

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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"Which is the first of all the commandments?"  
Jesus replied, "The first is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."  
Mark 12:28-29, 31

**31**  
ORDINARY  
TIME

### 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 • Paul Atchley

#### 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 • November 4**

*Philippians 2:1-4/Luke 14:12-14*

**No Mass**

**Tuesday • November 5**

*Philippians 2:5-11/Luke 14:15-24*

**7:00 p.m. Mass In Honor of Paul and Sandy Witgen**

*By: Brad and Andrea Rehmann*

**Wednesday • November 6**

*Philippians 2:12-18/Luke 14:25-33*

**12:05 p.m. †Carl and †Laurene Thelen and †Donna Seay**

*By: Family*

**Thursday • November 7**

*Philippians 3:3-8A/Luke 15:1-10*

**8:30 a.m. Mass †Rosemary Platte**

*By: Ruth Henning*

**Friday • November 8**

*Philippians 3:17-4:1/Luke 16:1-8*

**8:30 a.m. Mass †Marie A Armbrustmacher**

*By: Dan and Margaret Jorae*

**Saturday • November 9**

*Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Corinthians 3:9C-11, 16-17/ John 2:13-22*

**1:00 p.m. Wedding - Sulcer/Childers**

**5:00 p.m. Mass †Dale Feldpausch**

*By: Family*

**Sunday • November 10**

*1 Kings 17:10-16/Hebrews 9:24-28/Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44*

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

**10:00 a.m. †Urban, †Marie and †Ken Wieber**

*By: Janet McKeown*

**12:00 p.m. †Susan Scarchilli**

*By: Theresa Owen*

**6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish †Joseph Castle**

*By: Lisa, Linda and Brenda*

**VOTE**  
with His **voice**



The Sanctuary Lamp  
will burn from  
November 3 to 9, 2024  
in memory of  
*Dale Feldpausch*

*Wedding Banns*

*María A. Thelen and Greg C. Smith*

**Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
Election Day  
November 5th  
9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**



Please come join us in praying for our country and for a good outcome to the election. You are welcome to stop in at any time throughout the day. However, so that we know that someone will be present at all times, there is a sign up sheet in the gathering space. If you can commit to a specific hour of prayer, or text/call Rebecca 989-292-2072.

*Remember to come back to pray at Mass at 7:00 p.m.*

**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

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Marcia Goerge  
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Gabrielle Meece  
Myah  
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Deacon Marv & Tita Robertson

Patricia Rojas  
Joan Schrauben  
Sherri  
Michael VanElls  
Jeff Wadell  
Jennifer  
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)

**Turkeys and Knights and Joes, Oh My!**

So, what else is on my mind today? Well, there's a few items that I would like to highlight, but there's not enough space to give them each their full due, so I think I'll call the following "The Deacon's Delicatessen." Or maybe "The Sunday Smorgasbord" might be more fitting. I can't decide. Talk among yourselves and make your own choice. I'm so verklempt.

**KNIGHTS** -- I would like to start today with a shout-out to Knights of Columbus Council 3281, which celebrated it's 75 th Anniversary last Sunday with an Open House at the newly renovated Columbian Hall. Close to 150 people attended, enjoying hamburgers and grilled hot dogs (the only way to cook a hot dog in my mind) and a nice presentation honoring past Grand Knights, followed by a moment of silence for those Knights who have headed to their heavenly home. The hall itself looks great, by the way, with its new drywall lining the whole building --a far cry

from the outdated paneling that had outlived its time. The Knights hope the fresh look will be very appealing to those looking for wedding reception venues and the new Wi-Fi internet access make this a great place for business seminars as well.

Kudos to my brother Knights and everyone else who took part in the planning of the event or in the renovation of the building.

**JOES** -- I haven't talked up the Average Joes Men's group in the parish for a while, which belies how much I enjoy being part of it. My thought is that maybe there are some men who don't know of the Joes or just can't remember what it is about. It is not a service group like the Knights of Columbus, though most of the Joes are Knights. It is not a bible study, yet we often use Scripture as a jumping off point for discussion. I guess it's much easier to say what the Joes group isn't ,than what it is. What I can say is that it is rewarding. We might talk about faith or hope, we might talk about grief or the election. We may have a planned topic, or the conversation may be spontaneous. But each get-together is an opportunity for Christian men to step away

from work and home responsibilities for an hour each week and chat with men of faith. Men, stop in and visit with the Joes on Saturday mornings in the church basement from 9:00 - 10:00. You'll be glad you did.

**TURKEYS** -- This is just a reminder that I will soon make available the link for St. Joe parishioners to sign-up as helpers for the Clinton Community Thanksgiving Celebration and Dinner. My wife and I are members of the committee of volunteers from several area churches who provide a Thanksgiving meal for anyone at no cost to the diner. (It is not just *for the homeless, it's for everyone*) But we need many volunteers to prepare the food from Monday through Wednesday and to help greet, serve and clean-up on Thanksgiving. It's a great lesson of serving the community that parents can give to their children.

