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St. Joseph School: (989) 224-2421

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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

Parish Office: (989)-224-8994



THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • August 5

Jeremiah 28:1-17/Matthew 14:13-21

No Mass

Tuesday • August 6

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Peter 1:16-19

No Mass

Wednesday • August 7

Jeremiah 31:1-7/Matthew 15:21-28

No Mass

Thursday • August 8

Jeremiah 31:31-34/Matthew 16:13-23

No Mass

Friday • August 9

Nahum 2:1, 3:1-3, 6-7/Matthew 16:24-28

No Mass

Saturday • August 10

2 Corinthians 9:6-10/John 12:24-26

5:00 p.m. Mass *The People of the Parish*

Sunday • August 11

1 Kings 19:4-8/Ephesians 4:30--5:2/John 6:41-51

8:00 a.m. †Frank Baldino

By: Mom and Dad

10:00 a.m. †Vernetta Price

By: The Price Family

12:00 p.m. †Allan Pohl

By: Deacon Jerry and Alice Fust

6:00 p.m. *Mass in Spanish*

TAKE NOTE⁸

**There is no Confessions or daily Mass this week,
August 5-9th, 2024.**



The Sanctuary Lamp
will burn from
August 4 to 10, 2024
in memory of

Brenda Hogan

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies
to the family and friends of

Nicholas D. Thelen

and

Yvonne Asher



Congratulations to newly baptized

Cubson James Gahry,

the son of Carl Gahry and
Chloe (Waszak) Gahry

on
July 28, 2024



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
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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

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WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

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

Writing 101 - Words

I am often asked about writing this column and my writing background. Mostly the questions center on how I come up with ideas every week for the column. I've dealt with those before, noting that most just come in observation of life. I might see something in a magazine, I might observe something in my life or an idea might come from the Holy Spirit while I face writer's block and a time deadline.

But on occasion I turn to the words of others who are wiser or more eloquent than I. Such is the case today, when I look to my trusty flip calendar and see a quote from St. John Henry Newman that is not only poignant but touches on the idea of ideas, or perhaps more precisely -- words: "Nothing is more common than for people to think that because they are familiar with words, they understand the ideas they stand for." (Newman is a saint, so I guess that means that Jesus doesn't take points off for ending a sentence with a preposition. Good to know.) This is some-

thing I was very careful about a few weeks ago in talking about G. K. Chesterton's "Paradox of Freedom." When it comes to philosophy, I can often read and understand each individual word and still draw an unintended conclusion.

Which draws us to the power of words and word choice. I consciously watch my words. I love to play with words in a humorous way, but if I am dealing with a serious subject I am wary of misusing a word. In my homily yesterday, my focus was on the need for Catholics to be united at this point in history, yet I also snuck in a "fun" word, swashbucklers. It didn't detract from the homily's focus, but it added a smile.

It's time to confess that my first instinct today was to rip the Olympic planners for allowing the mockery of the Last Supper in its opening ceremony. But I concluded that I will let the bishops handle that. I try hard to make this column thoughtful, but I avoid joining in the negativity and hate so common in our culture. If there is one word I would like associated with this column it is "hope." I pray my readers see that.

NOTES: The Catholic Biblical School of Michigan will make a short presentation before Masses next weekend (Aug. 10-11) promoting its four-year biblical program that will start up at Most Holy Trinity Parish in Fowler. Several St. Joe parishioners (including myself) took this class when it was presented in Westphalia several years ago and it was most recently offered at St. Thomas Aquinas in East Lansing. Fowler is the closest location to St. Johns it has been offered. I strongly recommend taking the program.

On another note, I would like to announce that Catholic historian Phillip Campbell will make a return to St. Joe's on Saturday October 5th, so mark your calendar. Phillip's appearance last spring filled the church's coffee and donut room, so this presentation will be at the Columbian Hall (K of C) for more seating and handicap accessibility. His topic: Catholicism in a traditionally Protestant Country -- the United States.

Deacon Eric

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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.



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.



Liturgical Minsters
August 10/11

Altar Servers:

5:00 p.m.	Caroline V. Volunteer
8:00 a.m.	Miles S. Volunteer
10:00 a.m.	Oliver B. Volunteer
12:00 p.m.	Mason W. Volunteer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:00 p.m.	Group 3
8:00 a.m.	Group 3
10:00 a.m.	Group 3
12:00 p.m.	Group 3

Lectors:

5:00 p.m.	Icnacio O.
8:00 a.m.	Bob P.
10:00 a.m.	Karen D.
12:00 p.m.	Mary Beth E.

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 5 Group 3

Sanctuary Cleaners: Sue Fox

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of July 28, 2024

Adults (265 gifts Including online giving): \$14,676.45
Loose Cash: \$688.25
Total: \$15,364.70

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$204.00
Building Fund: \$2,265.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$130.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$17,737.05. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.



BISHOP'S DISCERNMENT DINNER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 AT 4:00PM
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- Bishop's Talk
- Q & A
- Dinner & Social Time with Seminarians

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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). For more information, their instructors will be at **St. Joseph Church August 10-11** to pass out brochures after Mass and answer people's questions. Other opportunities to speak with an instructor:

- Aug 3-4 - St. Joseph, Pewamo
- August 17-18 Catholic Community of St. Jude, DeWitt
- Aug 24/25 at Most Holy Trinity, Fowler

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