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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 •

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 23

Proverbs 3:27-34/Luke 8:16-18

No Mass

Tuesday • September 24

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13/Luke 8:19-21

7:00 p.m. Mass †Doris Klein

By: Peter W & Margaret M Klein Family

Wednesday • September 25

Proverbs 30:5-9/Luke 9:1-6

12:05 p.m. Mass †Frank, †Maxine Sipkovsky, and †Janet Sipkovsky

By: Family

Thursday • September 26

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11/Luke 9:7-9

8:30 a.m. Mass IHO Tom and Monica Bell

By: Brad and Andrea Rehmann

Friday • September 27

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11/Luke 9:18-22

8:30 a.m. Mass Sick and Troubled who seek help and cure through blessed Frederick Ozanam's intercession

By: Society of St. Vincent dePaul

Saturday • September 28

Ecclesiastes 11:9--12:8/Luke 9:43B-45

5:00 p.m. Mass †Gwen Nash

By: Brad and Andrea Rehmann

Sunday • September 29

Numbers 11:25-29/James 5:1-6/Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

8:00 a.m. †Betty Thelen

By: Greg and Bernice Wagner

10:00 a.m. †Dale, †James, and †Agatha Feldpausch

By: Family

12:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

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 23-28, 2024 in memory of *Justin Fox*

Eucharistic Adoration

“Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my intellect, and all my will, *all that I have* and possess. Thou gavest it to me; to Thee, Lord, I return it. *All is Thine*, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and grace, for this is enough for me.”

Suscipe of St. Ignatius of Loyla (emphasis added)

Attending Mass and Eucharistic Adoration involves a commitment of time from us. But, if we think about it, the time that we have is God's (All is Thine). When we set this time aside for God, we return it to him (Thou gavest it to me; to Thee, Lord, I return it). In return, God truly gives us His “love and grace.”

This prayer is a lovely prayer to use as the gifts are presented at the altar during Mass.



We are in need of more monthly adorers and subs. If you are interested, please call/text Rebecca at 989-292-2072.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Adam Sawyer Ballinger
Lisa Clarizio
Sherri Couch
Mary Enneking
Keith Enneking
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 Stjosephchurchstjohns@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)

Our Gifts Are For Giving

You can call them gifts, you can call them charisms or you can call them talents, ("but you doesn't hasta to call me Johnson").* These unique features and qualities we possess come from God, not for our own edification but for the good of others. There is a new opportunity for parishioners of different age groups to use their gifts of leadership, creativity and vision in concert with their Catholic faith as part of the new adult faith formation team.

I'm not just going to repeat what Christian Initiation Director Amanda Grigar had to say in her talks before Masses this weekend, but I would like to emphasize the need for a well-balanced team to be assembled. This an opportunity, especially for faithful parishioners 40ish or younger, to have input into what type of faith education opportunities your age group desires. Maybe it's guest speakers, maybe it's short three or four-week presentations on a specific faith-related topic, or maybe it's opportunities to watch Formed videos and have discus-

sions. But we want a few people from each of three age groups so that everyone's faith needs can be met.

Every week, the St. Joe bulletin has an accounting of monetary gifts to the parish under the heading of "Stewardship." But stewardship is more than the giving of money. It also includes the gifts of time and talent as well. And this new team is not going to have to meet often, but the team's combined talents can reap great rewards for the parish community at-large, as well as the team members.

Father Chas Conoy has a great column in the September issue of *Faith* magazine on the discovery of personal talents and the rewards they may reap. Fr. Chas quotes St. John Henry Neuman's take on how God has called all of us to specific work

God has created me to do him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I should be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not

created me for naught. I shall do good. I shall do his work.

Be this chain link and that bond between persons. This team is for you whether you're 35, 55 or 75 years old. Share your talents. Gifts are for giving.

**If this quote doesn't hit home, Then Google comedian Bill Saluga.*

REMINDER: The next month will feature many activities for the parish, beginning with next Saturday's (Sept. 28th) *Clean Comedy* program sponsored by the St. Monica's Ladies Auxiliary. The following Saturday (Oct. 5th), Catholic history author and teacher Phillip Campbell will return with a talk on the Reformation's effects on Catholics in the United States. The week after that we will have all-day Eucharistic adoration as part of the Eucharistic Rosary Congress (Oct. 8th or 9th) and on Wednesday night (Oct 9th) the popular streaming TV series "The Chosen" will start up again. We will view season four. Hopefully, season five will be out early in 2025.

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The fall campaign of 40 Days for Life begins on Wednesday, September 25th. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful and prayerful vigil outside of abortion clinics across the world. We will pray for an end to abortion, a conversion for those who support abortion and for all conflicted women considering abortion. The local campaign is held near the Planned Parenthood in Frandor Center in Lansing. The vigil runs from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. every day.

It takes many prayer warriors to cover this time period. Please consider taking time to go and pray. To sign up for a time, please go to www.40daysforlife.com/lansing. I will be going to pray every Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. should you wish to join me, call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088.

