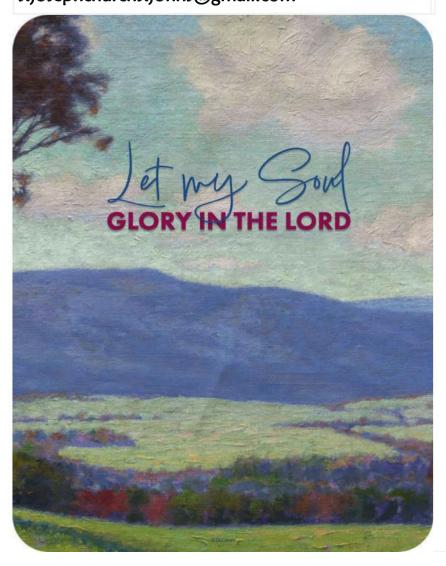
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Deacon Marv Robertson (retired)
Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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Parish Secretary • Judi Thelen
Business Manager • Susan Mahoney
Maintenance • Glenn Esch

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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 ● August 12

Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c/Matthew 17:22-27

No Mass

Tuesday ● August 13

Ezekiel 2:8--3:4/Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

7:00 p.m. Mass +Don VeCasey

By: Brian and Debbie Szpont

Wednesday ● August 14

Ezekiel 9:1-7, 10:18-22/Matthew 18:15-20

12:05 p.m. Mass †Rhonda Hambleton

By: Chris and Brenda DeLiso

Thursday • August 15

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Revelations 11:19A, 12:1-6A, 10AB/1 Corinthians 15:20-27/Luke 1:39-56

8:30 a.m. Mass †Elizabeth Thelen

By: Ruth Henning

6:00 p.m. Mass †Kim Ohlemacher

By: Jim and Dawn Lawless

Friday • August 16

Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ezekiel 16:59-63/Matthew 19:3-12

8:30 a.m. Mass †Laura Vaive

By: Brad and Andrea Rehmann

Saturday ● August 17

Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Matthew 19:13-15

5:00 p.m. Mass *†Kathy Reynolds*

By: Family

Sunday ● August 18

Proverbs 9:1-6/Ephesians 5:15-20/John 6:51-58

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

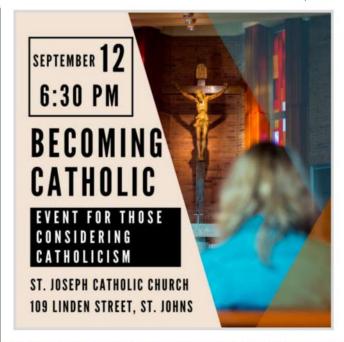
10:00 a.m. †Ellie Schomisch

By: Mary Lee Kowatch

12:00 p.m. †Agnes Schomisch

By: Ron and Linda McCarty

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish





The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from August 11 to 17, 2024 in memory of Kathy Reynolds

Catholic Biblical School

Be ready for whatever life brings you with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan's new classes starting this September at: Most Holy Trinity in Fowler (Mondays 7-8:30 pm), or Online (any day/time). Other opportunities to speak with an instructor are August 17-18 at the Catholic Community of St. Jude, DeWitt, and Aug 24/25 at Most Holy Trinity, Fowler.

CBSM is accessible to all with 100% of requests for financial aid granted. Find out more at cbsmich.org or call/text 586-438-3085.

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 Stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com

*Please note: <u>only</u> immediate family members may add names to the bulletin.



WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

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

Joe in Black

Be in the moment when in prayer or at Mass. It seems obvious, but can sometimes be a challenge. When I heard Fr. Joe Krupp on his podcast "Joe in Black" recently talk about his troubles with focus in prayer, I breathed a sigh of relief because it is also such a battle for me. Fr. Joe says that when his thoughts start to wander he quickly says "Come Holy Spirit Come" which serves to redirect him back to his prayer.

So I put his method to the test while saying my rosary last night. I have to admit that I was a bit disappointed in how many times I had to silently say "Come Holy Spirit Come." I didn't count them, of course, because that would require diverting myself from prayer to tally up my wanderings and defeat the purpose of trying to stay focused. By making myself conscious that I do need to concentrate more in prayer, I believe that the latter decades of last night's rosary were better than the opening two decades. Since we were saying the rosary

outside, I fell victim to watching clouds or birds the first two decades. When I looked at my beads or closed my eyes, I stayed on target.

In a similar vein, I read a question on "The Loop," a Catholic daily news feed. The question was whether prayer before the tabernacle was less fruitful than prayer during Eucharistic Adoration, when the monstrance with Jesus sits on the altar. The answer is that there is no difference. Jesus hears us no matter when or where we pray. But many Catholics report that they stay more focused when they pray during exposition of the Eucharist. So in contrast to my wandering during the rosary last night when what I saw led my mind astray, when the visual is Jesus the focus is often heightened. So I guess the bottom line today is also today's top line: be in the moment when in prayer or at Mass.

