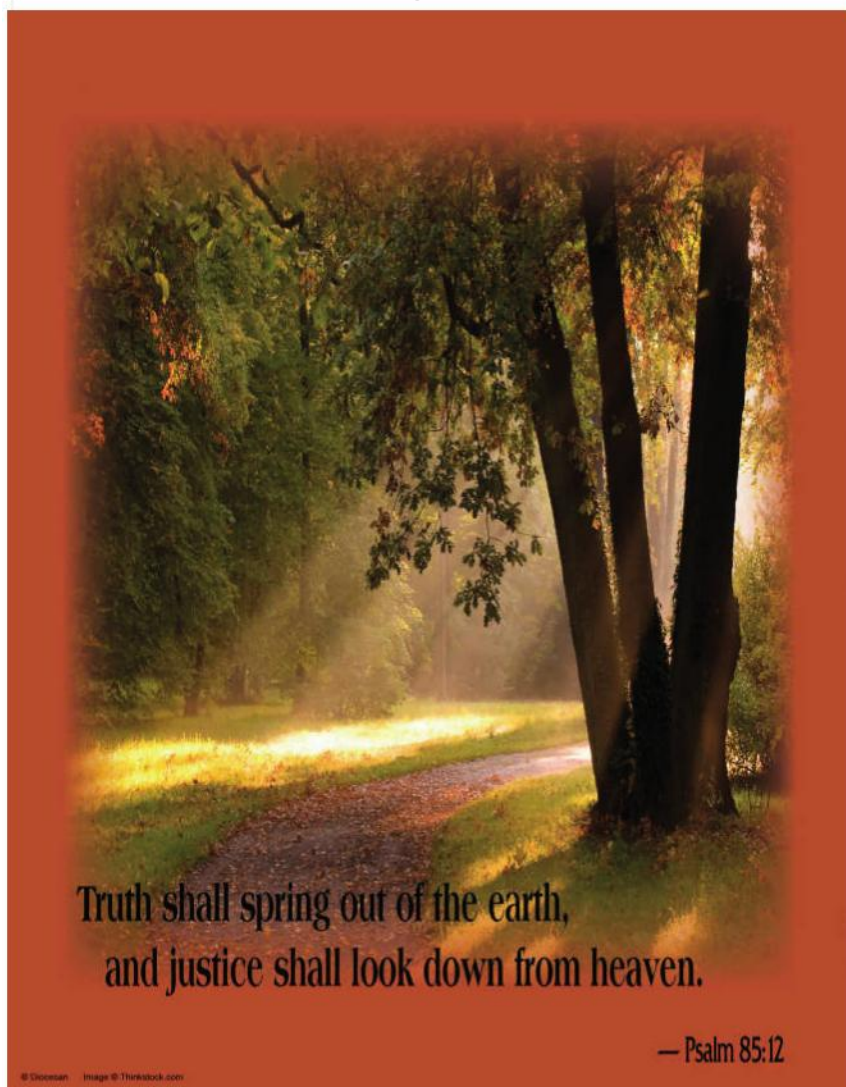


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Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

— Psalm 85:12

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Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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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 15

Isaiah 1:10-17/Matthew 10:34-11:1

No Mass

Tuesday • July 16

Isaiah 7:1-9/Matthew 11:20-24

No Mass

Wednesday • July 17

Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16/Matthew 11:25-27

No Mass

Thursday • July 18

Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Matthew 11:28-30

No Mass

Friday • July 19

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Matthew 12:1-8

No Mass

Saturday • July 20

Micah 2:1-5/Matthew 12:14-21

5:00 p.m. Mass †*Gary Ashby*

By: *Deacon Jerry and Alice Fust*

Sunday • July 21

Jeremiah 23:1-6/Ephesians 2:13-18/Mark 6:30-34

8:00 a.m. *The People of the Parish*

10:00 a.m. †*Larry Karber*

By: *Dean and Carol Karber*

12:00 p.m. †*Daniel Blair*

By: *Mr and Mrs Warren Marazita*

6:00 p.m. †*Karl Hufnagel*

By: *Eric, Monica and Camila*

Please note:

There will be **no Masses or Confessions** Monday July 15 through Friday July 19.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from July 14 to July 20, 2024 in memory of

Herb, Marian and Roy Armbrustmacher

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary will not be holding a meeting this month. We wish everyone a blessed, peaceful and restful summer. We look forward to seeing many new faces at the **next meeting on August 12, 2024.**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"No time is ever lost by prayer, for those who pray are workers together with God"

~*St. Isidore*

Taking time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament requires us to set aside time for God, time to offer the praise and worship that is due to Him. It is good to remember that the time we have is itself a gift from God.



Interested in making a regular Holy Hour on First Friday/Saturday or in being a sub? House in need: First Friday 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.. Saturday at 1:00 a.m. Call or text 989-292-2072.

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 Pytlowanj
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,

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***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)

Shaking off the dust

Last Sunday, we saw Jesus leaving his hometown of Nazareth after his teachings were rejected by those whom one might assume would be his biggest “fans.” The last line of last week’s gospel stated that Jesus “was amazed at their lack of faith.” In essence, he was dusting off his sandals in defiance of those of would not accept his teachings. And not surprisingly, that’s exactly what he tells his disciples to do in today’s gospel if they are rejected by those who would not accept their teachings. Just “dust off your sandals in testimony against them,” Jesus said.

