan, whether viewed in St. Joseph in the south or the Leelenau Peninsula in the north. I do grant California an asterisk, however, because of the marine layer (fog) that so often rolls onto land in the evening. There may be days when the California coastal aesthetics are better, but not when I was there.

This probably isn't a true survey because there are more people who see sunsets versus sunrises because of the obvious - there are more people awake when the sun sets than when it rises. Count me in that group that doesn't see many sunrises at this time of year. Perhaps I

will make the effort one of the days we will spend along the Atlantic coast next week while on vacation.

What brought this line of thinking to me was that I heard the song "Sunrise, Sunset" from the "Fiddler on the Roof" movie playing while contemplating what my topic was going to be. Of course, the song lyrics have nothing to do with the sun rising or setting, but are a metaphor for life, as Ukrainian parents Teyve and Golde reflect on the upcoming marriage of their daughter to a boy from their village. Here's a sampling of the lyrics:

[TEVYE]  
Is this the little girl I carried? Is this the little boy at play?  
[GOLDE]  
I don't remember growing older. When did they?  
[TEVYE]  
When did she get to be a beauty? When did he grow to be so tall?  
[GOLDE]  
Was't it yesterday when they were small?  
[MEN]

Sunrise, sunset, sunrise, sunset, swiftly flow the days --  
Seedlings turn overnight to sunflowers, blossoming even as we gaze.

[WOMEN]  
Sunrise, sunset, sunrise, sunset, swiftly fly the years  
One season following another, laden with happiness and tears.

When we look through the eyes of Teyve and Golde, sunrise and sunset take on a whole new meaning. All of a sudden I'm not so enthused about sunsets. I'd like my sun to hang up in the sky a while longer. I am writing this on Father's Day, a day when dads can reflect on the sunrises in their lives, when their children were born and hope was in abundance -- their future unlimited. Now they've had their own sunrises. I will have baptized my newest grand child Alora in Tennessee by the time this hits print. Alora, by the way, means "God's light" in Hebrew -- quite appropriate in a story about sunrises and sunsets, wouldn't you say?

Eric  
Deacon Eric  
[deaconeric@hotmail.com](mailto:deaconeric@hotmail.com)

*The Rosary is prayed every Saturday a half hour before the 5:00 p.m. Mass and every Sunday a half hour before the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and Noon Masses*

**THE CHOSEN**

For those of you who have either missed the series or would like to watch it again, the first three seasons of "The Chosen" is now available on DVD.

Please contact Deacon Eric at [deaconeric@hotmail.com](mailto:deaconeric@hotmail.com) or the parish office.

**St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary**  
*will be hosting*  
**Women of Hope**  
Day Retreat  
Theme:  
**Faith, Not fear...or Worry**

St. Francis Retreat Center  
DeWitt, MI

**October 7, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**St. Joseph Catholic School – St. Johns, MI.  
Teaching Position**

St. Joseph Catholic School in St. Johns, MI is accepting applications for a full time Begindergarten (Young Fives) teaching position. Candidates must hold a valid teaching certificate, with an Elementary Education endorsement (Reading and Language Arts preferred) for the 2023-2024 school year. The candidate will also be attending Protecting God’s Children (VIRTUS) training and pass a criminal background check.

The successful candidate must be dynamic, enthusiastic and possess the ability to work collaboratively within the school environment. The candidate will be teaching Religion daily and therefore the hired candidate’s employment will be considered ministerial under the First Amendment. Similarly, the successful candidate should be a practicing Catholic who can speak thoroughly to his or her ability to infuse Catholic faith and teaching throughout the curriculum. The ultimate hiring decision is made in consultation with St. Joseph’s pastor. To learn more about St. Joseph Parish and School, please visit our website at [www.school.stjoecatholic.com](http://www.school.stjoecatholic.com).

Interested candidates should send a cover letter of application, resume’ and credentials to: Chris Wells, Principal, to [principal@stjoecatholicsschool.org](mailto:principal@stjoecatholicsschool.org)., drop off at the school, or send to the following address: St. Joseph Catholic School, 201 E. Cass Street, Saint Johns, MI 48879.



**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

*God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

July 1/2

**Altar Servers:** 5:00 p.m. Charleigh F. Averie D.  
8:00 a.m. Volunteers  
10:00 a.m. Kara B. Bryson S.  
12:00 p.m. Lyndie R. Elijah S.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

5:00 p.m. Group 3  
8:00 a.m. Group 3  
10:00 a.m. Group 3  
12:00 p.m. Group 3

**Lectors:** 5:00 p.m. Sheila B.  
8:00 a.m. Bob P.  
10:00 a.m. Tori S.  
12:00 p.m. Debbie T.

**Ushers:** 5:00 p.m. Group 5B  
8:00 a.m. Group 8C  
10:00 a.m. Group 10B  
12:00 p.m. Group 12C

**Collection Counters:** June 26 Group 3

**Sanctuary Cleaners:** Jane Randolph & Veronica Rozen

**STEWARDSHIP**

**For the weekend of June 19, 2023**

Adults (147) Envelopes/Gifts: .....\$13,492.98  
(Including online giving)  
Loose Cash:.....\$494.00  
Total:.....\$13,986.98

**Other Gifts Received**

Education Trust Fund: .....\$106.00  
Building Fund:.....\$395.00  
Tuition Scholarship Fund: .....\$ 126.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is \$18,769.76. If e continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

## THE NEW PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY SIGN UP IS UNDERWAY

Church sign-ups for Photo Session began June 3/4 after ALL weekend Masses and will continue in the coming few weeks.

