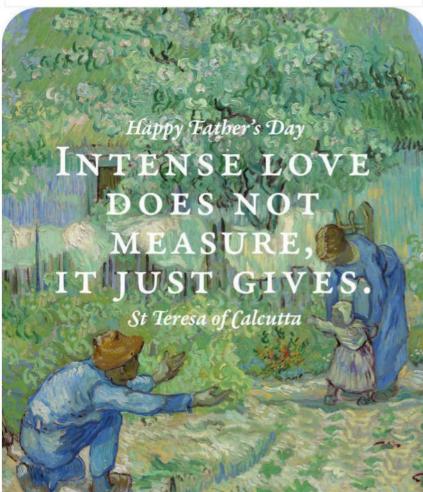
# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### 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 • Glenn Esch

#### **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 Christian Initiation of Adults • Amanda Grigar

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. Mass in Spanish • 6:00 p.m. (Holy Days • Consult the bulletin)

Sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesday • 6:30 p.m. Saturday • 4:00 p.m.

Prayer Tree Parish Office: (989)-224-8994

JUNE 16, 2024



## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • June 17 1 Kings 21:1-16/Matthew 5:38-42 No Mass

Tuesday • June 18 1 kings 21:17-29/Matthew 5:43-48 7:00 p.m. Mass *†Clair and †Margaret Thelen* By: Family

Wednesday • June 19 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14/Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 12:05 p.m. Mass †Glenn and †Lois Whitford By: Dick Smith

Thursday • June 20 Sirach 48:1-14/Matthew 6:7-15 8:30 a.m. Mass *†Tom and †Nancy Hufnagel* By: Brian and Deb Szpont

Friday • June 21 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Matthew 6:19-23 8:30 a.m. Mass *†Fred and †Doris Orson and Family* By: Kathy Orson

Saturday • June 22 2 Chronicles 24:17-25/Matthew 6:24-34 5:00 p.m. Mass *†Mike Norris* By: Friends

Sunday • June 23 Job 38:1, 8-11/2 Corinthians 5:14-17/Mark 4:35-41 8:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. *†Kevin Daly* By: Sue Daly

12:00 p.m. In Honor of Paul and Genie Pung (65th Wedding Anniversary)

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish



Rest in Peace Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of (Helen) Marie Fox

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

"Behold this Heart which has loved men so much, and yet men do not want to love ME in return. Through you My divine Heart wishes to spread its love everywhere on earth."

~Jesus to Saint Margaret

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Adoration is one way to "love (Jesus) in return" for His love and sacrifice for us, as well as to spread His love.

We are in need of people willing to commit to spending one hour of time with our Eucharistic Lord on First Fridays during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Know that God will bless this surrender of your time to Him immensely.



**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS** 

Hours most in need: First Friday: 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and Saturday at 1:00 a.m. We are also in need of subs. Call/text 989-292 -2072 if you are interested or have any questions.

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially: Adam Sawyer Ballinger Lisa Clarizio Sherri Couch Friend Cindy Fontus

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Marcia Goerge Brenda Higgins David Higgins Korine Alissa McKeown Myah Jenny Pytlowanyj Frank Rademacher Deacon Mary & Tita

Joan Schrauben

Michael VanElls Jeff Wadell Jerry Brad Walker Millie Wassa Fr. Don Wieber Bill Darnell Susan Darnell Please pray for our parishioners in the service, especially: 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 the parish office: 989-224-8994 or email Stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com

\*Please note: <u>only</u> immediate family members may add names to the bulletin.

THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED



#### WE ARE ALL **EVANGELIZERS**

(and whatever else is on Deacon Eric's mind)

#### Glad to Sad and Everything In-between

Those who've been around for a few years will recognize these lyrics:

I've been up and down and over and out

And I know one thing Each time I find myself Flat on my face I pick myself up and get Back in the race

The lyrics, of course, are from one of singer Frank Sinatra's most famous songs entitled "That's Life." It came to mind today as I was listening to The Catholic Channel on Sirius XM radio this morning. Each Monday, the morning host Gus Lloyd does a segment entitled "Tell Me Something Good." Its purpose is in its title and I suppose its placement on Mondays is to contrast the "downs" some people feel in going back to work after having a day or two off on the weekend.

