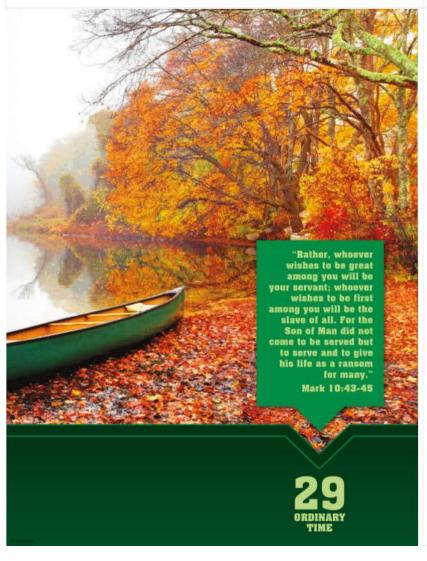
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#### **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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 • 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 ● October 21

Ephesians 2:1-10/Luke 12:13-21

No Mass

Tuesday ● October 22

Ephesians 2:12-22/Luke 12:35-38
7:00 p.m. Mass †Marcia Goerge

By: St Monica Ladies Auxiliary

Wednesday ● October 23

Ephesians 3:2-12/Luke 12:39-48

12:05 p.m. †Charlotte Voisin

By: Knights of Columbus #3281

Thursday ● October 24

Ephesians 3:14-21/Luke 12:49-53
8:30 a.m. Mass †Nicholas Thelen

By: Charlie and Lisa Wieber

Friday ● October 25
Ephesians 4:1-6/Luke 12:54-59
8:30 a.m. Mass †Betty Fleischer

By: Susie Schroeder

Saturday ● October 26 Ephesians 4:7-16/Luke 13:1-9

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

By: John and Camilla Vitek

Sunday ● October 27

Jeremiah 31:7-9/Hebrews 5:1-6/Mark 10:46-52

8:00 a.m.

†Rita Thelen

By: Charlie and Lisa Wieber

10:00 a.m. †David Schroeder

By: Susie and the kids

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

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Holy Souls in Purgatory



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from October 20-27, 2024 in memory of

### Leon and Bertine Thelen

#### Reminder

The Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer date has moved been to November 2, 2024, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass when it will be said for all the parishioners who have died during the past year.

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

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

Fridays 9:00 a.m. - Noon

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

"The presence of Jesus in the tabernacle must be a kind of magnetic pole attracting an ever great number of souls enamored of him, ready to wait patiently to hear his voice and as it were, to sense the beating of his heart."

> St. John Paul II, Apostolic Letter Mane Nobiscum Domine (Stay with Us Lord) (2004)

Will you consider committing to a specific hour once a month for Adoration or add your name to our substitute list? Both of these roles are very important in allowing us the opportunity to pray before Our Lord all day and night on First Fridays.

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Please call/text Rebecca (989)292-2072 to sign up or with questions.

#### 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 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 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: <u>only</u> immediate family members may add names to the bulletin.



WE ARE ALL
EVANGELIZERS
(and whatever else is on Deacon Eric's mind)

## Educate First, Then Vote

In the political season it is easy to get caught up on personalities. But the Church wants us to realize that how a person governs is more important than who governs. "The ethical has primacy over the partisan and the personal," according to Kishore Javabalan, acting chair of the Lansing Diocese's Commission on Catholic Social Teaching (CST). In an article entitled "The Election and You" in this month's Faith magazine, Jayabalan says our votes should go to the candidates who best meet the Church's four pillars of CST: human dignity, solidarity, the common good and subsidiarity. "Taken together" Jayabalan says "these principles are the pillars of a society that reflects God's will for the created order and the natural moral law."

The Church presents its Catholic Social Teaching as a way of cut-

ting through much of the rhetoric from political candidates. I often hear comments like "I don't know which of these candidates to trust." And sadly for many it comes down to, "which of these candidates lies the least?" Having these pillars of CST in mind can help us cut through some less-than-honest comments and get to the core beliefs. Even Pope Francis, when looking at our presidential candidates, told reporters that voters in the United Sates, when asked specifically about their views on abortion and immigration, said that each of our voters will choose on the "lesser of two evils." I am pretty sure that was not the intent of our founding fathers.