**FINALLY: If you haven't voted yet, VOTE.**

*Deacon Eric*  
deaconeric@hotmail.com

**save the date**

St Monica Ladies Auxiliary Hosts  
**Women's Advent Celebration**  
On December 6 2024  
At the Columbian Hall

Watch for more details in the bulletin.

**THANKS A HEAP!**

The Knights of Columbus and St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank all those that donated so generously to our *Share Your Harvest* food drive. We were able to donate approximately ten grocery cart loads of food to the Basic Needs store and the Beacon of Hope Center. Both places send their thanks and blessings to the people of St Joseph Parish.

*Remember, the Food Box is always available for your donations.*



**K-12 Grade Religious Education**

**November Calendar**

- Wednesday, November 6th: K-8 Classes
- Wednesday, November 13: K-8 Classes
- Wednesday, November 20 K-12 Class, Confirmation Class and Youth Group

For more information, times and other dates go to:

[stjoecatholic.com](http://stjoecatholic.com)

Contact Jen Nelson at 989-224-8537 or [dre.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:dre.stjoseph@gmail.com) with questions or to register

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

**Parish Office Closure**

When St. Johns Public School closes for Inclement weather, so does St. Joseph Catholic Church parish office. If there is a weekday Mass scheduled that day, the **Mass will still take place**. Please consider all precautions if you still plan on attending the weekday Mass.



If you have any questions or concerns, please call the parish office.



**St. Joseph School - Job Opportunity  
Temporary kitchen staff worker**

We have an open job position for a kitchen staff worker for the months between January 6 and April 7, 2025. This is a temporary position. Anyone interested, please contact the school office (989) 224-2421, or email Erica Denovich, Kitchen Supervisor, at [kitchen@stjoecatholicsschool.org](mailto:kitchen@stjoecatholicsschool.org).

***Liturgical Minsters***

**November 9/10**

<b>Altar Servers:</b>	5:00 p.m.	Charleigh F. Averie D.
	8:00 a.m.	Audrey D. Cora D.
	10:00 a.m.	Mara T. Ellis and Vera T.
	12:00 p.m.	Max S. Remington F.

***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

<b>Lectors:</b>	5:00 p.m.	Ann P.
	8:00 a.m.	Trevor H.
	10:00 a.m.	Joe T.
	12:00 p.m.	Debbie T.

<b>Ushers:</b>	5:00 p.m.	Group 5A
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8D
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10A
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A

**Collection Counters:** November 4 Group 4

**Sanctuary Cleaners:** Jane Randolph & Veronica Rozen

**St. Joseph Catholic School  
LUNCH MENU**

**FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4-8, 2024**

- Monday: Orange Chicken over Rice, peas, Fruit, and milk. **New lunch item!**
- Tuesday: Corn dog, carrots, fruit, and milk.
- Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup, blueberry muffin, and milk.
- Thursday: Hamburger on a bun with cheese, fried chips, fruit, and milk.
- Friday: Cheese stuffed breadstick with dipping sauce, cucumbers, 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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**STEWARDSHIP**

**For the weekend of October 27, 2024**

Adults (296 gifts Including online giving):	.....\$16,368.03
Loose Cash:	.....\$782.00
Total:	.....\$17,150.03

**Other Gifts Received**

Education Trust Fund:	.....\$122.00
Building Fund:	.....\$680.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	.....\$131.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$18,696.38. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.



The *Stewardship for Saints and Scholars* Campaign is now underway, and the generosity of our Diocese of Lansing community is clearly apparent. To date, our campaign has already raised St. Joseph Church toward our parish target!

Many thanks to the volunteers who have worked so diligently to get us to this point. I would also like to thank the donors who have given so generously in the early stages of our campaign. While there is much to celebrate, there is also much work to be done.

In the coming weeks, volunteers will be reaching out individually to some members of our parish. I ask that you please keep in mind the following:

#### Volunteers – Dual Donation

The volunteers who are contacting families are just that – volunteers. They have graciously agreed to donate their time and talent for the greater good of this effort. They are serving in this role because they believe in the diocesan-wide initiatives and are passionate about our parish. Please treat them with respect and thank them for helping the Church in this important capacity.

#### Personal Touch

I have instructed each of our campaign volunteers to personally meet with the members of the faith family. If you receive a call, I kindly ask that you:

- Take the call or return the message. Do not avoid talking to our volunteers. It makes their job more difficult and puts them in a position where they keep calling in an attempt to reach you.
- Meet face-to-face, if possible. If you are asked to meet, please give our volunteers 15 minutes of your time. They are not trying to twist your arm, they just want to briefly explain the campaign initiatives, answer your questions, and receive a decision about your participation.

#### Carrying a Pledge Card? Return It!

If you received a pledge card inside your packet of materials, you will likely **not** be called by a campaign volunteer. Please discern your involvement in the campaign, fill out the card and return it in the envelope provided.

#### Your Gift Matters!

Remember, the letter you receive includes a financial request. It is not an expectation. It is an invitation. I invite you to pray for this campaign and this diocese. You may not be able to give what was asked. You may be able to give more than asked.

Whatever that decision is, know that your commitment is deeply appreciated and is a true blessing to our effort!

