

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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  
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Parish Secretary • Judi Thelen  
Business Manager • Susan Mahoney  
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### **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 16**

*1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33/Luke 7:1-10*

**No Mass**

**Tuesday • September 17**

*1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a/Luke 7:11-17*

**7:00 p.m. Mass †John and †Dolores Mitchell**

*By: Ron and Maureen Mitchell*

**Wednesday • September 18**

*1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13/Luke 7:31-35*

**12:05 p.m. Mass †Janet Smith**

*By: Dick Smith*

**Thursday • September 19**

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11/Luke 7:36-50*

**8:30 a.m. Mass †Olga Martinez**

*By: Joe and Helen Kus*

**Friday • September 20**

*1 Corinthians 15:12-20/Luke 8:1-3*

**8:30 a.m. Mass †Marie Fox**

*By: St. Joseph School Staff*

**Saturday • September 21**

*Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13/Matthew 9:9-13*

**5:00 p.m. Mass †Donald and †Laura Jorae**

*By: John and Camilla Vitek*

**Sunday • September 22**

*Wisdom 2:12, 17-20/James 3:16--4:3/Mark 9:30-37*

**8:00 a.m. †Leon Nurenberg, †Clarence and †Joan Mikolajczak**

*By: Family*

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

**12:00 p.m. †Howard Blasen**

*By: Jerry and Colleen Smith*

**6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish  
In Honor of Zaira Gomez**

*By: Family*

**Parish Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday**

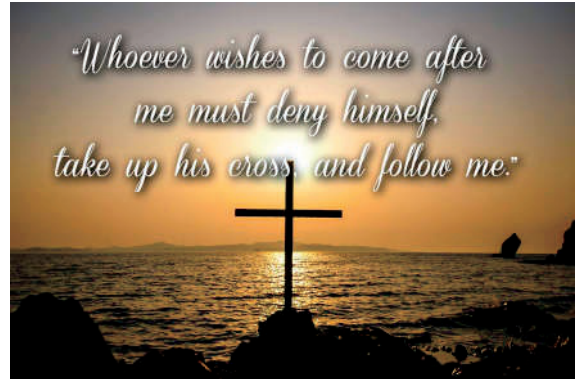
9:00 a.m. to Noon

1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Friday**

9:00 a.m. to Noon

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



The Sanctuary Lamp  
will burn from  
September 15-21, 2024  
in memory of  
**Charles Wadell**

The *Catholic Biblical School* of Michigan is an adult faith formation ministry, with engaging, expert teachers that make reading the *Bible* a prayerful, inspiring part of our faith. A new course is launching this fall at Most Holy Trinity in Fowler, and scholarships are available to all who ask. For more information, go online to [cbsmich.org](http://cbsmich.org)



**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  
Gabrielle Meece  
Myah  
Jenny Pytlowanj  
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](mailto: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)

**CHANGE**

"Turn and face the strange" is a phrase that really describes the month of September. The recurring line in the song "Changes" by David Bowie reminds us that life requires us to face changes in our lives, especially the changes that catch us by surprise and seem strange at the time. It's emblematic of the month of September, a month of transition -- some of which feels routine, but offers also the "new" or strange.

It may not seem like it this weekend, but September marks a transition from summer to fall. Meteorologists consider the whole month of September as the first month of fall, while "calendar people" (for lack of a better term) tell us that autumn starts around the 21st or 22nd of the month when we pass the autumnal equinox. But there is more to the change in September than weather and hours of sunlight.

Sports fans are facing the "strange" this month. The Detroit Tigers are playing meaningful

baseball, the Detroit Lions are being picked as possible Super Bowl contenders, MSU football is watchable and Wolverine fans are looking at a year that will be a couple steps down from last year's national football championship. Though sports may seem frivolous, many of us wrap ourselves up emotionally in games played by other adults. We can let these changes control moods.