Let's look at those two topics briefly under the CST lens. The main reason, of course, that the Church urges us to vote against any pro-abortion candidate or policy is the taking of a baby's life in the womb. Under the CST umbrella, abortion "violates the principles of human dignity, the common good and solidarity by pitting mothers against their unborn children; and it violates sub-

sidiarity by not assisting those most in need who cannot defend themselves," in Jayabalan's words. Immigration is not quite as clear-cut, but we have to consider the human dignity of the immigrants, the common good of the sending and receiving countries and the avoidance of treating them, illegal or not, as people, not cattle or even more callously, as numbers.

I would encourage everyone who has not yet voted to take seven or eight minutes to read this article before casting your ballot. But, please everyone, VOTE. I hear people saying that they are so disgusted with the level of politics and what's going on in our society, that they are not going to cast a ballot. Resist that urge and vote -- and don't forget the local races. People in power at the state and local level usually get their starts on school boards and city councils. Vote, but first know what type of policy for which you are voting.

Deacon Eric
deaconeric@hotmail.com

## St Monica Auxiliary monthly meeting and English Tea Party

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary will meet Monday, October 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbian Hall. There will be



a short business meeting to make plans for future events followed by an English Tea Party with all the fixings--tea in fancy pots and tea cups with multiple tea snacks. So put on your favorite fascinator, hatinator or fancy hat and join in the fun night. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend this event.

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

From October 1 until October 31 there will be a nonperishable 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



#### K-12 Religious Education October Calendar Reminder

- October 23: K-12 Classes and 9th Grade Confirmation Class
- October 30: K-12 Classes All Saints Celebration & 9th Grade Confirmation Class

Registration is still available for K-12 Religious Education classes. Please contact Jen Nelson at <a href="mailto:dre.stjoseph@gmail.com">dre.stjoseph@gmail.com</a> or (989)224-8537. More information and forms are also available at <a href="mailto:www.stjoecatholic.com">www.stjoecatholic.com</a>

#### St. Joseph School Wish List:

Donation needed to go towards materials for the Begindergarten cooking class \$220.00

### 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@stjoecatholicschool.org.

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

St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

#### FOR THE WEEK OF OCT 21-25, 2024

Monday: NO SCHOOL (St Joe Only)
Tuesday: NO SCHOOL (St Joe Only)

Wednesday: Broasted Chicken, rice, carrots, fruit,

and milk.

Thursday: Hamburger on a bun with cheese, fried

chips, fruit, and milk.

Friday: Bosco sticks, peas, fruit, and milk

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

## Liturgical Minsters October 26/27

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Volunteers

Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Miles S.

Kavnin S.

10:00 a.m. Quinn D.

Palmer D.

12:00 p.m. Mabel R.

Willow R.

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy 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. Lisa W.

8:00 a.m. Rich H. 10:00 a.m. Tori S. 12:00 p.m. Linda S.

*Ushers:* 5:00 p.m. Group 5B

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

Collection Counters: October 21 Group 2

Sanctuary Cleaners: Bonnie Wohlfert & Jodie George

#### STEWARDSHIP

#### For the weekend of October 13, 2024

Adults (291 gifts Including online giving): ......\$19,782.68
Loose Cash: .....\$692.00
Total: .....\$20,474.68

#### Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$249.00
Building Fund: \$248.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$25.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$18,768.43. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.



We have officially kicked off the *Stewardship for Saints and Scholars* campaign at St. Joseph. Our Parish target is \$1, 260,000 over a five-year period. If you did not get a chance to see the campaign video, please let me know or visit the campaign website. This week you will be receiving a letter from Bishop Boyea. Some of you may have already received it. The letter includes a specific amount that I would like you to consider prayerfully. Please review the campaign material, pray about your response, and continue to spread the positive message about this historic effort.

Also, many of you will be receiving a phone call from a campaign volunteer. This fellow parishioner will be setting an appointment to visit with you to answer your questions and help complete your pledge card if requested. Be sure to say thanks for his/her dedication and commitment to the *Stewardship for Saints and Scholars* campaign.