But unlike last week, when the focus was on the rejection of “the Word,” today the rejection is a matter of time management. Jesus was telling his disciples that there were many people who would listen to their preaching of the gospel, so instead of trying to force people to listen when they were determined not to was a poor use of time. In essence, Jesus was telling them to keep

moving. Our gospel ended on a positive note as the disciples came back invigorated, having returned after driving out many demons, as well as anointing and, in God’s name, curing many who were sick.

The gospel message over the past two weeks is pretty loud and clear for us -- we must all persist in our evangelization efforts. Sometimes we will run into brick walls as Jesus did in his hometown and we will be frustrated as well as disappointed at people’s lack of faith. Sometimes we will run into opposition as the disciples did, but we need to figuratively kick off the dust from our sandals and move on. Eventually, as the disciples found out, there will be successes. The episode in the TV series “The Chosen” did a wonderful job in showing how each successful encounter for the apostles overcame many dead-ends.

This doesn’t mean we all need to knock on all our neighbors’ doors as the apostles did, but it does mean we have to live our Catholicism with joy and vitality and to be ready for any opportunity to share our beliefs. In the words of St. Peter (1Pt 3:15): “Always be

ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.” In order to do that we have to know our faith. Studies have found that the biggest obstacle Catholics have in evangelizing is knowing our faith well enough to defend it to a Protestant.

One way to learn is to better understand the bible. To do that one can listen to Fr. Michael Schmitz’s podcast “The Bible in a Year.” Another way is to take the Catholic Biblical School’s 4-year in depth study of Scripture. Several parishioners have already taken it and a new class will begin at Most Holy Trinity in Fowler this fall (more on that at a later date). Or attend parish-hosted events as we had last spring - a presentation by a Catholic historian, a night where the St. Joe clergy answered questions of faith from parishioners, and of course our three-day mission on the Eucharist. Information on how parishioners can help determine what adult faith opportunities we present is also coming soon.) Let’s learn and live our faith better.

Deacon Eric
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St Joseph, patron of craftsmen, through your intercession may the Holy Spirit guide all who provide for and work on our school windows project. May God provide the grace, safety, expertise, and supplies needed to transform our classrooms into comfortable places for our students to learn.

Amen.

“To have the strength and courage of Kateri especially in times of rejection, mistreatment, and discrimination, and other signs of un-love. Help us to love like Jesus did.”

~St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Feast day July 14





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 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@stjoecatholicsschool.org, or send to the following address:

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



<i>Liturgical Minsters</i> July 20/22		
<i>Altar Servers:</i>	5:00 p.m.	Ignacio O. Volunteer
	8:00 a.m.	Volunteer
	10:00 a.m.	Elijah S. Anna H.
	12:00 p.m.	Averie D. Mason W.
<i>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</i>		
	5:00 p.m.	Group 3
	8:00 a.m.	Group 3
	10:00 a.m.	Group 3
	12:00 p.m.	Group 3
<i>Lectors:</i>	5:00 p.m.	Beth S.
	8:00 a.m.	Lu Anne C.
	10:00 a.m.	Cassandra G.
	12:00 p.m.	Debbie T.
<i>Ushers:</i>	5:00 p.m.	Group 5A
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8C
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10A
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A
<i>Collection Counters:</i>	July 15	Group 4
<i>Sanctuary Cleaners:</i>	Christine Boak/Mary Jane Boak	

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For the weekend of July 7, 2024

Adults (331 gifts Including online giving): \$22,739.55
Loose Cash: \$597.00
Total: \$23,336.55

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$524.00
Building Fund: \$887.19
Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$61.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$23,336.55. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of June 30, 2024

Adults (344 gifts Including online giving): \$16,896.47
Loose Cash: \$447.15
Total: \$17,343.62

What to do with your old and unwanted Religious items

A sacramental is a sacred sign that bears resemblance to the sacraments. Sacramentals include religious articles such as scapulars, blessed holy cards, crucifixes, statues, Bibles, missals, Lectionaries, holy water and oils, liturgical vestments, and altar cloths. But what are you to do with them when they break, become tattered and worn out? You can't just discard them. They're almost like people, sacred. They need to be treated properly, even at the end.

The basic rule for the disposal of these items is to burn or to bury them. During the 1800s the Church issued several decisions concerning this issue. Here are a few examples: A chalice which becomes "unserviceable" is not to be sold but must be used for some other sacred purpose or melted. Vestments, altar cloths, and linens must be destroyed. Polluted or excess holy water must

be poured into the ground. Palms are to be burned, and the ashes then used for distribution on Ash Wednesday or returned to the ground. A broken rosary or religious statue normally would be buried. In all, the underlying idea is that when something has been dedicated to God should be returned to God. Never should one just "throw out" what has been blessed and dedicated to God.

With the exception of rosaries which can be placed on the rosary rack, please do not bring your unwanted items to the parish nor leave them in the back of the church. I understand the idea of leaving those things for someone else to pick up and use. However, that is not happening, and items just continue to pile up. After a while this becomes a problem because it makes the church look un-kept. If you don't have a fire pit to burn the items or have a yard in which to bury them, then ask a neighbor or relative if they can help you dispose of those items. This is precisely what we do with items that are left in the church.

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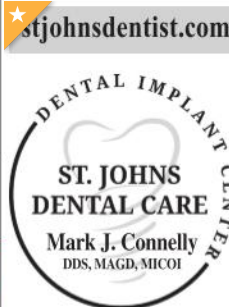
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