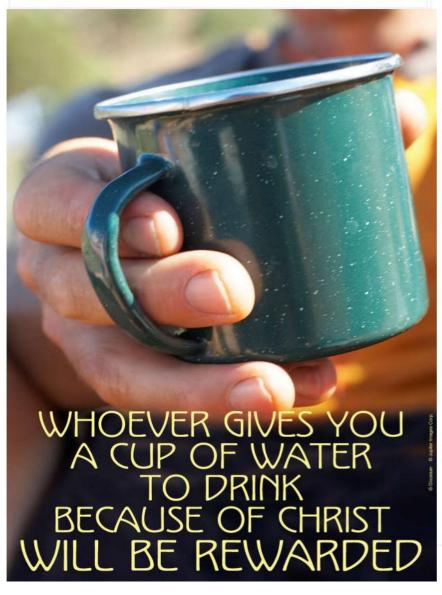
# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 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

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



## **THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES**

Monday • September 30 Job 1:6-22/Luke 9:46-50 No Mass

Tuesday • October 1 Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Luke 9:51-56 No Mass

Wednesday 

October 2 Job 9:1-12, 14-16/Matthew 18:1-5, 10 No Mass

Thursday 

October 3 Job 19:21-27/Luke 10:1-12 No Mass

Friday • October 4 Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Luke 10:13-16 8:30 a.m. Mass Living and deceased members of the Simon Family

By: Roy and JoAnn Simon

Saturday 

October 5 Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Luke 10:17-24 8:30 a.m Mass For an End to Abortion

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

Sunday 

October 6 Genesis 2:18-24/Hebrews 2:9-11/Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12 8:00 a.m. *†For the Society of St. Vincent DePaul* By: Society of SVDP

10:00 a.m. *†Paul and †Helen Fox* By: Alan and Mary Harr

12:00 p.m. *†Bernard and †Joan Jorae* By: Jerry and Colleen Smith

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish



There will be no Confessions or Mass this Tuesday through Thursday, October 1-3 due to the Priest Convocation.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from September 29-October 5, 2024 in memory of Louis and Margaret Brya

## **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament;** October 4 and 5

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on First Friday, October 4th, with Benediction prior to the 8:30 a.m. Mass on First Saturday, October 5th.

All are welcome to attend this 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: Midnight (2 needed), 1:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m.



Please call/text Rebecca (989)292-2072 if you plan to attend at one of these hours or sign up in the gathering space.

"No time is ever lost by prayer, for those who pray are workers together with God." ~St. Isidore

#### 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 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

**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS** 

> 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.

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## THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED



## WE ARE ALL Evangelizers

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

## "Halo, and Good Morning My Children"

As we get older and life settles down a bit for us, we sometimes make small discoveries that make us smile. Such has been the case for me throughout September. I have noticed something at 8:30 Masses during the week of how the sun makes its way up over our school and illuminates the small stained glass windows that surround the sanctuary. Most significantly the window that features the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The sun's rays slowly start poking their way through Jesus' Sacred Heart halo as the window becomes brighter and brighter. It's almost as if Jesus is saying to us "Halo, and Good Morning, My Children," as we wipe the spiritual sands from our soul's eyes. In those moments just before and early into the 8:30 Mass, I get the feeling that the sun's rays are gradually being replaced by the "Son's Rays."

At the same time, as the Sacred Heart of Jesus window becomes engulfed in light, he introduces us to his earthly family. The window to the right (south) of the Sacred Heart features the Holy Family -- St. Joseph, the Blessed Mother and Jesus, of course, as a baby. In the New Testament, God reveals Jesus to us as the Savior. In a matter of wellaligned windows, he also reveals Jesus as true God and true man, a member of an earthly family to whom we can all relate.

As the sunlight beams through this second window and the Holy Family, it also starts another revelation, that of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in window number three. So together we have God presenting his Son through his Sacred Heart, then he takes us back to Jesus' earthly beginnings and the woman he chose not only to be the earthly mother of Jesus, but the Blessed Mother of us all. Her Immaculate Heart projects the purity of Mary and the purity of her love for all.

Standing, of course, in the middle is St. Joseph -- Jesus and the Sacred Heart on one side and Mary and her Immaculate Heart on the other. St. Joseph stands there, as quiet as ever, knowing his role as protector and comforter -- strong, obedient and faithful. A great role model is he. He accepted God's plan for him in raising the child Jesus and loving his wife Mary.

The sun doesn't always shine through those windows, but the light of Christ is available for each of us at all times. It's up to us to seek the light as part of God's universal plan.

*Deacon Eric* deaconeric@hotmail.com

## **Share the Abundant Harvest** A non-perishable food drive

From October 1 until October 31 there will be a non-perishable food drive here at St. Joseph Church. The food gathered will be shared between Beacon of Hope and Basic Needs - both in St. Johns. **Donated items can be placed in the wooden box at the north side of the church.** 

~Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #3281 and St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary



## 6th Annual Diocese of Lansing Eucharistic Rosary Congress

On Tuesday, October 8, our parish will participate in the diocesan wide Eucharistic Rosary Congress with **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Each hour will begin with the Rosary (Exception: 6:30 p.m. Rosary rather than 6:00 p.m.) Mass to close with be at 7:00 p.m.

Parishes throughout our diocese and across the country are participating together in seven days of Eucharistic Adoration and hourly rosary in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion, consecration, and pray. The Eucharistic Rosary Congress promotes the mission of the current National Eucharistic Rival, to renew our worship of Our lord, Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and to encounter His healing grace.

See <u>www.rosarycongressusa.org</u> for detailed history and more information.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

## 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 <u>www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/</u> <u>careers</u>.

