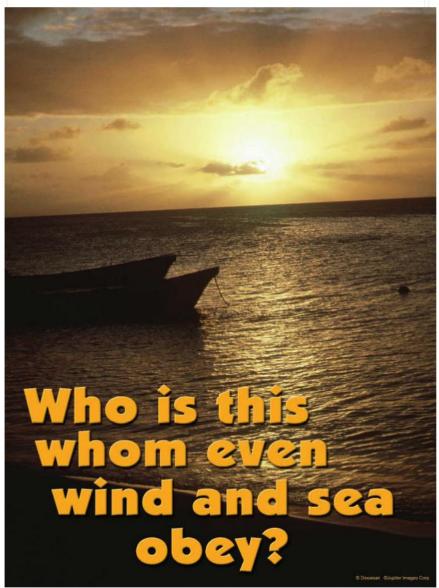
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

109 Linden Street Saint Johns, Michigan 48879-1837 (989) 224-8994 Fax: (989) 224-3475



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 23, 2024



THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • June 24 Isaiah 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Luke 1:57-66, 80 No Mass

Tuesday • June 25 2 Kings 19:9B-11, 14-21, 31-35A, 36/Matthew 7:6, 12-14 7:00 p.m. Mass *†Carol Burns* By: Diane Burns and family

Wednesday • June 26 2 Kings 22:8-13, 23:1-3/Matthew 7:15-20 12:05 p.m. Mass *†Bob Shannon*

Thursday • June 27 2 Kings 24:8-17/Matthew 7:21-29 8:30 a.m. Mass *†Andrea and †Carol Randall* By: Brian and Debbie Szpont

Friday • June 28 2 Kings 25:1-12/Matthew 8:1-4 8:30 a.m. Mass *†Lucille Faye Salisbury*

By: Brian and Debbie Szpont

Saturday • June 29 Acts 3:1-10/Galatians 1:11-20/John 21:15-19 5:00 p.m. Mass *†Joseph W. and †Anna Thelen, †Casper and †Vera Cook* By: Family

Sunday • June 30 Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43 **†Don Randolph** 8:00 a.m. Bv: Joe and Helen Kus 10:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. *†Howard Blasen* By: Jerry and Colleen Smith

6:00 p.m.

Mass in Spanish



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from June 23 to 29, 2024 in memory of Louie and Virgina Eisler

The Divine Mercy Chaplet June 29, 2024 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass



The Divine Mercy Chaplet is an intercessory prayer that asks the Lord to send His mercy upon us and upon everyone living in the world. It is prayed using the rosary and takes ten minutes to pray. The chaplet is traditionally said during the hour of mercy, the 3:00 pm hour. According to the Diary of St. Faustina, Jesus promised that all who recite this chaplet at the hour of death or in the

presence of the dying will receive great mercy. The Vatican has approved Jesus' promises to St. Faustina regarding the Chaplet, Divine Mercy Sunday & the Divine Mercy picture. You may want to research the many promises of mercy that Jesus made to St. Faustina. The chaplet is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist so it is especially appropriate to pray it after receiving the Eucharist at Mass.

Please join the Path of Divine Mercy Grief Ministry after the last Saturday Mass each month when the Divine Mercy Chaplet is said for the parishioners who died during the month. This month it will be prayed after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on June 29.

Marcia Goerge Please pray for Brenda Higgins our parishioners **David Higgins** and their families, Korine Alissa McKeown Sawyer Ballinger

Myah Jenny Pytlowanyj Frank Rademacher Deacon Marv & 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

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

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: only immediate family members may add names to the bulletin.

THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

especially:

Adam

Lisa Clarizio

Sherri Couch

Friend

Cindy Fontus

WE ARE ALL Evangelizers

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

All We Want is Basic Human Dignity

If we think of the term "basic human dignity," our answers are quite likely to be similar. But a Catholic definition is different than a generic definition, or a medical definition. As a matter of fact, I could probably fill up this space with definitions of human dignity from a variety of angles. But it wouldn't change the minds of those who have their own personal definitions.

