# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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> I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.



#### 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



#### THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • July 8 Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Matthew 9:18-26 No Mass

Tuesday • July 9 Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13/Matthew 9:32-38 No Mass

Wednesday • July 10 Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Matthew 10:1-7 No Mass

Thursday • July 11 Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9/Matthew 10:7-15 No Mass

Friday • July 12 Hosea 14:2-10/Matthew 10:16-23 No Mass

Saturday • July 13 Isaiah 6:1-8/Matthew 10:24-33 5:00 p.m. Mass In Honor of Bruce and Judy Cameron (50th anniversary) By: Family

Sunday 

July 14 Amos 7:12-15/Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mark 6:7-13 8:00 a.m. *†Monica Pung* By: Patrick Klein

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

12:00 p.m. *†Mark Rosner* By: Jerry and Colleen Smith

6:00 p.m. *†Luis and †Margarita Porras* By: Eric, Monica and Camila Hufnagel

Please note: There will be no Masses or Confessions Monday July 8 through Friday July 12.



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



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from July 7 to July 13, 2024 in memory of Judy Armbrustmacher

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

"When your hour (Holy Hour) is particularly difficult, rejoice all the more; your love will be greater for its suffering more. It is a privileged hour that will count for two." ~St. Peter Julian Eymard

Sometimes your Holy Hour may be full of apparent graces, sometimes it will be a struggle. God will use it all for



**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS** 

His glory. In fact, St. Peter Julian Eymard tells us that the difficult Holy Hours are the "privileged" ones.

Interested in making a regular Holy Hour, maybe a more difficult one in the early hours of the morning? Call or text 989-292-2072.

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: only 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)

#### Do You Think Jesus Was Humorous?

A priest, a minister and a rabbi walk into a bar. The bartender, who was washing glasses, stops, looks up and says "What is this A JOKE?" (Cue rim shot)

Maybe that brought a groan or a grin, but probably not a guffaw, but then again it's the type of joke that's not intended to bring outloud laughter, but rather a smile. Maybe it breaks a sour mood or helps "turn a frown upside down." Under any of those scenarios the simple joke has achieved its purpose.

Usually in July, when I'm out vacationing and not feeling all that insightful or theological, I just grab a couple jokes from one of the three books of Catholic jokes in my library and just pass them along. The opening joke was from one of those books. But this year is a little bit different in that this July slot comes right after Pope Francis invited comedians from all over the world to Rome for an audience with him.

The pope thanked the comics, in essence, just for being funny. Pope Francis thanked them for helping people laugh, giving them a release from the pressures of life. He even said it was okay for them to occasionally make a joke about God. Well-known American comedians like Jimmy Fallon, Stephen Colbert, Whoopi Goldberg, Julie Louse Dreyfuss and Chris Rock were among those attending.

Colbert, who hosts a late night talk show, told his audience the next week how honored he was to meet the pope, although he reminded them: "You know I have made jokes about the pope and Catholicism in the past, and now I am extremely happy that they never got translated into Italian."

Here we are, more than halfway through the column, and I haven't addressed the question I posed at the beginning. That's because I think 99.9 percent of those reading this believe that the answer is "Yes, of course, Jesus had a sense of humor." The remaining 0.1 percent are probably out washing their hands with 99.44 percent pure lvory soap. An analytical response would be that Jesus was truly human as well as truly divine and showed emotions like anger and sadness in the gospels, so he most likely laughed as well. And since he was usually the center of attention, there were probably times that he let a great one-liner go every now and then. In the TV series "The Chosen" he is definitely shown to have a sense of humor, some of which came from his occasional disillusionment with his apostles. He might have offered a first-century edition of this joke:

"A boy asked his father for the keys to the car and the father responded by saying 'Not until you get a haircut.' To which the boy replied 'Jesus had long hair.' And the father responded, 'Yes, and he walked everywhere.'"

Keep smiling everybody.

*Deacon Eric* deaconeric@hotmail.com

#### Traveling Chalice for Vocations

If you love the Catholic faith and want to contribute in a meaningful way, please pray for vocations.

We have a chalice dedicated for parishioners to take home for a week of daily prayers. The chalice is lo-



cated outside the Sacristy door by the ramp entrance. Simply sign up for the week that you want,

The chalice, as well as suggested prayers, are yours for that week.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



#### Our Lady of Fatima Rosary To commemorate our Lady's visit to the children of Fatima, please join us in church Saturday, July 13, before the 5:00 p.m. Mass while we pray the

rosary. We will pray and focus on prayer to reunite our nation.