**First Reconciliation and First Communion
Parent/child Session**

Parents who are seeking the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for their child this 2024/25 school year are scheduled to meet on **Thursday, September 26 at 6:00-7:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. Materials and calendars will be available and a fun activity for the children. Please contact Jen Nelson for questions at 989-224-8473 or email at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com

**9-12 Grade Youth Group News:
Prayer, Service, Faith and Food!**

The Youth Group will begin meeting once a month on **Wednesday, September 25 at 7:30-8:30 p.m.** in the new **Religion Room** (old youth group room). The group will have opportunities for team building/ leadership, hearing various topics such as; *Prayer, Saints & Their Intercession, and Catholicism Compared to Other Religions.* Teens will also have a chance to make blankets as a service project and Christmas Cards (and cookies) with St. Nick! Calendars with more information are available in the church or online at stjosephcatholic.com. Contact Jen Nelson for questions at 989-224-8537 or email at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com

Liturgical Minsters
September 28/29

Altar Servers:

5:00 p.m.	Volunteer	
	Volunteer	
8:00 a.m.	Miles S.	
	Volunteer	
10:00 a.m.	Elijah S.	
	Anna H.	
12:00 p.m.	Volunteer	
	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.	Renea S.	
12:00 p.m.	Linda S.	

Ushers:

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

Collection Counters: September 23 Group 2

Sanctuary Cleaners: Mary Beth Elstro & Deb Szpont

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 or call (989) 224-2421



**St. Joseph Catholic School
LUNCH MENU**

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23-27, 2024

- Monday: French Toast with syrup, hash browns, sausage, fruit, and milk.
- Tuesday: Sloppy joes, tator tots, fruit, and milk.
- Wednesday: Broasted chicken, rice, carrots, fruit, and milk.
- Thursday: Hamburger with cheese, fried chips, fruit, and milk.
- Friday: Cheese stuffed breadstick with dipping sauce, peas, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of September 15, 2024

Adults (242 gifts Including online giving): \$15,425.69
 Loose Cash: \$731.32
 Total: \$16,157.01

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$622.00
 Building Fund: \$232.00
 Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$98.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$18,672.11. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

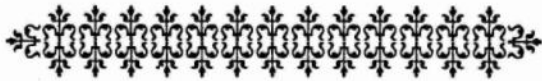
HELP WANTED

Volunteers from all states in life are needed for a

NEW parish adult formation team
Adult Formation Team Members:

- Have a love of God and others
- Possess the ability to see the “big picture” and work toward that vision.
- Have a desire to make a difference in the lives of those within the parish and larger community.
- Are committed, courageous, and willing to work with others.

To volunteer or for more information, please email rcia.stjosephparish@gmail.com



The Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is an intercessory prayer that asks the Lord to send His mercy upon us and upon everyone living in the world. It is prayed using the rosary and takes ten minutes to pray. The chaplet is traditionally said during the hour of mercy, the 3:00 pm hour. According to the Diary of St. Faustina, Jesus promised that all who recite this chaplet at the hour of death or in the presence of the dying will receive great mercy. The Vatican has approved Jesus’ promises to St. Faustina regarding the Chaplet, Divine Mercy Sunday & the Divine Mercy picture. You may want to research the many promises of mercy that Jesus made to St. Faustina. The chaplet is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist so it is especially appropriate to pray it after receiving the Eucharist at Mass.



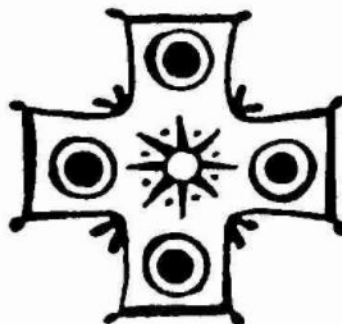
Please join the Path of Divine Hope Grief Ministry after the last Saturday Mass each month when the Divine Mercy Chaplet is said for the parishioners who died during the month. This month it will be prayed after mass on September 28.

St Cyril’s Catholic Church Altar Society Rummage and Bake Sale

Friday, September 27, 2024 from 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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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.

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

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Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Kottapuram

Next weekend, at all Masses, Rev. Bosco Padamattummal will be speaking about the works and the needs of the Diocese of Kottapuram.

Situated in Kerala in the southwest region of India as it juts into the Arabian Sea, the Diocese of Kottapuram is geographically full of islands and villages with about 25,000 Catholic families out of a population of 100,000 families – Christians, Muslims and Hindus. With an economy based on fishing, and with monsoons and other fluctuations of weather, the people experience great hardships. In love and charity the Diocese offers many programs to assist, support and empower children, women, fishermen, young, old, Catholic, and non-Catholic. Father asks, “On behalf of my Bishop Ambrose Puthenveetil I request your prayerful support and financial assistance to continue all the good works for the sick and suffering, irrespective of caste and creed, and to support the vocation to the priesthood.”



There will be second collection after communion at next weekend’s Masses. You can also drop off a donation at the parish office this week.

Your support of this mission appeal is deeply appreciated.



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.



Are you looking for a retreat to ignite your spiritual life... or provide a peaceful, interior getaway?

Then check out the retreat offerings at **St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt.**

The women's retreat **"Break Open the Parables" is being offered Oct. 4-6** (as well as in November, January, March & April). **"Tolkien & Fatherhood" Men's day retreats are being offered October 12 & November 4**, with weekend retreats for men in December, two in January and one in April. Other programmed and self-directed retreats are available. To find out more about these great offerings and others, or to register, go to www.stfrancis.ws or call 517-669-8321.

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.



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Be Loved & Be Radiant

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice."

Isaiah 60:1, 2

OCTOBER 12
9am-5pm

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Register: WWW.MICHIGANCWC.ORG

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 looking for both daytime shifts, as well as evenings/weekends, ideal for high school students!


Those interested please call 517-669-8321

Diocese of Lansing Employment Opportunities

The Diocese of Lansing is now accepting resumes for a **Regional Staff Accountant** to join the Parish Financial Services Team. To learn more about this position and to apply, please visit the Diocese of Lansing [Careers Page](#).

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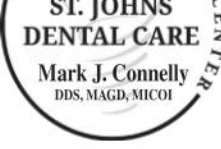
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