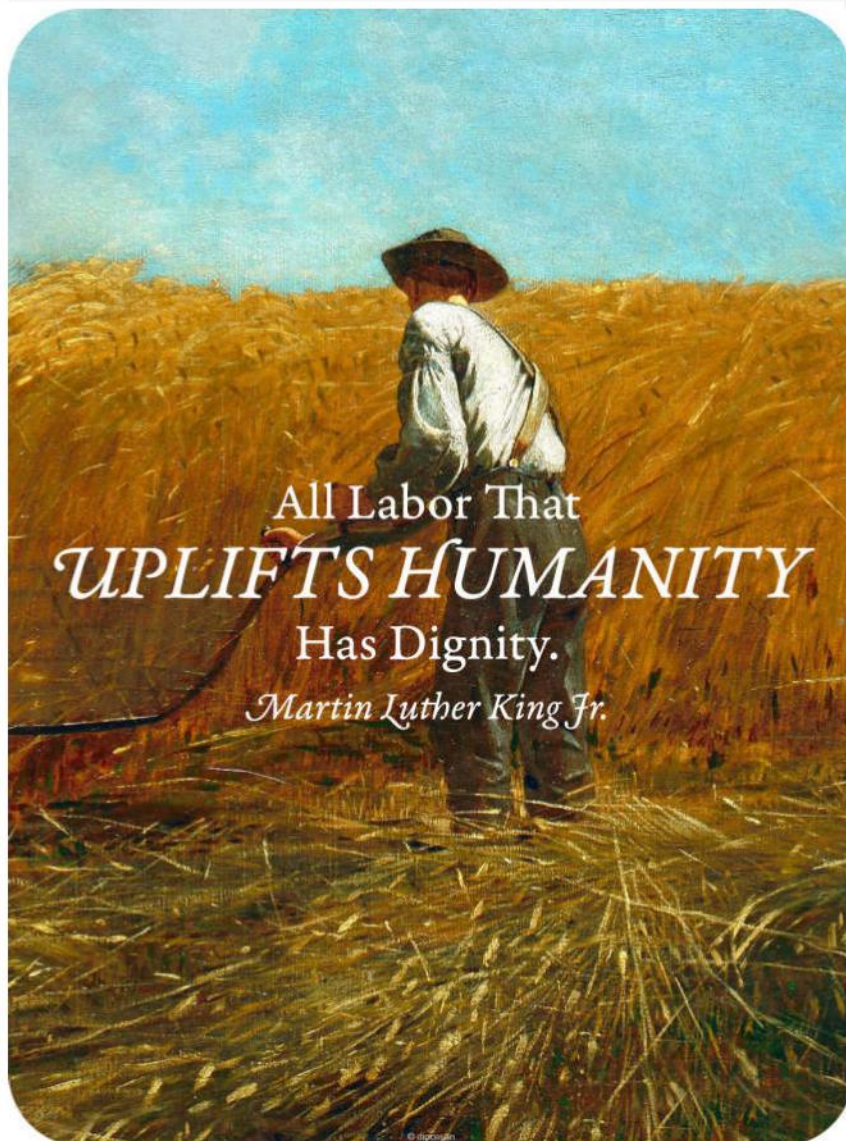


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## ALL ARE WELCOME!

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 • September 2

1 Corinthians 2:1-5/Luke 4:16-30

**No Mass**

### Tuesday • September 3

1 Corinthians 2:10B-16/Luke 4:31-37

**No Mass**

### Wednesday • September 4

1 Corinthians 3:1-9/Luke 4:38-44

**No Mass**

### Thursday • September 5

1 Corinthians 3:18-23/Luke 5:1-11

8:30 a.m. Mass For the *Immaculate Conception Legacy Society Members*

### Friday • September 6

1 Corinthians 4:1-5/Luke 5:33-39

8:30 a.m. Mass *The living and deceased members of the Martin Family*

*By: Roy and JoAnn Simon*

### Saturday • September 7

1 Corinthians 4:6b-15/Luke 6:1-5

8:30 a.m. Mass For an end to Abortion

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

### Sunday • September 8

Isaiah 35:4-7a/James 2:1-5/Mark 7:31-37

8:00 a.m. †*Laura Baldino Wesolek*  
*By: Mom and Dad*

10:00 a.m. †*Rick Kerr*  
*By: Family*

12:00 p.m. †*Laura Vaive*  
*By: Brad and Andrea Rehmann*

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

### Please Note:

There will be no Confessions or Daily Mass Tuesday and Wednesday September 3rd and 4th, 2024.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from September 1-7, 2024 in memory of