For those with children, of course, this marks the change from summer fun back to the routine that comes with the school year. But how familiar that routine feels for both parents and children can depend on what grades the children are entering. If they are moving into a new school, there is considerable "strange" to the students change. Who are my teachers going to be? Where are my classrooms? Are any of my friends going to be in my classes? These are just a few of the questions that may arise in students' minds, and how we approach these changes for our children will go a long way in helping them "turn and face the change"-- relieving anxiety.


Scripture tells us to avoid anxiety. In Matthew 6:27 Jesus asks us: "Can any of you by worrying,

add a single moment to your life." And a few verses later (6:34) the Lord tells us: "Do not worry about tomorrow, tomorrow will take care of itself." The temperature last week dropped down into the low 40s a couple of nights. I have no doubt that there were more than a few people who thought "Oh no, here comes winter." An inability to face the "eventual" change to winter weather, makes life difficult for some. If we know such people, help them face the fact that change doesn't always mean strange.

Let us all remember that change is inevitable. Jesus' disciples faced change daily, moving from town to town never knowing what was coming next. They had no idea what was coming around the next bend. Yet no matter the strangeness of any of the changes they faced, they knew they could handle them, as long as they had their unshakable leader Jesus with them. It's no different with us. Jesus is always with us as we hear in Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus is the same yesterday today and tomorrow." Let's "face the strange" with Jesus.

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





Thank You

I'd like to thank those who offered prayers, cards, and support at the deaths of my brother and sister-in-law last month. My family and I really do appreciate it.

~Blessing, Fr. Mike

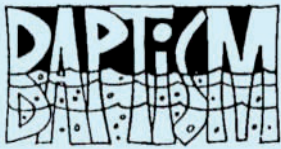




Are you ready for a night of laughter and fun? St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary has planned the perfect night for you. A night of clean comedy on Saturday, **September 28, 2024 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at the newly renovated Columbian Hall. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

You will laugh at the antics and comedy of the **Free Shrugs Improv Group**. Concessions will be available.

Tickets are on sale now for \$12.00 and are available from any St. Monica Auxiliary member or by calling Dawn at (517) 282-7648.



Congratulations on newly baptized  
On September 8, 2024

*Lydia Sue Hungerford*

Daughter of Corey Hungerford and  
Anna (Bosworth) Hungerford

*Senson Gerald Hallenbeck*

Son of Nicholas Hallenbeck and  
Samantha (Feldpausch) Hallenbeck

And

*Laira Gomez Castillo*

Son to Dario Gomez Camacho and  
Ana Karen Castillo Mosqueda

**Position Opening: Maintenance Supervisor**

We are currently accepting applications for the **Maintenance Supervisor position at St. Joe's**. This position is responsible for all routine, preventative, and operational maintenance on all St. Joseph buildings, equipment, and grounds. Applicants should have previous experience in custodial and maintenance duties including safety and reporting procedures. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information and to apply, go to [www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers).

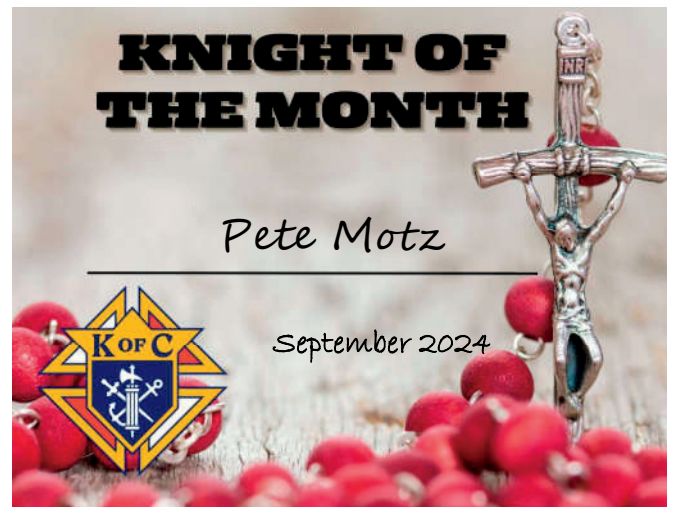
Questions can be directed to Susan Mahoney, Business Manager phone 989-224-8994 or email: [business.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:business.stjoseph@gmail.com)

**St. Francis Retreat Center is hiring**

The St. Francis Retreat center team is looking to fill several part-time positions.