Catholic bishops in the United States tackled this issue in "Life and Dignity of the Human Person:" *The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Pope Francis tackled the topic in a 2020 book,* saying:*

> "The dignity of others is to be respected in all circumstances, "not because that dignity is something we have invented or imagined, but because human beings

possess an intrinsic worth superior to that of material objects and contingent situations.

Later on he writes:

"human beings have the same inviolable dignity in every age of history and no one can consider himself or herself authorized by particular situations to deny this conviction or to act against it." (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship)

I saw two films recently that dealt with the Nazis' total disregard for human dignity in their WWII persecution of the Jews in Europe, which falls under the banner of the Holocaust. I would hope that all who read this see the Holocaust as a gross disrespect for human dignity. The movies were quite different in eras and intent -- one was set in 1943 Denmark and the other 1991 Poland. One was the story of saving Jewish lives by helping them escape to neutral Sweden and the other was a woman's search to learn about her family's roots amid WWII events in Poland. Each in its own way, met the Church's standard for respecting human dignity.

There have been many books written and movies made about how many non-Jews hid Jewish families to protect them from the Nazis and/ or helped them escape -- risking their lives in doing so. But until watching "Miracle at Midnight," a 1998-made- for-TV movie, I had never heard of the great escape of 7200 Jews from Denmark to Sweden via fishing boats. Only 500 Jews failed to make it out of Copenhagen, and of that group, 250 survived. The newly-released "Treasure" is harder to summarize, but in chilling scenes of the Auschwitz concentration camp we are reminded of what happens when society fails to stand up to evil and lets it trample human dignity.

All human dignity issues are not as cut and dried as the Holocaust. Such is the situation and upcoming debate in the Michigan legislature on assisted suicide. It will show some of us on opposing sides of this issue. Through this debate, remember the Church's stand defined by Catholic bishops and Pope Francis earlier in this piece.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

We want to thank Deacon Marv Robertson for answering God's call to the Permanent Diaconate. He has served St. Joseph Parish for 33 years since his Ordination on June 30, 1991



On behalf of the Baby Pantry, I thank the St. Joseph parishioners for their generosity in donating so many needed and varied baby products. A special thanks to Ann Gifford and Theresa Owen for heading this project, and most of all, for transporting this truckload of wonderful products to benefit the babies we serve. *Kathy Smith*

JUNE 23, 2024



Parish Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to noon 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday Closed



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 an Elementary Education endorsement (Reading and Language Arts preferred) for the 2024-2025 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 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 website School, please visit our 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

	Liturgical Minsters					
	June 29/30					
	Altar Servers:	5:00	0 p.m.	Joslynn R.		
				Sophia R.		
		8:0	0 a.m.	Volunteer		
				Volunteer		
		10:00	0 a.m.	Caroline V.		
				Gracie H.		
		12:00) p.m.	DeClan T.		
				Tanner K.		
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		10:0	00 a.m.	Group 3		
		12:0	00 p.m.	Group 3		
;-	Lectors:	5:0	00 p.m.	Lisa W.		
n n		8:00 a.m.		Bob P.		
t		10:00 a.m.		Tori S.		
n		12:0	00 p.m.	Mary Beth E.		
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-	Ushers:	5:00 p.m.		Group 5B		
-		8:00 a.m.		Group 8E		
-		10:00 a.m.		Group 10B		
		12:0	00 p.m.	Group 12A		
-	Collection Cour	nters:	June 24	Group 1		
e	Sanctuary Clean	ers:	Pam Ervin,	/Karen Feldpausch		

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of June 16, 2024

Adults (259 gifts Including online giving):\$12,706.42	
Loose Cash:\$817.00	
Total:\$13.523.42	

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$115.00
Building Fund:	\$175.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$181.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$19,196.94. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

Helping You Find

Peace, Power, and Passion After Your Divorce

Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing, Developed and hosted by Rose Sweet, Surviving Divorce features experts Dr. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D., Fr. Donald Calloway,. M.I.C., Fr. Steve Porter, S.T.L., Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., and Christopher West. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. They courageously share their stories with heart, humor, and wisdom. As they witness their pain and the healing power of Christ in their lives, participants will laugh, cry, and identify with their journeys from heartache to healing.

