# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" John 6:9

#### 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

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 28, 2024



## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • July 29 Jeremiah 13:1-11/John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42 No Mass

Tuesday • July 30 Jeremiah 14:17-22/Matthew 13:36-43 7:00 p.m. Mass *†Judith Anne Reaves* By: The Ladies of the Rosary Group

Wednesday ● July 31 Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21/Matthew 13:44-46 12:05 p.m. Mass *†James S. Batterbee* 

By: Brian and Deb Szpont

Thursday ● August 1 Jeremiah 18:1-6/Matthew 13:47-53 8:30 p.m. Mass †Gayle Green

By: Pat and Debbie Thiede

Friday • August 2 Jeremiah 26:1-9/Matthew 13:54-58 8:30 a.m. Mass †Brenda Hogan By: Doug Hogan

Saturday • August 3 Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24/Matthew 14:1-12 8:30 a.m. Mass For an end to Abortion

5:00 p.m. Mass *†Marie Fox* By: Charlie and Lisa Wieber Sunday • August 4 Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15/Ephesians 4:17, 20-24/John 6:24-35 8:00 a.m. *†Ronald, †Rita and †Jack Cuthbert* By: Dick and Debbie Cuthbert 10:00 a.m. Fr. Bob Irish By: Barb Yaich 12:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from July 28 to August 4, 2024 in memory of *Alan Símon* 

Rest in Peace Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of Elizabeth (Betty) Thelen and Cortney Craig-Nowak



#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament August 2 and 3, 2024

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on First Friday, August 2nd with Benediction prior to the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, August 3rd.

All are welcome to attend this beautiful time of prayer in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord.

You do not have to be scheduled for a specific hour, however, **we are in need of subs**:



Friday: 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Saturday: 1:00 a.m.

Please call/text Rebecca at 989-292-2072 if you plan to attend at one of these hours or sign up in the gathering space.

# KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

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: <u>only</u> 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)

#### Now That's What I Call a Congress

What do we think of when we hear the word "Congress?" Well most of us think of a group of people in Washington D.C. who make national laws -- the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. The rest of us probably don't want to take the time to even have a reaction to Congress. After all, the image of Congress in our country is about as low as it has ever been with most polls of "least popular" professions rotating a bottom three of news reporters, lawyers and politicians. Fortunately, Catholics last week held a Congress of which we can all be proud.

The 10th National Eucharistic Congress took place in Indianapolis last week and presented a great Catholic sharing of faith. with the focus on the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. More than 50 thousand people packed Lucas Oil Stadium, (home of the NFL football team Indianapolis Colts) night after night for inspiring talk, Christian music and Eucharistic Adoration. If you've ever heard the term "the silence was deafening" but didn't know what it meant, that term was never more appropriate than it was in that

stadium each night of the event. It would go from a roaring singalong from a performer such as Matt Maher to dead silence ten minutes later during a Eucharistic Procession and Exposition. I dare say that never did the silence of 50 thousand people make so much noise.

There was one notable exception on Saturday night, in the final Exposition period of the event. A child of perhaps two years old became fussy. Not loudly crying, but the child's voice penetrated the silence. My first thought was not of annoyance. Instead I immediately thought of Mark 10:13-15, when Jesus rebuked the apostles for keeping a group of children trying to get close to him. Jesus responded thusly: "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child, will not enter it." In my mind, the child saw an opening while all the adults were quiet to "come to the Lord". The whole purpose of this five-day event was for all of us, whether in attendance or not, to "come to the Lord" in the Real Presence of Jesus --body, blood, soul and divinity.

I watched as much as I could of the Eucharistic Congress on EWTN, though there was much I missed as each day featured breakout sessions that allowed attendees to hear speakers on individual topics relevant to today's church. All of the action was not behind closed doors, however, with a Saturday afternoon Eucharistic Procession through the streets of downtown Indianapolis from the football stadium to the Indiana World Wars I and II Memorial. Tens of thousands of people took part in the procession that was highlighted by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament high above the streets of the city. The symbolism was powerful. At the memorial of all the fallen soldiers from the state who sacrificed their lives to protect our freedom as U.S. citizens, sat the stunning vision of Jesus in the Eucharist. who sacrificed himself to set us free from death and opened the gates of heaven for all who believe.

This column was supposed to include quotes from the many great speakers at the Congress such as Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Michael Schmitz and Jonathan Roumie, but I ran myself out of space. But I do want to get one more point across: to anyone who attended the Congress, please contact me, I need to know more.

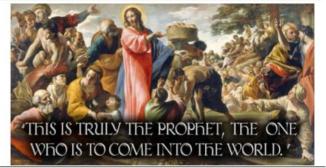
*Deacon Eric* deaconeric@hotmail.com



#### Traveling Chalice for Vocations

If you love the Catholic faith and want to contribute in a meaningful way, please pray for vocations. The Knights of Columbus has provided a traveling chalice that you can take home for a week of daily prayers. The chalice is located on a table in the front of the annex. Simply sign up for

the week that you want and the chalice, as well as suggested prayers, are yours for that week.



# God and Gracious God,

We thank You for this gift of summer; of being able to pause, relax and enjoy the abundant gifts You have given us.

At this time of year, our thoughts may turn to vacations and outings. We may experience seashores, mountains or lakesides. We may enjoy fishing, swimming and barbecues.

But whatever our summer opportunities, we realize they are ultimately gifts from You and these gifts, Lord, are ultimately meant to be shared.

