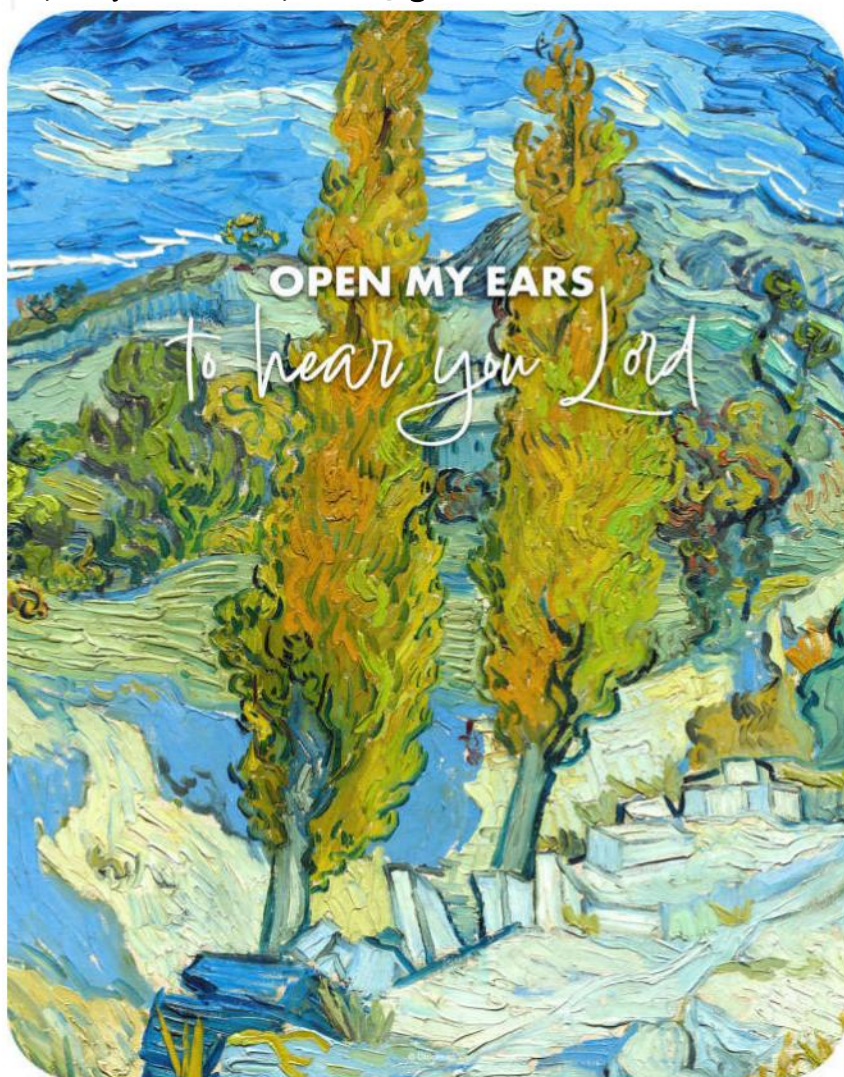


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Fr. Michael Williams  
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Deacon Jerry Fust  
Deacon Eric Elstro

### Worship

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### Parish Life

Parish Council • Dick Weller  
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Parish Secretary • Judi Thelen  
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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

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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 • September 9**

*1 Corinthians 5:1-8/Luke 6:6-11*

**No Mass**

**Tuesday • September 10**

*1 Corinthians 6:1-11/Luke 6:12-19*

**7:00 p.m. Mass †Judith Ann Reaves**

*By: The Ladies of the Rosary Group*

**Wednesday • September 11**

*1 Corinthians 7:25-31/Luke 6:20-26*

**12:05 p.m. Mass †Fred Rogers**

*By: Monica Klaver and Family*

**Thursday • September 12**

*1 Corinthians 8:1B-7, 11-13/Luke 6:27-38*

**8:30 a.m. Mass †Bill Lapeer**

*By: Doug Hogan*

**Friday • September 13**

*1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22B-27/Luke 6:39-42*

**8:30 a.m. Mass †Adeline Schafer**

*By: The Sunshine Club*

**Saturday • September 14**

*Numbers 21:4b-9/Philippians 2:6-11/John 3:13-17*

**5:00 p.m. Mass In Honor of Alan and Mary Harr  
(50th Wedding Anniversary)**

**Sunday • September 15**

*Isaiah 50:5-9a/James 2:14-18/Mark 8:27-35*

**8:00 a.m. The People of the Parish**

**10:00 a.m. †Charles Wadell**

*By: Gail Wadell*

**12:00 p.m. In Honor of Fr. Bob Irish**

*By: Barb Yaich*

**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 8- 14, 2024  
in memory of  
**Nick Kurncz**

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**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:**