Please continue to say the campaign prayer for St. Joseph's success and for your hard-working campaign volunteers who are giving of their time and hearts.

#### **October Dresser Ministry**

October is "Respect Life" month. Please help us help fill the Pack 'n Play located in the new gathering space for babies and moms who need our help.

All donations go to Shared Pregnancy in Lansing. Shared Pregnancy provides a very valuable service to Lansing area women. When a Mom comes in there is often a waiting list before she can receive indispensable items like a car seat, pack-n-play, crib and more.

Did you know that in 2023-79,745 diapers were provided to clients?

Please consider donating to this very worthy cause.



#### Campaign Prayer

Lord, everything we have is a gift from you.
You call us to receive your gifts with thanks.
To develop these gifts full.
And to share them generously.

Through *the Stewardship for*Saints and Scholars Campaign
Help every young person in the

Diocese of Lansing See your beauty, and goodness;

Help families to raise their children in the Faith; And help parishes make a truly

Catholic education
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.

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. in the St. Joes Church basement

#### 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 <a href="https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers">www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers</a>. 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: <a href="mailto:business,stjoseph@gmail.com">business,stjoseph@gmail.com</a>

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

You will notice that the church yard is filled with tiny white crosses. This display is presented by Clinton County Right to Life as a reminder of the thousands of innocent babies in Michigan who have lost their lives due to abortion. It is also a reminder of the anguish of the mothers who made this decision, often due to the pressure from those around them. It is also to remind us to pray during this Respect Life Month for the end of abortion, for the women who suffer because of abortion and for the conversion of those who support abortion. Prayers can be made here in the our church, at home or as a part of the 40 days of Life prayer.

Sign up a **www.40daysforlife.com/lansing**. Feel free to join me in prayer on Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call Mary Beth at (989)227-0088.



## Sock-tober! October 1 to October 31

During the month of October St. Joseph School will once again be doing

## Rock the Sock

You can help by donating NEW men's, women's, children's and baby socks and dropping them off to either the box near the school office or the parish office. These will then be donated to various places who are in desperate need of these items.

## Do you like to sing?

Our choir is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact our Music



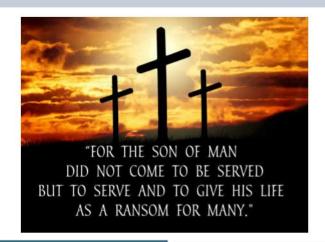
Director, Jeff Richards at musicdirtor.stjoseph@gmail.com



## 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.



Comedy Night Fundraiser to benefit

**Shared Pregnancy Women's Center** Featuring Jonnie W.

Friday, October 25, 2024 .m.a 00:8

**South Church** 

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A Clean Comedy Show for ages 13+

\$25-\$75 tickets

For more information and to purchase tickets please visit

Sharedpregnancy.org

Under News and Events

## The Veterans Shower

will be starting the weekend of November 3 until November 17 Donations are to benefit the Veteran's Home in Marquette,

Michigan.

More details in future **bulletins** 



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#### TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Do it Grandly Seminar

November 9 2024 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing Fr. Mac Hall

#### Grandparents...

Do you want to be able to pass your faith in Jesus on to your Grandchildren? Are you frustrated because you don't know how to pass on your faith to your Grandchildren?

The Do It Grandly Seminar provides a bold vision for grandparenting and the tools to intentionally pass on your Faith to our grandchildren.

Learn to be a missionary to your own grandchildren.

Participants can register in the church office or online at elcatholics.org/grandly.

#### **Creative Market Place and Craft Show**

St. Mary Cathedral
Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary
Saturday, November 9 2024
1:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m.
St. Mary Cathedral - Parish Hall
219 Seymour Ave, Lansing
Calling all crafters and vendors!

If you're interested in a booth to sell your crafts, artwork, or hand-made treats and goodies, contact Jenny Hoover at 517-927-9029 or Christina Clemmons at 517-614-8432 for an application. Deadline to reserve a booth is November 1, 2024.



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