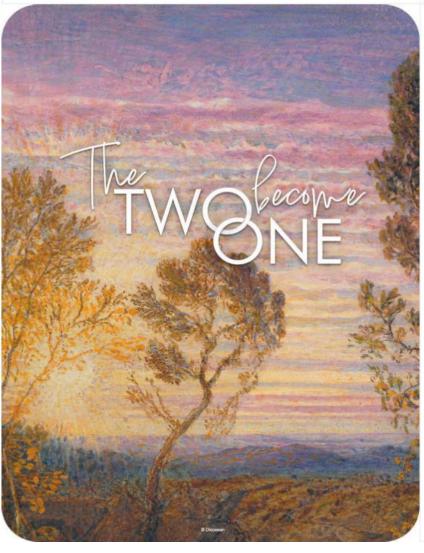
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Fr. Michael Williams
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Deacon Jerry Fust
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Please call the parish office for more information on our Family Ministries.

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 7

Galatians 1:6-12/Luke 10:25-37

No Mass

Tuesday ● October 8

Galatians 1:13-24/Luke 10:38-42

7:00 p.m. Mass †Cortney Craig-Nowak

By: Joe and Helen Kus

Wednesday ● October 9

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14/Luke 11:1-4
12:05 p.m. †Robert Cardosa

By: Susan Cardosa

Thursday ● October 10 Galatians 3:1-5/Luke 11:5-13

8:30 a.m. Mass †Don and †Bonna Rae Henning

By: Brian and Debbie Szpont

Friday • October 11

Galatians 3:7-14/Luke 11:15-26

8:30 a.m. Mass †For Patrick, †Jon and

†Theresa Fedewa-Wells

By: Joe and Helen Kus

Saturday ● October 12

Galatians 3:22-29/Luke 11:27-28

5:00 p.m. Mass †Bob and †Carol Frechen, and †Ray Trevino

By: Mark and Diane

Armbrustmacher

Sunday ● October 13

Wisdom 7:7-11/Hebrews 4:12-13/Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. †Kenneth L. Price

By: The Price Family

12:00 p.m. †Frank and †Janet Glowacki

By: Tim and Theresa Owen

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

In Honor of St. Joseph



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from October 6-12, 2024 in memory of

Dale and Isabell Baker

6th Annual Diocese of Lansing Eucharistic Rosary Congress -Tuesday, October 8th

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. The Rosary will be led at each hour from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. Mass to close with be at 7:00 p.m.

There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space f you would like to commit to prayer for a particular hour. Please join us!

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.



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)

In Search of the Golden Acorn

I never thought much about squirrels until the past year or so. Oh, every now and then I would marvel at their balance as they scurried across the tops of our fences or be amused when, at times, they would chase each other up and down our trees. But they would draw a little bit of my ire, when after sweeping my driveway of black walnuts, a nut would fall, then another and I would look up and see one of these furry creatures "tee-heeing" as he dropped another one right next to me. Old candy commercials used to say "Sometimes you feel like a nut, sometimes you don't." This would be a "sometimes you don't" moment.

Then, about a year ago, my wife and I were reading in the back yard when we heard a thump and turned to see that a squirrel had fallen about 25 feet and landed in the middle of the yard. It was stirring for a moment, first lifting its head and look-

ing at us then slowly getting on its feet and meandering back to the tree -- a little bruised and perhaps a bit embarrassed that he who could walk on fence-lines just fell out of a tree. After that I started noticing the squirrels around our home a bit more.

Early one Spring morning, with the dew still fresh on my grass, I saw a squirrel on the far side of the yard digging for a buried nut and I saw two small black birds poking around for a gourmet breakfast of bugs and worms in the front part of the yard. The squirrel dug a couple holes in his unsuccessful nut search when he noticed the birds and started moving toward them, a little bit at a time. This confused me because he looked like he was going to attack the birds and I thought "you silly squirrel, you eat nuts and acorns, not birds or worms or bugs." But the squirrel indeed leaped at the birds, who flew up a few feet then simultaneously nose-dived at the squirrel as he high-tailed it back across the yard and up the tree. In researching this column, I found out that squirrels are actually omnivores and will eat birds if hungry enough.

Its taken me 400 words to get around to noting how today's column title fits into all this. Well, a couple weeks ago, I came home to find a dead squirrel in the street near my driveway. It had not been run over. It may have fallen out of the tree. About two inches from the squirrel's mouth was an acorn. I thought about the squirrel Scrat from the Ice Age movies and his fruitless attempts for that great big tasty Golden Acorn. He always survived his adventures, because (duh) he's only a cartoon character.