Final word on last week's "Words" column: Have you ever told a joke and no one laughed because in the end, it just wasn't funny? I recently came across a segment of "Seinfeld" whereby Jerry falls asleep on his couch

while watching a science fiction movie. He wakes up, turns the TV off and goes to bed. In the middle of the night he wakes with a start, jots down a note, laughs and falls back asleep. In the morning, he looks at the note and can't decipher his own writing. He remembers only that he thought it would make a great joke. Everyone to whom he shows it, gives him a different answer as to what it says. Then one day he is visiting a friend in the hospital and the same science fiction movie is playing and he again hears this mysterious, yet hilarious line: "flaming globes of Zigmund." Now depressed, Jerry says to all who would listen: it's not funny, this punchline I've been chasing for weeks 'flaming globes of Zigmund,' it's not funny."

It goes to show that sometimes words and punchlines aren't nearly as poor as one's penmanship.

Practice your cursive Jerry!

*Deacon Eric*deaconeric@hotmail.com



Cur Lady of Fatima

Fuesday,
August 13, 2024
6:00 p.m.
on the church steps
To commemorate
our Lady's visit
to the
children of Fatima,
please join us as we pray the
Rosary and focus on prayer
to reunite our nation.

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary
Monthly meeting
Monday, August 13 at 6:30 p.m.
in the St. Joseph Church library

This month will begin the planning on some fun fundraiser projects. There will be time for faith sharing, fellowship and a few snacks. Hope to see many new faces.

For questions, please call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088.

K-9 Religious Education Registration Open

The K-9 Religious Education forms and calendars are now available to families seeking religious formation for the 2024-2025 year. Religious Education Registration forms are for the Wednesday night K-9 program/s for families attending public school or homeschooling.

Registration forms are accessible on the stjosephcatholic.com website and at the entrance of the church. Emails were also sent out to all families that have participated last year. If you did not receive an email please contact Jen Nelson at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com or call 989-224-8537. Thank you!

Calendars are also available (Stjoecatholic.com and in the church) for the 9-12 Grade Youth Group (no registration needed) that will meet once a month on Wednesdays.

August 15, 2024

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary a Holy Day of Obligation

We are in need of Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Minsters for the 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Mass

If you will be attending one of these services and are able to serve, please call the parish office.

PLEASE MAKE SURE

YOUR MEETINGS AND EVENTS ARE ON THE PARISH CALENDAR: Please contact the parish office for the paperwork needed to ensure your

group's meetings are on the parish calendar. This is for both the church basement and events in the school building. Help us make sure our schedule book is up to date so we do not overbook.

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. or call (989) 224-2421

Liturgical Minsters August 17/18

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Icnacio O.

Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Volunteer

Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Mara T.

Ellis T.

12:00 p.m. Lyndie R.

Volunteer

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.
 Ann P.

 8:00 a.m.
 Trevor H.

10:00 a.m. Steve M.12:00 p.m. Debbie T.

Ushers: 5:00 p.m. Group 5C

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

Collection Counters: August 12 Group 4

Sanctuary Cleaners: Pat Snyder and Mary Harr

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of August 5, 2024

Adults (325 gifts Including online giving):	\$24,450.82
Loose Cash:	\$964.00
Total:	\$25,414.82

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:\$1	168.00
Building Fund: \$1	153.09
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$75.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$19,272.61. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.

Holy Hours of Adoration and Reparation Saturday, August 24, 2024 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and after Mass until 7:00 p.m.

The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In honor of this devotion, St. Joseph Parish is hosting Holy Hours of Prayer and Reparation on Saturday, August 24 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and after Mass until 7:00 p.m.

With all the immorality and depravity that offends the purity and goodness of Jesus and Our Lady, and with wars and rumors of war throughout the world, we are called upon to offer prayers and sacrifices to our Lord and His Holy Mother. Please join us on August 24 as we pray for our nation and our world; for peace in our community; and for sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

At the beginning of each hour, the praying of the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet will be led from the ambo. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. We are hoping for many adorers each hour as we collectively offer reparation for sins.

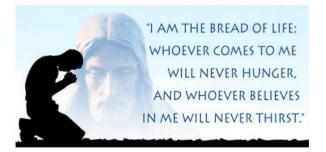
St. Mary 5 Mile Run, 5K Run/Walk, and Kids Run Saturday, September 21, 2024 Westphalia

As part of St. Mary Parish Family Fest 2024, we are pleased to welcome runners, walkers, and strollers to the 5 Mile Run, 5K Run/Walk, and Kids Run on Saturday, September 21.

Registration is now open! Register online at https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Westphalia/StMaryFamilyFest. In addition, paper registration forms are available for download at this site.