These positions include kitchen/server and housekeeping opportunities and offer flexible hours, competitive pay, and an amazing work environment. We are look for both daytime shifts, as well as evenings/weekends, ideal for high school students!

Those interested please call 517-669-8321



**In a Lansing area hospital and need the Anointing of the Sick?**

When you or your loved one is ill, receiving the Sacrament of the Sick is important. When in a Lansing area hospital, please let your attending nurse know you would like the Anointing of the Sick. They will contact the chaplain who will, in turn, contact a local priest who is “on call” to come and give you the sacrament. This is the quickest way for you or your loved one to receive the sacrament, if they didn’t already receive it before going into the hospital.

**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.

**Columbian Hall (KC)  
1108 Old US 27, St. Johns  
Saturday, October 5, 2024  
Snacks: 6:00 p.m.  
Presentation: 6:30 p.m.**

**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. He has appeared on EWTN, Ave Maria Radio, the Catholic Faith Network, and numerous other programs and podcasts promoting historical literacy.

**Coming up in October Dresser Ministry**

*For Shared Pregnancy in Lansing*

Shared Pregnancy is an organization dedicated to providing women in unexpected and challenging pregnancies with emotional, material, and spiritual support. They are very grateful to receive any baby items or clothing. Large sized diapers (sizes 4 and 5) are especially appreciated.

Beginning October 1, the “Pack ‘n Play” will be back in the new gathering space at the back of church.



**STEWARDSHIP for SAINTS & SCHOLARS**

**What is the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign?**

The campaign is an extraordinary opportunity for all parishioners to play a role in strengthening the Catholic Church diocesan-wide.

The campaign will focus on raising \$70 million to address these priorities:

- ◆ Strengthening our Catholic schools by enhancing teacher and administration compensation.
- ◆ Increasing the financial aid capacity to serve more families by growing the financial aid endowment.
- ◆ Attending to special needs of some of our scholars in our Catholic schools.
- ◆ Supporting each of the four diocesan high schools that each may attend to local needs.
- ◆ Supporting our parishes to attend to their local needs for their school and faith formation programs.

Bishop Boyea will call on the entire diocese to make a gift to the **Stewardship for Saints and Scholars** campaign. Your support for this campaign will impact the future of the Diocese of Lansing for years to come.



*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.

**Singles Late 50’s and Above:** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing RENEW weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI on November 8-10, 2024. Take a chance and get involved...you won’t regret it! Cost is \$235 for meals and a single room.

Visit [www.RenewRetreats.org](http://www.RenewRetreats.org), email [renewretreat.mi@gmail.com](mailto:renewretreat.mi@gmail.com) or call (570) 449-4858 for details.



**If you were raised as a child in the parish:**

- And are now over 18 years of age
- And you did not fill out a parish registration form
- You are NOT a registered parishioner!

**Why is it important to be registered in the parish:**

- We can reach you with important information about the parish and it's ministries
- We have a more accurate idea of the number of parishioners we have in the parish.
- It allows us to seek your input and feedback.
- It allows you to formally support the parish financially, since envelopes will be issued to you for your use.
- We can start a sacramental record for you.
- Finally, registering can also help you have a greater sense of belonging to and ownership of the parish.

**Please note:**

The **envelopes** you receive when registering **will now play an important role in the reception of the sacraments.** (i.e. Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage) in the parish. We're asking all parishioners to get into the habit of using your envelopes in the weekly collection. Even if you give online or don't have anything to put in the envelope, please submit an empty envelope. It will help us know how many registered parishioners attend a given Mass and it will also come in handing for determining if a person, presenting themselves for a sacrament, is attending Mass regularly as is required.

You can obtain a registration form from our website at [www.stjoecatholic.com](http://www.stjoecatholic.com) under forms or stop in the parish office.

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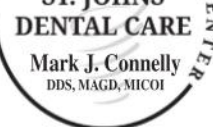
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