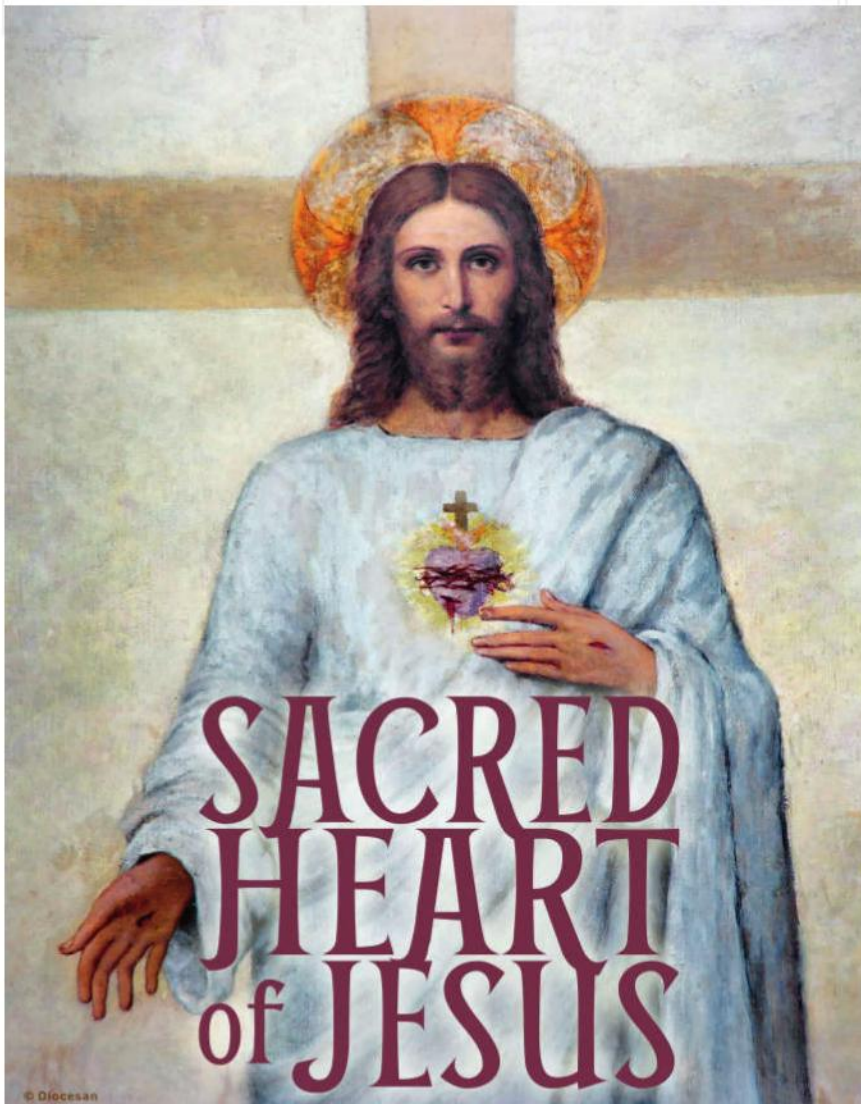


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Confirmation • Jen Nelson  
Christian Initiation of Adults • Amanda Grigar

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

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### 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



## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

**Monday • June 10**

*1 Kings 17:1-6/Matthew 5:1-12*

**No Mass**

**Tuesday • June 11**

*Acts 11:21B-26; 13:1-3/Matthew 5:13-16*

**7:00 p.m. No Mass**

**Wednesday • June 12**

*1 Kings 18:20-39/Matthew 5:17-19*

**12:05 p.m. No Mass**

**Thursday • June 13**

*1 Kings 18:41-46/Matthew 5:20-26*

**8:30 a.m. No Mass**

**Friday • June 14**

*1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16/Matthew 5:27-32*

**8:30 a.m. No Mass**

**Saturday • June 15**

*1 Kings 19:19-21/Matthew 5:33-37*

**5:00 p.m. Mass For the People of the Parish**

**Sunday • June 16**

*Ezekiel 17:22-24/2 Corinthians 5:6-10/Mark 4:26-34*

**8:00 a.m.** †Paul Geller, †John Geller, and †David Geller

*By: Roy and Janet Pline and Family*

**10:00 a.m.** †Sandy Bauer

*By: Knights of Columbus*

**12:00 p.m.** †Bernard and †Joan Jorae

*By: Jerry and Colleen Smith*

**6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish**

## Please Note

There will be no Masses or Confessions Monday June 10 -Friday June 14.

### SUMMER Parish Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday**

**9:00 a.m. to noon**

**1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

**Friday Closed**

### Eucharistic Adoration

“It is impossible to identify the Holy Eucharist too closely with Jesus Christ...the Holy Eucharist is the whole Christ with His human heart. According to St. Margaret Mary, the Sacred Heart *is* the Holy Eucharist. So, it follows that devotion to the Sacred Heart is devotion to the Holy Eucharist. It is infinite Love Incarnate living in our midst in the Blessed Sacrament.

~Fr. John A Harden, SJ (1914-2000), “[The Sacred Heart is the Holy Eucharist](#)” (emphasis added)

Friday was the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, but in the Church calendar, the entire month of June is dedicated to Jesus’

Sacred Heart. Consider spending some time this month adoring and consoling His Sacred Heart by spending time with Jesus really and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.



### KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:**

Adam  
Sawyer Ballinger  
Lisa Clarizio  
Sherri Couch  
Friend  
Cindy Fontus

Marcia Goerge  
Brenda Higgins  
David Higgins  
Korine  
Alissa Mckeown  
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

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 Stjosephchurchst-johns@gmail.com

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



**WE ARE ALL  
EVANGELIZERS**

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

**In This Corner...**

BOXING RING ANNOUNCER: “In the near corner, in the blue trunks and weighing in at 158 pounds, let’s hear it for Mitch ‘The Town Crier’ Albom from DEEE-TROIT, MICHIGAN.

And in the far corner, in the red trunks and weighing in at 155-and-a-quarter pounds (154 without his beard), let’s hear it for the man with many names, Simon, Peter, Cephas the Rock from CAPERRR-NAUM, GALILEE.”

ANNOUNCER: “At the bell, fighters, come out swinging.” The bell rings.

ALBOM: “Many believe Ex Prez’s felony conviction last week will further divide the country. I’m not so sure. It seems that with each passing day, we are actually being united -- in fear, revulsion and hate.”

ANCR: “Oooh, Albom starts out with a stiff right uppercut.”

PETER: “Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins.”

ANCR: Peter responds quickly with a left cross to Mitch’s supposedly glass jaw.

ALBOM: “When has the nation been more aligned on such qualities? Rarely in history have we all so felt the same way — on opposite sides. It’s hard to find anyone neutral. Hard to find anyone who doesn’t cluck a tongue at the opposition, or utter the sentence, “If \_\_\_\_\_ gets elected again, I’ll puke.”

ANCR: “Oooo, Albom attacks again with a left and a right to Peter’s midsection.”

PETER: “Be hospitable to one another without complaining. As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

ANCR: “Peter dances around a bit, looking for the right opening. It looks like he’s trying to kill his opponent with kindness.”

ALBOM: “We are divided. But we are united, too. United by our intolerance of each other. In that case, it’s not our differences that pose the greatest danger. It’s what we have in common”.

ANCR: “Albom throws a few harmless jabs. Peter denies them three times.”

PETER: “Whoever preaches, let it be

with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

ANCR: “Peter sees an opening and, seemingly drawing on a higher power, rocks his adversary with a powerful right cross -- staggering him as the closing bell rings.

If only it were so easy to send hate staggering. But in order for us to counter hate going forward we must follow Peter’s lead. We can’t overcome hate with hate, which is Albom’s contention, but in peace and love. Stand firm against hate my friends and pray for our country.

*(Albom’s quotes are from his June 2nd column in the Detroit Free Press entitled: “Trump Verdict Solidifies One Thing...” Peter’s quotes are from 1Peter 4:7-11.)*

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



Fr. Mike is celebrating the **29th anniversary** of receiving the grace of Holy Orders on June 10, 1995. We thank him for saying “yes” to God’s call to his vocation! May he continue to be filled with every blessing as our Pastor.

*Our Lady of Fatima*

**R • O • S • A • R • Y**

Thursday, June 13, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

*the front steps of our church*

To commemorate our Lady’s visit to the children of Fatima, please join us as we pray one decade of the Rosary and focus on prayer  
*to reunite our nation.*





The Sanctuary Lamp  
will burn from  
June 9 to 15, 2024  
in memory of

*Frank, Maxine and Janet  
Sipkovsky*



**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 posses 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](http://www.school.stjoecatholic.com)

Interested candidates should send a cover letter of application, resume’ and credentials to: Chris Wells, Principal, to [principal@stjoecatholic.org](mailto:principal@stjoecatholic.org), or send to the following address:

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

**Liturgical Minsters**

**June 15/16**

<b>Altar Servers:</b>	5:00 p.m.	Volunteers
		Volunteers
	8:00 a.m.	Volunteers
		Volunteers
	10:00 a.m.	Caroline V. Gracie H.
	12:00 p.m.	Declan T. Tanner K.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

5:00 p.m.	Group 1
8:00 a.m.	Group 1
10:00 a.m.	Group 1
12:00 p.m.	Group 1

<b>Lectors:</b>	5:00 p.m.	Beth S.
	8:00 a.m.	Lu Anne C.
	10:00 a.m.	Karen D.
	12:00 p.m.	Debbie T.

<b>Ushers:</b>	5:00 p.m.	Group 5C
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8C
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10D
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A

**Collection Counters:** June 10    Group 3

**Sanctuary Cleaners:** Mary Beth Elstro/Debbie Szpont

**STEWARDSHIP**

**For the weekend of June 2, 2024**

Adults (300 gifts Including online giving): .....\$18,040.25  
Loose Cash:.....\$841.00  
Total: .....\$18,881.25

**Other Gifts Received**

Education Trust Fund: .....\$234.00  
Building Fund: .....\$286.00  
Tuition Scholarship Fund: .....\$43.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$19,261.55. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

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**2024 Annual Benefit Event**  
**June 18, 2024**  
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*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.

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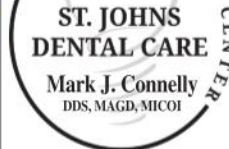
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