Please contact Darren & Becky Kramer at stmaryrunwalk@gmail.com with any questions.

Thank you in advance for your support. See you at the starting line!



Most Holy Trinity - Fowler Parish Office Secretary Position Opening

MHT is seeking applications for a part-time (29 hours a week) secretary. Responsibilities include greeting and referring visitors, answering phone calls and parish emails, preparing sacramental documents and record keeping, coordinating ministry volunteers, creating the parish bulletin, and scheduling mass intentions, parish events and sacraments.

Desired qualities include a deep love for the Lord and His Church, organizational skills, detailoriented, proficiency in Microsoft products, fluent typing, team player, and strong communication skills.

If you feel the Lord may be calling you to this position, an application and detailed job description can be picked up at the parish office, or you can email administrator@mhtparish.com. The new hire will start as soon as possible. This position will remain open until filled.



The Continuing Ramifications of the Reformation in the United States

As Catholics living in a historically Protestant country, it can be challenging to find our way.

In this talk, Catholic history author Phillip Campbell unpacks how the Reformation has shaped the development of the United States and its institutions—and continues to do so to this day. The lecture will illustrate how American attitudes towards culture, religion, law, and political power all bear the unmistakable fingerprints of Reformation ideology, with the aim of helping Catholics to get outside of the assumptions bequeathed to us by our Protestant founding so we can better evaluate the ideas we encounter in American society.



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

6:00 PM: SNACKS 6:30 PM: PRESENTATION * * * * * * * * * * *

PHILLIP CAMPBELL is a history teacher for Homeschool Connections and a prolific author of historical works, most known for the Story of Civilization series from TAN Books. Phillip received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Ave Maria University and a certificate in Secondary Education from Madonna University. Phillip has appeared on EWTN, Ave Maria Radio, the Catholic Faith Network, and numerous other programs and podcasts promoting historical literacy. He comes from southern Michigan and is a homeschooling father of five.



The Cross in the Woods Our Lady of the Woods Shrine Pilgrimage September 18, 2024

Join Faith Formation leaders at Holy Family Church in Ovid, Richard and Carole Theile, for a pilgrimage to The Cross in the Woods in Indian River, Michigan and Our Lady of the Woods Shrine in Mio. The cost per person will only be \$70, which will include transportation via Blue Lake Charters, one meal, beverages and a snack. Registrations are being accepted now. Registration forms with complete details can be found on St. Isidore-Holy Family parish website at: saintisidoreholyfamily.org.

Registration forms can also be picked up on the table in the entrance of St. Isidore or on the table in the parish hall at Holy Family. Questions can be directed to Carol Theile carolann.theile@gmail.com. Registration and money must be received to hold your seat. The bus is filling quickly, so get your registration and money in soon!

VETERANS MEMORIAL

We will be updating the veterans memorial sign that will be placed in front of the school after the construction project is complete.

If you would like to have a name of a loved one who has served in the armed forces added, please call or email the parish office **no later than**September 15, 2024

OurSundayVisitor

Each week a generous donation from our local St. Vincent DePaul Society covers the cost of the Our Sunday Visitor newspaper for our parish. This newspaper is an excellent source of news and articles from a Catholic viewpoint. They are available by all of the doors so along with your bulletin, take a copy home to read and share!

Columbia Hall Remodel project



Our local Knights of Columbus Council has begun a much-needed remodel project on the Columbian Hall. Improvements will include new drywall

& paint, new door trim, all new electrical outlets and switches, new USB charging ports, new commercial vinyl plank flooring, and new WIFI/internet access.

This will be a major undertaking in both time and money. The hall will be closed for rentals beginning August 6th for about 4-5 weeks and will cost \$25,000-\$30,000.

The decision was made to remodel the hall because of input from our community. There is a growing need for a gathering space here in Saint Johns for weddings, open houses, funerals, parties, and local events. Many people mentioned halls in our community are outdated and are not suitable for today's standards. The goal is to modernize the hall as well as to continue to make the Council relevant to the Parish and community.

We are seeking donations to help offset construction costs. If you are willing to help, please give Pete Motz a call at 989-224-7400 or by email: motzpete@yahoo.com

Thank you, Mike Huhn Grand Knight - #3281

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.

Traveling this summer?

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

Diocese of Lansing Employment Opportunities:

Mother Teresa House, a community inspired by Mother Teresa, which provides a home and care for terminally ill people, is now accepting applications for a part-time Overnight Caregiver Position. To learn more and to apply, please visit www.motherteresahouse.org

The Diocese of Lansing is seeking an Associate Superintendent to join the team in the Office of Catholic Schools. Resumes are still being accepted for a full-time Administrative Assistant to support the Chief of Staff, General Counsel, and Communications Director, To learn more about these positions and to apply, please visit the Diocese of Lansing Careers Page.



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