**Bring your calendar!**

You may also sign up online, Weekdays (**Mon-Fri ONLY**)

Visit [ucdir.com](http://ucdir.com)

Click on the "**Photography Appointment Scheduling Login**" link, use the church code: **mi1803**

Password Code: **photos (case sensitive)**.

OR This **QR code** will take you directly to the online portrait scheduling login page.



If you have questions, contact the parish office.

We are so excited to be able to update our church family photo album and we want EVERYONE to be a part of it!

- ◆ Every family photographed by Universal Church Directories will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 and a Parish Pictorial Directory
- ◆ Plan for 45-60 minutes at Photo Session: registration, photos, viewing, and selection.

**Our church pictorial directory will not be complete without you.**

**MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!**

### volunteer opportunity!

If you can spare a few hours of your time, **WE WANT YOU!!**

We will need folks (couples would be nice) to be a Host/Hostess at the Church Pictorial Directory photo sessions. Our directory will be a wonderful tool to meet others in our faith community, and you can be a part of helping make it happen!

Sign up One or Two volunteers per shift; two would be most helpful. NOTE: Couples are encouraged to sign up together; and what a great way to meet other parishioners!

HOST/GREETER INSTRUCTIONS will be available at Photography Registration Table in addition to being shared prior to your volunteer date.

→ You may sign up to **volunteer** after all Masses or Online at this link (enter into the address bar of your browser)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f48afab22aafd0-volunteer#/>

Your time is valued and appreciated.  
Thank you!



*Pictorial Directory Committee*

## Part-Time Food Service St. Joseph School

St. Joseph Catholic School is accepting applications for a part-time food service position. This position has the potential to increase to full-time employment. The applicant will work along with the food service supervisor in the areas of ordering supplies, bookkeeping, and preparing school lunch. This position will be 2 days per week for the 2023-2024 school year.

Interested persons please contact Chris Wells, [principal@stjoecatholicsschool.org](mailto:principal@stjoecatholicsschool.org) or Ann Parker, [mrsparkerstjoecatholic@gmail.com](mailto:mrsparkerstjoecatholic@gmail.com) for further details.

## St. Therese Parish Part-time Janitor position

St. Therese Parish is accepting applications for a part-time janitor position. This is an afternoon/ evening position to clean the grounds and buildings. Questions about the position may be directed to Jim through the parish office, (517) 487-3749.

If you're excited to be part of a positive hardworking maintenance team, then this is the opportunity you have been looking for. We are looking for someone who is able to work 19 hours a week.

Please, pray for rain!



### **Wednesday, June 28**

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Bible Study (L)

### **Friday, June 30**

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Spanish Ministry (c/d)

### **Saturday, July 1**

8:30 a.m.

First Saturday Mass

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Average Joes (L)



## A Vacation Bible School Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated to Vacation Bible School! Your donations were greatly appreciated and it helped make our VBS a success. Thank you to all the volunteers, both youth and adults, who also donated their time and helped to spread the message of Christ with the children. We look forward to next summer for another faith-filled week of fun!



## FAITH Story Search

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and FAITH Magazine is looking for people who have stories to tell about how praying the Holy Rosary has impacted their life. Do you have such a story? Has praying the Rosary changed your life? Or made it much better? And Why? FAITH wants to hear from you. E-mail your story to [faithstories@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:faithstories@dioceseoflansing.org).

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### Prayer for Travelers

Gracious God, we thank you for making this beautiful world and for calling us your people. Bless us with every heavenly blessing and give us a safe journey. Help us to enjoy these days of vacation and let them be a time of refreshment and joy. Give us grace that we may serve you each day and grow in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### If you were raised as a child in the parish:

- And are now over 18 years of age
- And you did not fill out a parish registration form
- You are NOT a registered parishioner!

### Why is it important to be registered in the parish:

- We can reach you with important information about the parish and it's ministries
- We have a more accurate idea of the number of parishioners we have in the parish.
- It allows us to seek your input and feedback.
- It allows you to formally support the parish financially, since envelopes will be issued to you for your use.
- We can start a sacramental record for you.
- Finally, registering can also help you have a greater sense of belonging to and ownership of the parish.

### Please note:

The **envelopes** you receive when registering **will now play an important role in the reception of the sacraments.** (i.e. Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage) in the parish. We're asking all parishioners to get into the habit of using your envelopes in the weekly collection. Even if you give online or don't have anything to put in the envelope, please submit an empty envelope. It will help us know how many registered parishioners attend a given Mass and it will also come in handing for determining if a person, presenting themselves for a sacrament, is attending Mass regularly as is required.

You can obtain a registration form from our website at [www.stjoecatholic.com](http://www.stjoecatholic.com) under forms or stop in the parish office.



# Summer Scripture Days

August 22-24, 2023

St. Peter: His letters and Life

Spend three summer days exploring the life and letters of St. Peter with our featured speaker, Bishop Earl Boyea!

Any adult over the age of 18 that is interested in deepening their understanding of St. Peter is welcome to attend.

For more information and registration go to [www.stfrancis.ws/ssd](http://www.stfrancis.ws/ssd)

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