ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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> Wisdom says, "Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed! Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding."

Proverbs 9:5-6

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

AUGUST 18, 2024



WEEK'S LITURGIES Monday • August 19 Ezekiel 24:15-23/Matthew 19:16-22 No Mass

This

Tuesday • August 20 Ezekiel 28:1-10/Matthew 19:23-30 7:00 p.m. Mass †Arnold and Irmina Thelen and deceased members of their family

Wednesday • August 21 Ezekiel 34:1-11/Matthew 20:1-16 12:05 p.m. Mass *†Jim Jorae*

By: Jenny and Family

Thursday • August 22 Ezekiel 36:23-28/Matthew 22:1-14 8:30 a.m. Mass The Canonization of Frederick Ozanam By: Society of St Vincent DePaul

Friday • August 23 Ezekiel 37:1-14/Matthew 22:34-40 8:30 a.m. Mass †John Williams

By: Deacon Eric & Mary Beth Elstro

Saturday • August 24 Revelations 21:9b-14/John 1:45-51 5:00 p.m. Mass *†Leon and †Bertine Thelen* By: Family

Sunday • August 25 Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/ John 6:60-69 8:00 a.m. †Doris Orson By: Kathy Orson

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

12:00 p.m. *†Peter Schrauben* By: Joan Schrauben and Family

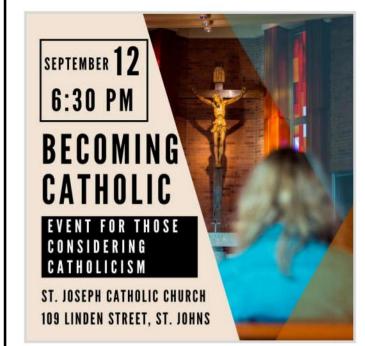
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish †Luis and †Margarita Porras By: Eric, Monica and Camila Hufnagel



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from August 18 to 24, 2024 in memory of Jím Jorae

Rest in Peace Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of Carolyn A. Cox

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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 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

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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

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WE ARE ALL Evangelizers

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

Going Against the Flow

I have a T-shirt that has a picture of one brightly-colored fish heading upstream while other fish, paler in color, are swimming downstream. It is one of many shirts and sweatshirts promoting the ongoing TV series "The Chosen." It can represent Jesus specifically going against the cultural norm of his time, or more generally, Christians of today battling against our secular culture that has no use for religion. But for the purpose of this column, let's consider Catholics versus Protestants. Now I'm not antiecumenical -- my wife and I are part of the Thanksgiving celebration and dinner team working with members from other St. Johns' churches, in the spirit of Jesus. Let's use the T-shirt to talk numbers. (Don't worry mathhaters, I'm talking easy math here.)

Most of us, over the years, have heard that the United States has almost 70 million baptized Catholics. Numbers vary slightly by survey, but Protestants make up more than double that in our country. In percentages, Protestants make up about 42 percent of our population and Catholics account for 20 percent. (In Michigan, the difference is even greater, 51 percent to 18 percent.) These numbers may surprise some, but if we look back on the history of our country it's no shock. And that's my point, being Catholic means being in the minority in the U.S. since the first Catholic colony of Maryland was established as a safe haven for Catholics in 1634.

The bottom line is that since Catholics started showing up in volume to the shores of the U.S. we have been a minority religion. That means when the Catholic colony of Maryland was established in 1634, it had been more than 100 years since the Protestant Reformation (Revolution) began in 1517. Thus we have all grown up to live as Catholics in a society that was formed by Protestant beliefs.

To help us understand the ramifications of living in a country that has been, and currently remains, a Protestant nation, Catholic history teacher and author Phillip Campbell will be making a return visit to St. Joe's. Campbell's talk will show us how so much of American culture, in his words, "bears the unmistakable fingerprints of Reformation ideology." His presentation last Spring drew a good crowd that nearly filled the church basement, so we have decided to move this upcoming talk to the Columbian Hall for more seating and better handicap access.

Adults and high-schoolers are welcome. We purposely chose a Saturday evening in the hopes that those young married adults with children might find it easier to get a babysitter to attend an adult faith learning event. Snacks will be available at 6:00 p.m. and Campbell's talk will begin at 6:30 on Saturday, October 5th . Mark your calendars.

