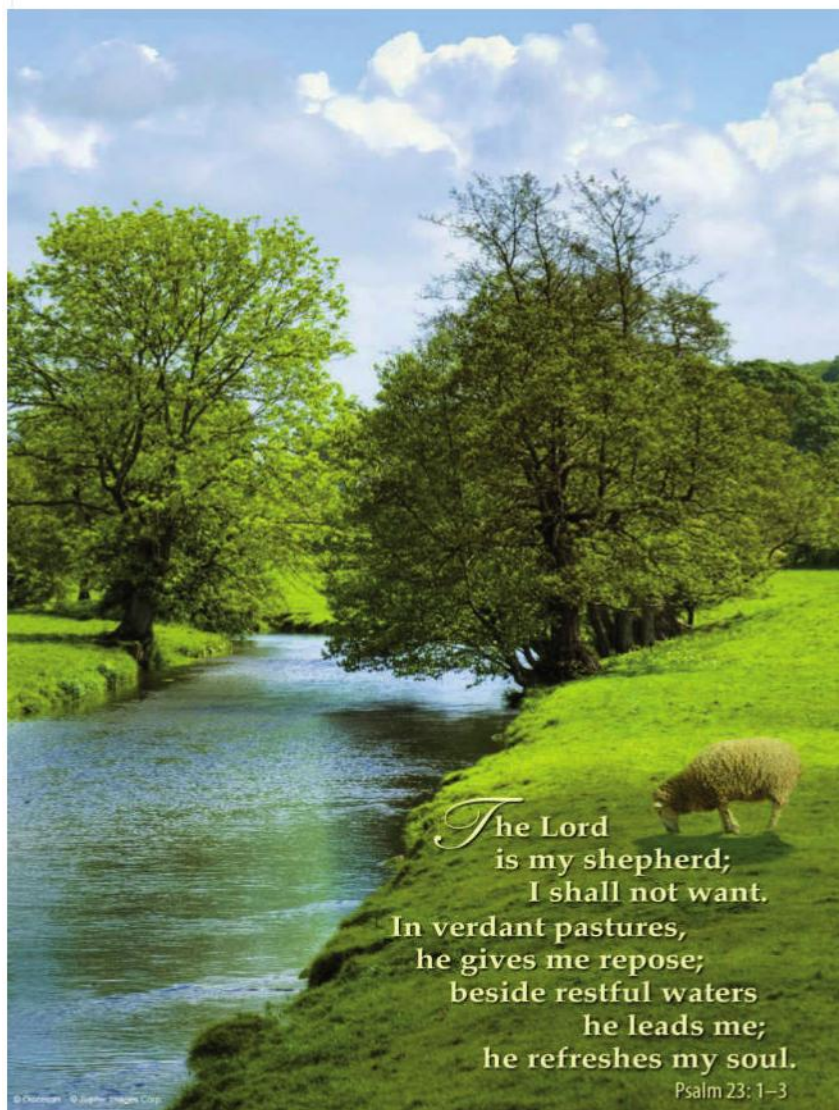


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Regular Mass Schedule

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

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • July 22

Song of Solomon 3:1-4B/John 20:1-2, 11-18
No Mass

Tuesday • July 23

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/Matthew 12:46-50
7:00 p.m. Mass *Living and deceased members of the Orson and Smith families*
 By: Kathy Orson

Wednesday • July 24

Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10/Matthew 13:1-9
12:05 p.m. Mass †Cheryl Rogers
 By: Brian and Deb Szpont

Thursday • July 25

2 Corinthians 4:7-15/Matthew 20:20-28
8:30 p.m. Mass †Leon Nurenberg, †Clarence and †Joan Mikolajczak
 By: Family

Friday • July 26

Jeremiah 3:14-17/Matthew 13:18-23
No Mass

Saturday • July 27

Jeremiah 7:1-11/Matthew 13:24-30
5:00 p.m. Mass †Roger Dershem
 By: Family

Sunday • July 28

2 Kings 4:42-44/Ephesians 4:1-6/John 6:1-15
8:00 a.m. †Celester and †Bernida Fedewa and Family
 By: Ken and Mary Jane Fedewa

10:00 a.m. *The People of the Parish*

12:00 p.m. †Shirley Stump
 By: Brad and Andrea Rehmann

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

Please note:
There will be no morning Mass
Friday July 26, 2024



The Sanctuary Lamp
 will burn from
 July 21 to July 27, 2024
 in memory of
Cory Linzey



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 July 27.**

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

<p>Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:</p> <p>Adam Sawyer Ballinger Lisa Clarizio Sherri Couch Friend Cindy Fontus</p>	<p>Marcia Goerge Brenda Higgins David Higgins Korine Alissa McKeown Myah Jenny Pytlowanyj Frank Rademacher Deacon Marv & Tita Joan Schrauben</p>	<p>Michael VanElls Jeff Wadell Jerry Brad Walker Millie Wassa Fr. Don Wieber Bill Darnell Susan Darnell</p>	<p>Please pray for our parishioners in the service, especially:</p> <p>William Hess Jake Hoskins Jacob Longoria Eric Martin Jessica Mitchell Colby Munger</p>	<p>Adam Novak Alex Rojas David Seperic Noel Smith II Joshua Szpont Jordan Van Amburg Jacob Wells</p> <p>To add or remove a name from the bulletin prayer list,</p>	<p>please call the parish office: 989-224-8994 or email Stjosephchurchst-johns@gmail.com</p> <p>*Please note: only immediate family members may add names to the bulletin.</p>
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**WE ARE ALL
EVANGELIZERS**

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

The Paradox of Freedom

I'm about to be drawn into some dangerous waters, with the very real possibility of being a victim of a strong undertow. Normally, I am very wary of such waters, being one who tends to play it safe rather than to challenge danger. I'm heading to a place that I probably don't belong, but for some reason can't resist.