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Lisa Clarizio  
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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  
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,

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**\*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)

**Happy, Happy, Joy, Joy**

We can’t let today go by without giving a shout-out to our school: **Happy Birthday, St. Joseph School**, you may be 100 years old today, but with your “full facial” this summer, you look great. Let’s look back at the school’s early history and let’s set Mr. Peabody’s Way-back Machine for 1923.

In August of 1923, St Joe parishioners held a church and mortgage burning ceremony at the site of the proposed new school. Before the new structure could go up, of course, an old structure had to come down. So a week after the mortgage burning event, workers started demolishing the old C.B. Giffel’s home just east of the church on Cass Street.

On September 8th , there was a moment that would go down in parish history - perhaps I should say up, then down in parish history. It seems there was a stubborn apple tree stump at the rear of the Giffel’s property, so dynamite was used to blow it up. And

up it went - way up. When, as the law of gravity requires, it came down, it crashed through the roof of neighbor William Smith’s home - reportedly shaking up Smith’s daughter. Fortunately, no injuries were reported. I’m guessing they were a bit more careful in getting the stump out of the upper floor room of the Smith home than they were in getting it out of the ground.

Excavation of the site began the next week, but before it was completed, Pastor Thomas Carrey was transferred to Lapeer and was not able to be around for the laying of the cornerstone the next spring. That job went to the new pastor, Fr. Vincent Hankerd who did the honor in May 1924. In his remarks that day, Fr. Hankerd praised the generosity of the donors to the school project and offered hope for those who were to pass through the school:

“It is the wish of the writer of this record,” he said, “that who ever reads it may be able to judge that there was earnest piety in the hearts of those who gave generously for the building, and may he enjoy in his time, blessings of religious charity and goodness that the school taught and influenced.”

By the end of the summer, the school was completed. On September 8, 1924, exactly one year after the flying tree stump incident, the new school’s doors opened and children in grades one through eight were greeted by the teachers - sisters of Saint Joseph from Nazareth Michigan near Kalamazoo.

Newcomers to the parish may not know, but the original school building as just described is actually the middle portion of the current school. The front section of the school just renovated was built in 1959 and the back of today’s school (the part with the gym) was built in 1963. And we have lived up to Fr. Hankerd’s hope that the thousands of children who have passed through St. Joe’s doors enjoyed “blessings of religious charity and goodness that the school taught and influenced.” May God continue to bless Principal Chris Wells and our dedicated staff of teachers and aides during the 2024-25 year.

*Deacon Eric*  
deaconeric@hotmail.com

**St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary  
Monday, September 16 in the church library  
6:30 p.m.**

This month’s St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be in the church library. All ladies of the parish are invited to join our fun and busy meeting, during which we will stuff “Happy Packs” for our teachers. These individualized packs will give the teachers some needed goodies to help make the school year a happier one. We will present the packs to the teachers the following week.



**Also, final plans for the Clean Comedy event (tickets will be available) will also be made to make for a successful event. As usual there will be time for some snacks and fellowship. Please join us for all the fun! Call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088 for more information.**

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If you love the Catholic Faith and want to contribute in a meaningful way, please pray for vocations.

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Saturday, September 14	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
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September 16 - 21	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Sunday, September 22	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

*Our Lady of Fatima*

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Friday, September 13, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

*The front steps of the church*

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 6:30 PM: PRESENTATION

**Catholic Women’s Club**

Lunch Meeting  
September 12, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.  
Deli Café, Holt MI

The Catholic Women’s Club will be holding their first meeting at the Deli Café, 4625 E Willoughby Rd., Holt. It is women joining together to foster friendship, spiritual enrichment and to provide assistance to those less fortunate regardless of their faith. **Our Speaker will be Fr Dwight Ezop** editor of the Faith Magazine.

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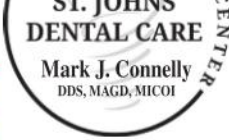
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