*Ron Schneider*

## Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of

*Mark and Cheryl Williams*

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament September 6th and 7th

The Blessed will be Exposed for Adoration following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on First Friday, September 6th with Benediction prior to the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, September 7th.

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 needed), 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday: 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. (Most needed-2 needed)**



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

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 Stjosephchurchst-johns@gmail.com

**\*Please note: only immediate family members may add names to the bulletin.**





**WE ARE ALL  
EVANGELIZERS**

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

**One Step at a Time**

When a child is learning to walk, the process normally is a matter of repetition --something of a “rinse and repeat” cycle. A step or two, followed by a wobble and a fall. This is generally followed by crawling to a chair or another stationary object, standing up and starting the process all over again until walking becomes second nature. The child learns that by taking one step at a time he/she can build up to many steps, and walking no longer takes conscious effort.

The same type of process is evidenced in our faith. We don’t wobble and fall physically as we struggle to go forward in our faith, but we most certainly wobble and fail spiritually. I’m talking of sin, of course. Our babies pick up visible bruises in the process of learning to walk. We bruise our souls even as we advance in our faith, though not visible to the naked eye. St. Paul reminds us: “We walk by faith and not by

sight” (2Cor 5:7).

If we have made conscious efforts to grow in our faith, to get closer to Jesus, it’s easy to become afraid. Those closest to Jesus in his ministry often evoked fear. What he asks can seem overwhelming at times. We here at St. Joe’s are not as likely as Catholics in Nigeria or China to become martyrs, but just standing up for our faith in a world driven by relativism can be a daunting thought.

God does not ask the impossible, though it may seem that way at times. For those of us living on the fringe of our faith, i.e. Sunday Mass only, what we need to realize is that we can ease our way closer to God. He’s just looking at us to take the single step of faith. For me, for example, it was the first step of inquiring about diaconate formation, then another step to take my first class, then another and another until eventually I was kneeling before the bishop at ordination. I couldn’t go from where I was in 2013 to where I am now in a single step of faith. And that’s the point.

This parish can grow even stronger if we all just take the next step in front of us. For those of us living “bare minimum” Catholicism, that next step might be confession, which might then foster further steps. Or perhaps those wondering about the next step, maybe lay ministry is the next step (lector, Eucharistic Minister). If we are in lay ministry, then maybe the upcoming faith formation team represents the next step, a step that combines faith and creativity. For others, weekday Masses or attending a faith formation event as I listed last week are the way to go. The means by which we try to get closer to God are too numerous to mention, but it is important just to make that move to grow in faith.

Exact numbers vary by internet searches, but suffice it to say that we see some version of “be not afraid” well over 100 times in the Bible. God is with us, so let’s go ahead and take that next step toward Jesus.

*Deacon Eric*  
[deaconeric@hotmail.com](mailto:deaconeric@hotmail.com)



**ALL YOU CAN EAT  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
*Sponsored by St. John Knights of Columbus*  
**Sunday, September 8, 2024**  
**8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**  
*St Joseph School Cafeteria (Social Hall)*

- Fellowship and Good Food
- Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, applesauce, orange juice and coffee.
- \$5.00 suggested donation



**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.



**K-8 Religious Education Classes Start Soon!**

The K-8 Grade Religious Education Classes start on **Wednesday, September 11 at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** in the school. All parents and children are asked to meet in the cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. Religious Ed Registration forms are available in the main church entrance and online at [stjoecatholi.com](http://stjoecatholi.com) Please contact Jen Nelson for questions at 989-224-8537 or [dre.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:dre.stjoseph@gmail.com)