Some Mondays I will listen to several callers to the show who are happy to have recovered from an illness, or who are proud of new graduate. In the weeks after Easter, there are usually a few people calling about the joy of someone who just came into the church at the Easter Vigil. But other Mondays I will listen to a couple calls, then decide I'd rather listen to music that day. It's just my mood on those days, that make the difference. But, that's life.

The broadcast I was listening to was pre-recorded, so I couldn't have called into the show if I wanted. Otherwise. I could have told the audience that I officiated a wedding over the weekend. And in my homily I noted to the bride and groom that as enjoyable as that day was, the reality is that there will be many up and down days in their married life. There will be times when they will feel like they have, in Sinatra's words, fallen flat on their faces via job loss, severe sickness, loss of a loved one and so on. That's the time to remember that Jesus is part of this marriage and will help them to get up and "get back in the race"

because that's what Jesus does.

By the time this is read. I will have officiated at a committal service at Mt. Rest Cemetery. A husband and wife were buried, having been through the "up and down and over and outs," of life on earth. Their races were over and our prayers were for the repose of their souls. As farmers they had to trust in the Lord, now their souls are entrusted to the l ord

In-between the wedding and the committal I baptized two children. In looking back, I can see that this week was a snapshot of life, bringing two children into the church, officiating as two adults entered a new life chapter and saying "Good bye" to two longtime parishioners as their final chapter was written. "Amen, and God bless to all." (I almost forgot to give a shout out to Dads -let's be family faith leaders.)

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

#### Focus for Life 2024 Annual Benefit Event June 18, 2024 Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Cookies and Program at 7:00 p.m. Andy T's Barn 3657 S Williams Rd., St. Johns

Special guest speaker Author and former Administrative Law Judge, Lisa K. Gigliotti, has a powerful message about The Courage to Honor the End of Life; a message even more critical now that bills to legalize assisted suicide in Michigan have been introduced. For more than twenty-five years Lisa has lived with severe rheumatoid arthritis and myasthenia gravis. Through fourteen major surgeries and recurrent use of a wheelchair, Lisa has maintained a fulfilling and positive life. She has achieved successful careers as an administrative law judge, a policy advisor for the Michigan senate and governor, a Bioethics law professor, and an advocate for people with disabilities and for improving end-of -life care. In pursuit of encouraging others, Lisa has written four books that describe her Italian-American upbringing and how Coraggio-courage-is the key to positively overcoming adversity.

For more information call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088 or email Erika at clintoncountyrtl@gmail.com



Congratulations to newly baptized Conner Lyle Sorrell and Morgan Elizabeth

Sorrell

Son and daughter of Tyler and Tanya (Mauchmar) Sorrell

June 9, 2024

## THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from June 16 to 22, 2024 in memory of

Míke Norrís



## St. Joseph Catholic School St Johns, MI Teaching Position

St. Joseph Catholic School in St. Johns, MI is accepting applications for a full time Kindergarten teaching position. Candidates must hold a valid teaching certificate with Elementary Education endorsement an (Reading and Language Arts preferred) for the 2024-2025 school year. The candidate will also Protecting attending God's be 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 the 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

Interested candidates should send a cover letter of application, resume' and credentials to: Chris Wells, Principal, to

principal@stjoecatholicschool.org, or send to the following address:

St. Joseph Catholic School, 201 E Cass Street, St. Johns MI 48879

JUNE 16, 2024

Liturgical Minsters			
June 22/23			
Altar Servers:	5:00 p.m.	Volunteers	
		Volunteers	
	8:00 a.m.	Volunteers	
		Volunteers	
	10:00 a.m.	Quinn D.	
		Bryson S.	
	12:00 p.m.	Lyndie R.	
		Mason W.	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:			
	5:00 p.m.	Group 2	
	8:00 a.m.	Group 2	
	10:00 a.m.	Group 2	
	12:00 p.m.	Group 2	
Lectors:	5:00 p.m.	Sheila B.	
	8:00 a.m.	Rich H.	
	10:00 a.m.	Steve M.	
	12:00 p.m.	Dawn L.	
Ushers:	5:00 p.m.	Group 5A	
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8D	
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10A	
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A	
Collection Cou	<b>nters:</b> June 17	Group 4	
Sanctuary Cleaners: Laurie Hunt/Jodie George			