NOTE: Thanks go to Diocesan Worship Director Jeremy Priest and Diocesan Family Life Director Richard Budd for attending all of last week's Sunday Masses to let us know about the excellent bible study series from the Catholic Biblical School. I have taken the program and highly recommend it. The next class starts next month at Most Holy Trinity in Fowler. CBSM pamphlets are available in the gathering space.

Deacon Eric

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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 is 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 <u>cbsmich.org</u> or call/text 586-438-3085.

SAVE-THE-DATE

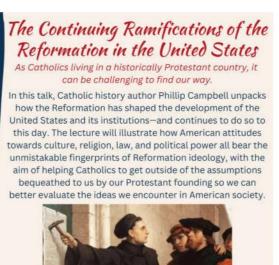
Saturday, September 28, 2024

CLEAN COMEDY IMPROV SHOW

Hosted by the St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Columbia Hall 1100 Old US 27, St. Johns

The show will begin at 7:00 p.m.





ST. JOSEPH PARISH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL 1108 OLD U.S. 27, ST. JOHNS, MI 48879 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.



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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

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	Liturgical /	Minsters
	August 24	/25
Altar Servers:	5:00 p.m.	Joslynn R.
		Sophia R.
	8:00 a.m.	Audrey D.
		Cora D.
	10:00 a.m.	Elijah S.
		Anna H.
	12:00 p.m.	Tanner K.
		Declan T.
Extraordinary I	Ministers of Hol	y 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.
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Ushers:	5:00 p.m.	Group 5B
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8C
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10B
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A

Collection Counters: August 19 Group 1

Sanctuary Cleaners: Lori Pung and LuAnn Keilen

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of August 11, 2024

Adults (268 gifts Including online giving):	\$16,685.27
Loose Cash:	\$641.00
Total	\$17 326 27

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$121.00
Building Fund:	\$192.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$52.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$18,948.22. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

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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.



Congratulations to newly baptized

Matias Hernandez Claudio

Son of Miguel Hernandez Pantaleon and Ingrid Claudio Cristobal On July 14 2024

Camila Isabella Cruz Ibarra

Daughter of Jorge Cruz Escarilla and Diana Lizbeth Ibarra Martinez on August 4, 2024

Ezra Eric Olsen,

the son of Eric Olsen and Logan (Stroub) Olsen on August 11, 2024

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 <u>administrator@mhtparish.com</u>. The new hire will start as soon as possible. This position will remain open until filled.

What is the Prayer Tree?



The Prayer Tree is an organized group of individuals who pray for our parish family. Prayer requests are confidential and are not shared with anyone outside of the prayer tree members. Parishioners can add their prayer requests for themselves, family members, or friends by contacting the Parish Office at 989-224-8994. The prayer request will be passed on to the prayer tree participants within one business day.

The prayer list published in the bulletin is not the same as the Prayer Tree.

To add an immediate family member to the bulletin prayer list call the office 989-224-8994.



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.

Sanctuary Academy Enrichment Day

HIRING GUIDES AND ACCEPTING NEW FAMILIES!

Sanctuary Academy is looking for guides for our Enrichment Day! The program will meet on Thursdays at St. Therese in Lansing. We are seeking guides for two age groups: 5-7 year olds and 8-12 year olds. To learn more about program, visit our website: www.sanctuaryacademydewitt.com.

Please email Becca if you are interested in learning more about the Guide positions at: becca@sanctuaryacademydewitt.com.

If you are interested in enrolling your family, *Act quickly!* We have limited spaces in both age groups. Just fill out our contact form online

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**



Columbia Hall Remodel project

Our local Knights of Columbus Council has begun a much-needed remodel project on the Columbi-

an 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: <u>motzpete@yahoo.com</u>

> Thank you, Mike Huhn Grand Knight - #3281



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Just engaged? Congratulations!



Any engaged couple who would like to complete the sacrament of marriage at St. Joseph Church should meet with Fr. Mike at least 9 months before your proposed wedding date. First pick up a white "Holy Matrimony" folder located in the gathering space with all the information about marriage in the Catholic Church. To schedule an appointment to meet as a couple with Fr. Mike, contact the parish office (989) 224-8994 or stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com)





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