Thank you for your cooperation, your consideration, and your support of the saints and scholars throughout the Diocese of Lansing!

### New Position Opening: Part-time School Custodian

We have an opening for a part-time School Custodian to do basic cleaning and sanitizing of the school building. Position is for three (3) hours per day for each school day; may include full-time summer work if desired. Shift is from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. for training and can change to evening hours, if preferred. Physical demands include moving heavy loads, bending, squatting, and climbing ladders. Previous experience not necessary, but knowledge of commercial cleaning procedures and supplies is helpful. Apply at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers). Direct questions to Susan in the parish office (989) 224-8994, [business.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:business.stjoseph@gmail.com)

### New Position Opening: Part-time Bookkeeper

St. Joseph Church is accepting applications for a part-time Bookkeeper. Duties include maintaining the accounting ledger using double-entry bookkeeping, processing receivables and payables, and preparing payroll. Applicant must have an Associate degree in accounting or equivalent experience, have familiarity with account software, and be proficient with Excel.

This position is 8-15 hours per week, with some flexibility, year-round. Full position description is available at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers). If you are someone who embraces the teachings and mission of the Catholic Church and are interested in working in this environment, apply online or send your resume, cover letter, and references to Susan Mahoney, St. Joseph Church, 109 Linden St., St. Johns, MI 48879, email: [business.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:business.stjoseph@gmail.com)



### Campaign Prayer

Lord, everything we have is a gift from you.

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To develop these gifts full.

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available to all.

May the work of this campaign bear abundant fruit  
in the Saints and Scholars you are raising up for the future.

We ask these blessings through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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# Wine & Cheese Brown Bag Auction

## 30TH ANNIVERSARY!

*Reminisce with nostalgic photo slideshow*



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH**  
7 PM, COLUMBIAN HALL  
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2024 PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT  
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OF CLINTON COUNTY

### Mark your calendar!

The weekend of **November 16th/17th** foreign missionary Anna Biewer, previous secretary at St. Joes, **will be selling handmade artisanal rosaries and jewelry made by members of a Kichwa tribal community called "Sinchi Warmi" from the jungles of Ecuador.**

She will be selling the items in the back of church after all Masses that weekend. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the families who made the items, and will help them all to continue providing for their families.

Any questions contact Anna Biewer at: [annabiewer@familymissionscompany.com](mailto:annabiewer@familymissionscompany.com)

### Mother Teresa House

With a full house, Mother Teresa House, at 308 N Walnut Rd., Lansing, is seeking support from our community to provide meals for our three guests a few times a week. If you are able to help, please sign up via our [mealtrain.com](https://mealtrain.com) webpage:

<https://mealtrain.com/97vlg>

## Veterans Shower

to benefit *Michigan Veteran Homes/Marquette Michigan*  
The gathering space will once again be the location to receive your donations for the Veterans who have served our country.

November 2-17, 2024

**Please NO Monetary donations!**

- \* New T-Shirts (men's L-3X)
- \* New women's sweatpants (1X-2X)
- \* New men's sweatpants (1X-3X)
- \* Soft, individually wrapped snack bars (NO NUTS)
- \* Soft individually wrapped sugar-free candies
- \* Hot chocolate packets
- \* Microwave popcorn
- \* Lotions - Eucerin or Cera Ve (sensitive skin)
- \* Razors - Gillette fusion, Mach 3, Progilde
- \* 3 in 1 Shampoo/body wash
- \* Batteries AA, AAA, C
- \* Large face watches with stretchy bands
- \* 2025 Wall Calendars (animals, nature, sports, military)
- \* Forever Postage stamps - **Please leave at the parish office downstairs.**

### Are you grieving and missing a beloved spouse?

Are you lonely and wishing you could meet with other like-minded men and women who are experiencing similar situations? We are attempting to establish a widows/widowers group where you can gather for coffee, conversation and companionship.

Come to our first meeting on

**Wednesday, November 13th**

**at 10:00 a.m. in the church basement.**

Bring your thoughts and ideas on what you would like this group to be.

We will break in time for Noon Mass.

Any questions, please call 517-896-5441.



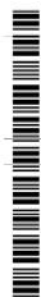
### Knights of Columbus

#### Membership Drive/ Exemplification

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a membership drive the weekend of November 2nd /3rd . All men (over 18) are invited to join for free for the first year. Members will be available to answer questions after all Masses.

There will also be an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on **Thursday, November 7th at 6:30-7:00 pm** at St. Joseph Church and all new members and First Degree members are encouraged to attend.

Please contact Membership Director, Doug Nurenberg at 989-292-1583 with questions.







## St. Joseph School 100 Anniversary

When we have space in our bulletin, we're excited to share our "Throwback Thursday" posts from Facebook. We understand that not everyone has a Facebook account, and we don't want you to miss out on the joy and nostalgia these memories bring.

This appeared on October 17, 2024

Today's throwback features **Sister Romayne** playing some music for her young students. Do you recognize any of these **St. Joe students?** *Soar on, Comets!*

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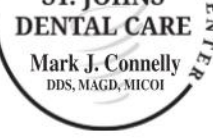


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