#### 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 please our website School. visit 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



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#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Due to the early deadline of the bulletin, the Stewardship posting will appear at a later date.

### JULY 7, 2024

Caroline V. Volunteer

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10:00 a.m. Mara T. Ellis T. 12:00 p.m. Volunteer Volunteer 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. Diane A. 8:00 a.m. Dean H. 10:00 a.m. Joe T. 12:00 p.m. Mary Beth E. Ushers: 5:00 p.m. Group 5C 8:00 a.m. Group 8B 10:00 a.m. Group 10D

Liturgical Minsters

July 13/14

5:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers:

Collection Counters: July 8 Group 3

12:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Cleaners: Bonnie Wohlfert and Jodie George

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## MHT Parish Picnic Volleyball Tournament Friday, July 26th Games will start at 5:30 PM

To Register e-mail: king2jc@gmail.com or text: 810-569-1902 by Tuesday, July 23. Please indicate Division: Competitive (2 males max per team) or "Family" (teams made up of all ages), a list of team members, and contact information. \$80 per team of 4 Games will be behind Waldron Middle School in Fowler

#### BE A PART OF OUR FAITH



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.

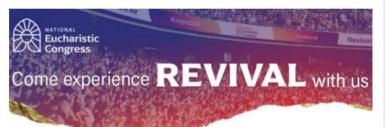
St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary will not be holding a meeting in July. We wish everyone a blessed, peaceful and restful summer. We look forward to seeing many new faces at the next meeting on August 12, 2024.

Looking for a chance to visit with other Catholic homeschooling families?

#### Come join us for the Lansing Area Catholic Homeschoolers Potluck Social

Saturday July 13, 2024 in the St. Therese Gym following the 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Therese~102 W. Randolph St., Lansing, MI Please bring a dish to pass -plates and plastic ware will be provided. We will also bring basketballs, board games, and smiling faces - excited to visit with friends both old and new!

Please RSVP to Kristine Witkowski at kristinewitkowski@gmail.com



All high schoolers are welcome to join us for a pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis!







Speakers include Father Mike Schmitz, Chris Stefanick, Matt Cost: \$450 (financial aid and Maher, Sister Miriam James Heidland, and many more!

Sponsored by Christ the King Youth Group in Ann Arbor, MI For more info, contact John Hoving at jhoving@ctkcc.net or go to www.eucharisticcongress.org



July 17th-21st, 2024

fundraising available)

To register, scan the QR

#### **Traveling this summer?**

MassTimes.org provides worship times, locations, contact info, websites and maps of over 117,000 churches in 201 countries and territories.

#### **Prayer for Travelers**

Lord, be our guide and our protector on the journey we are about to take.

Watch over us.

Protect us from accidents.

Keep us free from harm to body and soul.

Lord, support us with Your grace when we are tired.



Help us be patient in any trouble which may come our way.

Keep us always mindful of Your presence and love. Amen.



#### St. Vincent De Paul -St. Johns **Charitable Activity Specialist** Full Time Position Job Posting

In alignment with the mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, this position includes answering phone, welcoming "Neighbors in Need" (clients), handling information in a confidential manner, connecting to Conference Vincentians, maintaining and tracking information using computer applications including spreadsheet, database, and word processing software, specifically Microsoft, assisting neighbors with computer applications in the Resource Center and collaborating with other community agencies and non -profits, as needed.

Individuals should submit a cover letter and resume to: StVincentStJohnsMI@gmail.com.

#### The Importance of Mass

Do I have to go to Mass every Sunday or attend one of the Masses on Saturday afternoon/ evening?

Yes! Even if you have company at the house, and they don't go to Mass. You still have the obligation to attend. Every Christian is responsible to God first. We also have an obligation to give witness to His will in our lives. Going to Mass when every body remains home can be a powerful influence, a channel of grace that God can use to awaken others to their responsibilities to Him. If we fail to attend Mass, we give scandal be reinforcing in others the attitude that the Sunday Mass is dispensable, in addition to our own sin of neglecting the Mass.

#### What if I'm out of town or traveling?

No matter where we are, we still must go to Mass. We have the obligation of trying to find a Mass celebrated in our area. If we are a hundred miles from anywhere, up in the mountains camping, that's one thing. But if our travels have taken us somewhere we can get to Mass, we must attend.

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Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to Surviving Divorce with help you: 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.

- 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:

https://goo.gl/forms/kITjVnkMxEv0mtAI3

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



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