Questions can be directed to Susan Mahoney, Business Manager phone 989-224-8994

or business.stjoseph@gmail.com



Whether you have been following "The Chosen" through its first seasons or not, you are invited to come, watch and discuss **season four Wednesday** evenings at 6:30 p.m. starting October 9th in the St. Joes Church basement.

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Monday:	Lasagna with bi fruit, and milk.	readstick, green	beans,
Tuesday:	Mac and Chees coli, fruit, and	e with pretzel r milk.	od, broc
Wednesday:	Chicken nugget fruit, and milk.	s, mashed potat	toes, corn,
Thursday:	Hotdog on a b and milk.	un, French fries,	, fruit,
Friday:	No School (St.	Joe students on	ly)
Lunches are \$3	3.25	Milk	\$0.50

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

	Liturgical I	
	October	5/6
Altar Servers:	5:00 p.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	8:00 a.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	10:00 a.m.	Mara T.
		Ellis T.
	12:00 p.m.	Mason W.
		Volunteer
Extraordinary	Ministers of Ho	ly 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.
	8:00 a.m.	Dean H.
	10:00 a.m.	Rose R.
	12:00 p.m.	Mary Beth E.
Ushers:	5:00 p.m.	Group 5B
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8D
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10D
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A

*Collection Counters:* September 30 Group 3

Sanctuary Cleaners: Laurie Hunt & Tammy Zuker

## **STEWARDSHIP**

For the weekend of September 22, 2024

Adults (252 gifts Including online giving):	\$13,057.30
Loose Cash:	\$817.60
Total:	\$13,874.90

#### **Other Gifts Received**

Education Trust Fund:	\$150.00
Building Fund:	\$320.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$125.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$18,272.34. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Pray A Rosary	and and	1 NO MASS	2 NO MASS	3 NO MASS	4 8:30 a.m. 1st Friday Mass Exposition of the Blessed	5 - 8:30 a.m. Benediction and 1st Saturday Mass
<b>Octo</b>	ber	Prie	Priest Convocation	u	(from Mass from 8:30 a.m. thru Benediction on Sat.)	8:30 a.m. The Average Joes (RR) 4:00 p.m. Confession
Month 6	Month of the Holy Rosary	9:30 a.m. Bible Study (L)	4:00 p.m. Bible Study (L)	6:30 p.m. "The Search (RR)	No School -St. Joe Only	5:00 p.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. Reformation in the United States (KCH)
6 Masses: 8 & 10 AM, Noon	7 No Mass	8 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	9 12:05 p.m. Mass	10 8:30 a.m. Mass	11 8:30 a.m. Mass	12
KC Pancake Breakfast (SH)		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- Eucharistic Rosary	4:00 pm Bible Study (L)	6:30 p.m. "The Search" (RR)	Adoration (C) from after Mass until 8:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m. The Average Joes (RR)
<b>6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish</b> 7:00 p.m. Hispanic ministry	7:30 p.m. KC Meeting (KCH)	9:30 a.m. Bible Study (L) 6:30 p.m. Confessions 7:00 p.m. Mass	6:30 p.m. "The Chosen" (RR)		No School	4:00 p.m. Confession 5:00 p.m. Mass
13 Masses: 8 & 10 AM, Noon	14 No Mass		16 12:05 p.m. Mass	17 8:30 a.m. Mass	<b>18</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass	19
1:00 p.m. Baptisms	6:00 p.m. PSC (TL)	9:30 AM Bible Study (B)	1:30-3:30 Marnage & Family (RR)	100/ "44000 of Th	Adoration (C) from after Mass until 8.00 n m	8:30 a.m. The Average Joes (RR)
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20 Masses: 8 & 10 AM, Noon	21 No Mass	22 - No Mass 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (B)	<b>23 – No Mass</b> 4:00 p.m. Bible Study (L) 6:30 p.m. "The Chosen" (RR)	<b>24 8:30 a.m. Mass</b> 6:30 p.m. "The Search" (RR)	<b>25</b> 8:30 a.m. Mass Adoration (C) from after	26 8:30 a.m. The Average Joes (RR)
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish 7:00 p.m. Hispanic ministry	No school St. Joe Only	No School St. Joe Only	6:00-7:30 p.m. Rel Ed (Sch) 6:30 – 8:30 Confirm session 7:30 p.m. Youth Group (Rel R)		Mass until 8:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m. Confession 5:00 p.m. Mass
27 Masses: 8 & 10 AM, Noon	28 No Mass	29 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (L)	<b>30 12:05 p.m. Mass</b> 4:00 p.m. Bible Study (L) 6:30 p.m. "The Chosen" (RR) 6:30 p.m "The Search" (L)	31 8:30 a.m. Mass Happy	<sub>لا گا</sub> زما	+
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## Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Kottapuram

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 priest-

hood." There will be second collection after communion at after all Masses this weekend. 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. This is a free event

**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.

## **Adult Formation Team - update**

Thank you to everyone who has expressed a desire to participate in the Adult Formation Team. If you are considering reaching out and have not yet, there is still room for a few more passionate individuals to help. In particular, we would really appreciated the input of at least one more young adult on the team. The team plans to meet for the first time in October, so please reach out to Amanda soon if you have any questions about the team or would like to be included. Her email is **rcia.stjosephparish@gmail.com** or at the parish office.

Thank you for your continued prayers for this ministry.

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of

Monica Craig, Lila Masarik and Carl Murray

## CLEAN COMEDY FREE SHRUGS IMPROV

Saturday, September 24, 2024 7:00-9:00 p.m. Columbian Hall 1108 N Old US 27. St. Johns Tickets are \$12.00 and will be available at the door. You must be 14 years old or older. Hosted by St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary For questions contact: Dawn D 517-282-7648. Concessions available

www.freeshrugsimprov.com

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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.



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.





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