Surviving Divorce with help you:

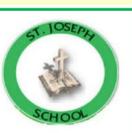
- Work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce.
- Find personal healing and hope.
- Discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you.
- Gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences.
- Navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances.

Every Monday starting September 9, 2024 to December 9, 2024 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. St. Mary, Westphalia Library **To register:** <u>https://goo.gl/forms/kITjVnkMxEv0mtAI3</u> Or contact Vicki at St. Mary Parish 989-587-4211 For more information:

Contact Geri Pennell @ 989-587-4106 or Jane Schmitt @ 989-587-3537



Do you have questions about St. Joseph Catholic School or are interested in registering this 2024/25 school year?



Please contact Chris wells at princpal@stjoecatholicschool.org.

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH

"When I found Him Whom my heart loves.... I would not let Him go!" Sg 3:4 Recognizing and persevering in God's will: a discernment retreat with the Cloistered Dominican Nuns of the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament July 20-21, 2024

For single, Catholic women aged 18-35

For more information and to register, please contact Vocation Directress Cloistered Dominican Nuns Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament 29575 Middle belt Rd Farmington Hills MI 48334 dnfvocations@gmail.com (248) 626-8321 Or Visit our website or facebook page: Opnuns-fh.org



The Prayer Tree is an organized group of individuals who pray for our parish family. Prayer requests are confidential and are not shared with anyone outside of the prayer tree members. Parishioners can add their prayer requests for themselves, family members, or friends by contacting the Parish Office at 989-224-8994. The prayer request will be passed on to the prayer tree participants within one business day.

The prayer list published in the bulletin is not the same as the Prayer Tree. To add an immediate family member to the bulletin prayer list call the office 989-224-8994.

What is Trinity House?

Trinity House is a method of creating and deepening a Catholic environment in our homes. It is best suited for families with children, but everyone can use their tips and methods at home. The best part? It's free! Here's how it works:

Go to https://trinityhousecommunity.org

- Click on the first menu (Dream of heaven in Your Home)
- Click "Learn about the Trinity House Way" button in the menu that unfolds
- Click "Access Free Workshop"
- Fill out the brief form
- Watch the four (15 minute) videos to have a better understanding of the program.

Start forming your house into a Trinity Centered Home.



Sick or homebound

Please keep in touch! Let us know your temporary address or your situation/ plans. Would you like to receive homebound Communion after surgery? Are you hospitalized? We're here for you and want to minister to your needs, offer prayers, like to know how you're doing, etc. Just call the office with an update, and we'll connect to our Homebound Communion Team and/or add you to our prayer intentions, send mail to a different address., etc.

Diocese of Lansing Employment Opportunities

Are you interested in serving the Church in the Diocese of Lansing? We are currently accepting resumes for an Accounting Manger, Facilities Manager and **two** Administrative Assistant positions. To learn more about these positions and to pally, please visit the Diocese of Lansing Careers Page.

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









FOR MEN AGES 16-25

This retreat is a chance for men to learn more about the discernment process and provides an opportunity to experience the camaraderie of other discerners. Daily Mass and the opportunity for Confession and Adoration will be offered.

Fr. Mike Cassar and Fr. Ryan Riley will give their reflections on the priesthood, lead Q & A sessions, and small group discussions.



REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.STFRANCIS.WS/DISCERNMENT

Suggested donation: \$200 includes private lodging, meals, materials

Scholarships are available - contact the Diocese of Lansing Vocations office

FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

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Why is it so important to register in a parish?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times young adults who have moved away for years or are still living with their parents think they are still signed up under their parent's registration. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of your parish. We encourage and invite all adult members of our faith community (18 years or older) to register. Registration shows you belong. Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptisms, weddings, and when asked to be a Godparent for Baptism or sponsor for Confirmation. To register in our parish either stop by the Parish Office or go on our website www.stjoecatholic.com and find our registration form on "Forms". You can either drop off your form in the collection basket at Mass, drop off in the Parish office or email to: stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com



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