This column's topic involves 20th century Catholic writer and philosopher G. K. Chesterton, but it is not specifically about him. When I've referenced Chesterton here previously, it has usually been when a quote of his has turned up on my flip calendar, not because I have read and absorbed any of his writings. Chesterton's philosophy of life, in general, is that life is a story (ours), and thus has a storyteller (God). His work generated a great following, some of which is captured by the two academics noted in the next paragraph.

What has drawn me to this point is the foreword to a book. Not the book

and its content per se, but the foreword. In this case the foreword is written by Dale Ahlquist, the head of an international group known as the "The Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton". In noting Chesterton's great ability to grasp the meaning of life, Ahlquist summarizes the work of author Brady Stiller in his Chesterton retrospective "Your Life is a Story:"

Chesterton put everything together. By studying both biology and theology, Brady (Stiller) was also putting everything together. Biology is the study of life. It's Slippery. Theology is the logic of God. It's dry. But you can't afford to get either of them wrong. To get life wrong could mean death. To get God wrong, could mean damnation. But for the past century or so...science and religion have kept to their own departments.

The closing statement there reflects the centuries old debate between science and religion, or as scholars such as St. Thomas Aquinas framed it -- between faith and reason. Aquinas and others argued persuasively that faith and reason are compatible -- that truth doesn't necessarily have to be one or the other. For example,

we can say that God created the universe and that the universe came about after "The Big Bang" and each can be true -- as long as we understand that it was God who initiated the "bang."

But actually, the part of Stiller's quote I propose for some summer perusal is that we can't afford to get biology and theology wrong because: To get life wrong could mean death. To get God wrong could mean damnation. We are pitting our relatively short earthly life against eternal life. Whatever philosophy of life with which we most closely align ourselves we need to "get God right." We need to have him first in our life.

Stiller tells us that for Chesterton, the most properly constituted form of freedom is to purposely order life according to God's objective order. In other words, the paradox of freedom is that properly-ordered freedom is limited by the parameters of Christianity's desire to follow God's plan -- free within boundaries, a paradox indeed!

Deacon Eric
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**Congratulations to our newly baptized
on
July 14, 2024**

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He is the son of Austin Loynes and
Kendall (Smith) Loynes

Samuel David Bierstetel

He is the son of Nicklaus Bierstetel and
Katie (Witgen) Bierstetel

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and need the
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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.

Ave Maria Radio gives Thanks

A note of thanks to St. Joseph’s parish family. I really enjoyed getting to spend this past weekend with you. I want to thank all of you who pledged your financial support to Ave Maria Radio for the new Catholic Radio Station for your area.

We were overwhelmed by the enthusiastic response given by the people of your parish. During the weekend presentations, 216 individuals and families filled out pledge cards totaling \$26,565. When you add the \$7,500 matching gift, the total gift from your parish comes to an incredibly generous \$34,065! This goes a long way in helping us to achieve our goal of \$375,000 to cover the costs associated with the startup of the new radio station. Thank you, again, for your prayers and support. We are looking forward to the launch of our new Catholic Radio Station in September or October of this year.

God Bless,
 Dave Vacheresse, VP & GM
 Ave Maria Radio



Liturgical Minsters
 July 27/28

Altar Servers:	5:00 p.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	8:00 a.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	10:00 a.m.	Volunteer
		Bryson S.
	12:00 p.m.	Tanner K.
		Declan T.

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

Lectors:	5:00 p.m.	Sheila B.
	8:00 a.m.	Kathleen W.
	10:00 a.m.	Renae S.
	12:00 p.m.	Dawn L.

Ushers:	5:00 p.m.	Group 5B
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8D
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10B
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A

Collection Counters: July 22 Group 1

Sanctuary Cleaners: Jane Randolph/Veronica Rozen

Helping Neighbors in Need

Four Wheels at a Time



St. Vincent DePaul Society (Diocese Lansing) is expanding its Car Ministry to include donated vehicles! In the first two years of this ministry, we have assisted 37 Neighbors into automobiles. This form of transportation affords them access to the workplace, grocery store, medical care, school and much more. This effort has gone a long way to helping those neighbors out of the Systemic Poverty that lack of mobility can perpetuate.

We want to do more & We need your help!



When a NIN (Neighbor In Need) is identified, a home visit by two Vincentians is made to discuss their vehicle challenges as well as verify that they will be able to afford insurance, gas and the upkeep that comes with owning a car. Additionally, a payment of \$1,000 is required from the NIN to cover the cost of the safety inspection and repair of the donated vehicle.

We have many NIN looking for a vehicle. If you can help, please call us at **517 484.5395 ext. 102**. Please leave a message and one of our Vincentians will get back to you and explain how easy it is to donate a vehicle.

Upon donating a car, appropriate tax documents will be provided.

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For the weekend of July 14, 2024

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 Total: \$14,672.22

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Education Trust Fund: \$177.00
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The fair will be held on
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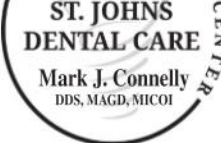
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