**9th Grade Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Meeting**

All 9th grade Confirmation students and sponsors are meeting on **Sunday, September 15 at 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. Confirmation students/parents are asked to fill out the K-9 grade religious education registration forms and the Application for Confirmation that are available in the church and online at [stjoecatholic.com](http://stjoecatholic.com) Please contact Jen Nelson for questions at 989-224-8537 or [dre.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:dre.stjoseph@gmail.com)

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

“Take every day as a ring which you must engrave, adorn, and embellish with your actions, to be offered up in the evening at the altar of God”

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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 [principal@stjoecatholicsschool.org](mailto:principal@stjoecatholicsschool.org). or call (989) 224-2421

**St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU**

**FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3-6, 2024**

- Monday: **NO SCHOOL - Labor Day**
- Tuesday: Chicken Poppers, corn, fruit, and milk.
- Wednesday: Cheese pizza, green beans, fruit, and milk.
- Thursday: Pigs in a blanket, carrots, fruit, and milk
- Friday: Mac and cheese with pretzel rod, broc coli, fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

Menu is subject to change, based on food availability from suppliers.

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***Liturgical Minsters***

**September 7 and 8**

<b>Altar Servers:</b>	5:00 p.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	8:00 a.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	10:00 a.m.	Gracie H. Volunteer
	12:00 p.m.	Mason W. 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.	Sheila B.
8:00 a.m.	Kathleen W.
10:00 a.m.	Joe T.
12:00 p.m.	Mary Beth E.

***Ushers:***

5:00 p.m.	Group 5A
8:00 a.m.	Group 8E
10:00 a.m.	Group 10D
12:00 p.m.	Group 12A

***Collection Counters:*** September 3 (Tues) Group 3

***Sanctuary Cleaners:*** Judi Thelen and Thelma Miller

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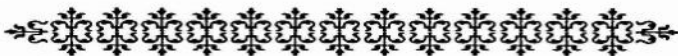
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Adults (270 gifts Including online giving): ..... \$15,794.71  
 Loose Cash:..... \$574.91  
 Total: ..... \$16,369.62

**Other Gifts Received**


Education Trust Fund: ..... \$93.00  
 Building Fund: ..... \$600.00  
 Tuition Scholarship Fund: ..... \$176.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$18,416.17. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.



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St. Paul Parish is seeking a Business Manager. Excellent benefits are available. The ideal candidate will be a practicing Catholic, possess an associate's degree, finance or business, with two years of experience as an administrator or manager of an office. Strong familiarity with Microsoft platform is necessary. Some training will be provided. Applicants must pass a criminal background check and complete the Protecting God's Children training. For any questions, please contact Fr. Michael O'Brien at [archangel@stpaulowosso.org](mailto:archangel@stpaulowosso.org). You can apply at <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers>



**Congratulations to newly baptized**  
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 &  
*Brayden Nicholas Weber,*  
 the sons to Nicholas and Bryanna (Lehman) Weber

And  
*Charles Phillip Sprague-Rice*  
 &  
*Theodore Gene Sprague-Rice*  
 The sons to Aiden and Amber (Fisher) Sprague-Rice

On  
**August 18, 2024**

**Don't Forget to Let Us Know Your 2024-25 Meeting and Fundraising Schedules!!**

If you are part of a parish, school, or outside organization that meets at the Church or School building, all meetings and events must be scheduled through the parish office. Don't assume we know about your meetings. We'd rather be told 10 times than not know at all!


All organizations planning on fundraising after Masses must also confirm dates with the parish office.

**Do you like to sing?**

Our choir is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact our Music Director, Jeff Richards at [musicdirector.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:musicdirector.stjoseph@gmail.com).








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**ST. JOSEPH PARISH**  
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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024**  
 6:00 PM: SNACKS  
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**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 added to this memorial sign who was/is a parishioner of St. Joseph Church and has served in the armed forces added, please call or email the parish office **no later than September 15, 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, detail-oriented, 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](mailto:administrator@mhtparish.com). The new hire will start as soon as possible. This position will remain open until filled.



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