Show us the joys of generosity, keep us mindful of others and open our hearts to our parish, neighborhood and world. They need the generous spirit of good stewards.

As we enjoy the leisure that summer brings, we thank You for Your many gifts, and ask that You make us a gift to others as well.

In Jesus name we <mark>pr</mark>ay. Amen

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St. Joseph Church, St. Johns, MI

St. Joseph Catholic School St. Johns, MI



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.

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.



# Liturgical Minsters August 3/4

Altar Servers:	5:00 p.m.	Averie D.
	·	Charleigh F.
	8:00 a.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	10:00 a.m.	Caroline V.
		Gracie H.
	12:00 p.m.	Nolan C.
		Emelia C.

#### 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.	Lisa W.
	8:00 a.m.	Rich H.
	10:00 a.m.	Renae S.
	12:00 p.m.	Linda S.
Ushers:	5:00 p.m.	Group 5B
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8E
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10C
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A
Collection C	ounters: July 29	Group 2
Sanctuary Cl	eaners: Kate Mulle	en/Kari Schneider

### **STEWARDSHIP**

#### For the weekend of July 21, 2024

Adults (279 gifts Including online giving):	\$16,889.68
Loose Cash:	\$685.00
Total:	\$17,574.68

#### **Other Gifts Received**

Education Trust Fund:	\$126.00
Building Fund:	\$341.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$226.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$18,527.84. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

# JULY 28, 2024

# BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

ANDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Noon					Adoration All Dav	Mint Festival Weekend!
		No Confessions				
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish Columbus meeting (KCH)	7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting (KCH)		4:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Bible Study (L)		Parish Office is Closed	4:00 pm Confession 5:00 pm Mass
11-Masses: 8 & 10 a.m.,	12-No Mass	13	14 -12:05 p.m. Mass	15 – 8:30 a.m. Mass	16 – 8:30 a.m. Mass	17
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1:00 p.m. Baptism						
		6:30 p.m. Confessions	4:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Bible			4:00 pm Confession
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NOON					Adoration All Day	
		No Confessions				4:00 pm Confession
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish			4:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Bible Study (L)		Parish Office is Closed	The Divine Mercy Chaplet

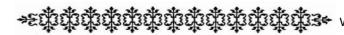
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#### **Diocese of Lansing Employment Opportunities**

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 apply, please visit the Diocese of Lansing **Careers Page.** 

### Remembering the Farish

After providing for families and loved ones, you may wish to include St. Joseph Parish in your will. All gifts are welcome, and we ask that you prayerfully consider whether a portion of your estate should be used to continue the ministries of the parish. This can be accomplished with the words: I bequeath to St. Joseph Parish of St. Johns, [insert amount being given Michigan, or percentage of residue] to be used to support the ministry of the parish. A bequest can be a specific dollar amount, a specific piece of property, a percentage of an estate, or all or part of the residue of an estate. It is always recommended that you consult a lawyer for drafting or amending a will.



Our Lady of the Fields Camp and Retreat Center-7000 McClements Rd., Brighton MI Presents

"Of the same sprout" Calling all High School Students! Come to dymfyis-a weekend of Faith, Fellowship and Fun! Experience the meaning of brothers and sisters in Christ! August 3-4, 2024 \$95.00 per youth 248-379-0943 Ourladyofthefieldscamp@gmail.com

#### Olf.camp

Activities: Talks/group sharing, climbing tower, praise and worship, low ropes, sports/games, sleeping outdoors, lawn sports and games, Mass, Adoration, Confession

# Blessed Solanus Casey

### Feast Day - July 30



"What does it matter where we go? Wherever we go, won't we be serving God there? And wherever we go, won't we have Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament with us? Isn't that enough to make us happy?" Do not pray for easy lives;

pray to be stronger people. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers;

pray for powers equal to your tasks. -Blessed Solanus Casey

### Sick or Homebound

We are currently looking for ways to strengthen our connection with parishioners who are no longer able to attend Mass due to health reasons.
One such way is to send to them, via postal mail, our bulletin and any other information about what is happening in our parish.

If you know of a parishioner who is no longer able to get to Mass and other sacraments, please let us know by calling the parish office.

# Sanctuary Academy of Dewitt

is hosting our 3rd Annual

### Children's Business Fair!

Children ages 6-16 are encouraged to participate. The cost to rent a booth is \$10. There will be prizes awarded for each age group. Registrants will create a product to sell, design and run their own booth from start to finish. There is only one rule: the products must be made entirely by the children with no adult assistance!

The fair will be held on Saturday, August 3rd from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Covenant Life Community Church, at 2001 E. Grand River, Lansing. Register for the fair today by visiting: www.childrensbusinessfair.org/dewitt-michigan

# FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

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# **Parents Seeking Sacraments for Children:**

If you are seeking a sacrament for yourself or your child, please make sure you are first an active participating member of the parish. That means that you are formally registered and participating in the life of the parish, especially participating in community worship through weekly attendance at Weekend Masses. When you are here for Mass, it is important that you place your contribution envelope in the collection, even if it is empty. There is no way I can possibly know how often, or even if a person is attending Mass otherwise. Extra envelopes will be available in the back of church in case you forgot to bring yours with you. So, please use your envelopes by placing them in the collection each time you come to Mass. This will allow me to verify a person's Mass attendance quickly and easily when they present themselves (or their children) for Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Godparents and Confirmation sponsors, or Marriage. When it comes to this policy you should know, multiple envelopes put in at a weekend Mass will be considered participation for that one Mass. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Blessings ~ Fr. Mike





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