## **STEWARDSHIP**

#### For the weekend of June 9, 2024

Adults (313 gifts Including online giving):	\$21,113.46
Loose Cash:	\$591.01
Total:	\$21,704.47

#### **Other Gifts Received**

Education Trust Fund:	\$705.00
Building Fund:	\$786.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	•
Eucharistic Mission-Fr. Matthew Bonk	

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$19,310.41. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

#### JUNE 16, 2024













## FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED





## DRAW NEAR EUCHARISTIC MISSIO













Thank you to everyone who helped make last week's parish mission a fruitful experience!

#### Sunday:

We truly receive Jesus - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in Holy Communion. Become what you receive!

#### Monday:

"As you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes." We should examine ourselves before receiving our Lord in the Eucharist: we are receiving God.

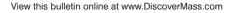
#### **Tuesday:**

Fr. Bonk told us the parable of the Farmer, who could only spare two grains of wheat for the King. In return, the Farmer was given two gold coins, which made an enormous difference in his life. Jesus asks us to give Him all that we have, and in exchange He gives us all that He is. Draw near to Him, and trust that He is never outdone in generosity.

Thank you, Lord, for this opportunity to grow in our love of You together with our parish family.







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## Lansing and need the Anointing of the Sick?

When you or your loved one is ill, receiving the Sacrament of the Sick is important. When in a Lansing area hospital, please let your attending nurse know you would like the

Anointing of the Sick. They will contact the chaplain who will, in turn, contact a local priest who is "on call" to come and give you the sacrament. This is the quickest way for you or your loved one to receive the sacrament, if they didn't already receive it before going into the hospital.



## **Questions of Discernment**

Discernment is when we try to figure out God's will when we have to make decisions in our life. Those can be big decisions like vocations to marriage, holy orders, or consecrated life. It can be career decisions, who to approach people with whom we agree, how to decide between two good things when we cannot do both. Discernment separates what is important or true from things that are not important or true.

What does God want? What do I really want (be honest with yourself)?

Am I concerned with the truth of what is (what God created)? Or am I worried about how things appear?

When I listen to people for advice in making decisions, are these people who are prayerful and thoughtful: capable of independent reflection and prayer? Or are they people who generally agree with me? Are they speaking God's word, the Devil's, or their own? Are they simply repeating what they hear in the media or read online?

Of the options available to me, which will help me get to heaven?

Who benefits by the choices before me? Does God benefit? Or does the Devil benefit? Does a choice benefit me, and only me?

#### A Couple Final Thoughts

We have our gift of reason; we should rely on that in discernment.

A big part of discernment is that, when we are doing the will of God, no matter how stressful, chaotic, or painful the situation, there is a sense of peace. When there is time, make the decision and live with it for a while before acting; if a sense of peace doesn't settle in, keep discerning.

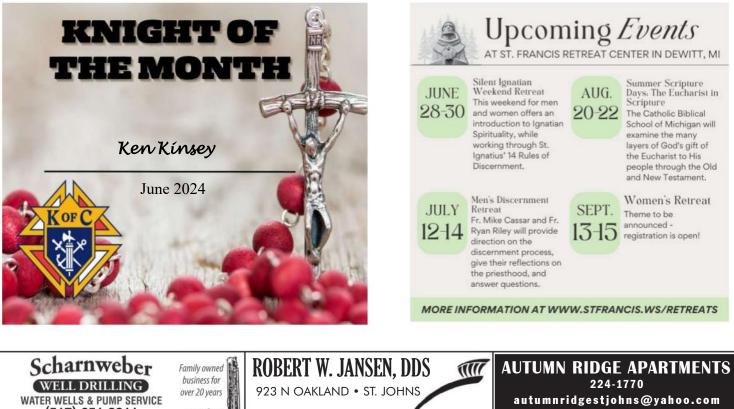
If you are struggling to discern a decision, feel free to contact us clergy (through the parish office) to set up an appointment.

~from Deacon Jerry's June 9, 2024 homily



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