We must look at the Golden Acorns we pursue (wealth, power, honor or pleasure) and consider whether those pursuits get in the way of our relationship with God. The squirrel laying in my street got his acorn at his ultimate cost. Our ultimate spiritual cost is much greater if we go too far out on the limb in our material pursuits. Our Christian goal is singular and focused - pursue Jesus.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

St Monica Auxiliary monthly meeting (date change!) and English Tea Party

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary will meet Monday, **October 21st 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 multiply 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.

The Auxiliary also sends out a huge thank you to all who came to enjoy the clean comedy of the Free Shrugs Improv Group. It was full of fun and hugely successful.

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



Donations for All Saints Night

The K-12th grade religious program is seeking donations for their annual **ALL SAINTS NIGHT ON OCTOBER 30TH**. We are looking for any (used or new) holy items such as: holy cards, crucifixes, statues, prayer books, Bibles, saint pictures, rosaries, etc., The items are used for prizes and lessons on Sacramentals. Please drop off your donation/s at the parish office by **Monday, October 28th.** Thank you!

Contact Jen Nelson at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com if you have questions



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.

Some suggested items:

Diapers (especially sizes 4 and 5) Baby wipes, Baby wash, Rash ointment, mittens and gloves (12 moths to 2T) winter hats (12 months-2T), Bottle brush, breast pump, coats or snow suits (12 months-2T) backpacks, car seat covers, board or soft books, towels.

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 OCT 7-11, 2024

Monday: Chicken poppers, carrots, warm apples

with cinnamon, and milk.

Tuesday: Chick and cheese quesadilla with salsa,

peas, peaches, and milk.

Wednesday: Scalloped potatoes with ham, fruit, and

milk.

Thursday: Hamburger on a bun with cheese, fried

chips, fresh fruit, and milk.

Friday: No School (St. Joe students only)

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

Liturgical Minsters

October 12/13

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Charleigh F.

Averie D.

8:00 a.m. Audrey D.

Cora D.

10:00 a.m. Anna H.

Liam K.

12:00 p.m. Max S.

Remington F.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:00 p.m.	Group 3
8:00 a.m.	Group 3
10:00 a.m.	Group 3
12:00 p.m.	Group 3

 Lectors:
 5:00 p.m.
 Beth S.

 8:00 a.m.
 Lu Ann C.

 10:00 a.m.
 Karen D.

10:00 a.m. Karen D. 12:00 p.m. Debbie T.

Ushers: 5:00 p.m. Group 5C

8:00 a.m. Group 8E 10:00 a.m. Group 10A 12:00 p.m. Group 12A

Collection Counters: October 7 Group 4

Sanctuary Cleaners: Pam Ervin and Karen Feldpausch

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of September 30, 2024

Adults (287 gifts Including online giving)	: \$16,461.48
Loose Cash:	\$787.11
Total:	\$17 248 59

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust I	-und:	\$41.00
Building Fund:		\$105.00
Tuition Scholarsh	iip Fund:	\$37.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$18,193.59. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.



Soon, Bishop Boyea will invite everyone to be a part of the historic *Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign*. The campaign is a wonderful opportunity to address the needs of our schools and faith formation programs and our parishes. Bishop Boyea's invitation will request each family to make a meaningful gift with a suggested amount.

The request amounts for families to consider are based, in part, on support to our parish, past support to diocesan causes, a review by the campaign team and other information including whether you took part in the planning study. The diocese certainly does not know anyone's financial situation, but Bishop Boyea's approach will be to ask every family to prayerfully consider and then make a meaningful and sacrificial gift.

There are many ways of giving which can accommodate your current circumstances. The campaign offers flexible arrangements for when to pay and how to pay. Each family is asked to pray about what an appropriate sacrifice would be to provide meaningful support to the campaign and then complete a pledge card.

Our parish will have a team of volunteers who are helping with the campaign. They will be available to provide information, answer questions, and assist you in completing your pledge card.

Your charitable gift will positively impact the *saints and scholars of today* and the future generations of Catholics in Michigan and beyond!

Large-Print Living Faith Daily Devotionals

A parishioner recently donated about 10 large print Living Faith daily devotionals. Please stop into the parish office to get your copy. Enjoy!

New Position Opening: Part-time Bookkeeper

St. Joseph Church is accepting applications for a parttime 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. 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

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. Direct questions to Susan in the parish office (989) 224-8994, business.stjoseph@gmail.com

The CHOSEN

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.

at (989)227-0088.

Clinton County Right to 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





Join us for an adult evening of trivia to support St. Joseph School PSC!

\$20 a person or \$150 per table (8 per table) concessions available for purchase

October 19, 2024 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

(Knights of Columbus) Columbia Hall

1108 Old US 27, St. Johns

Register by October 11, 2024

Seats also sold at the door - no refunds, exact payment only. Please return this form to the school office with envelope labeled "Trivia Night"

Contact Name:

Table or # of people:

Contact Cell:

Amount Enclosed:

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sponsored by St. John Knights of Columbus Fellowship and Good Food! Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Applesauce, Orange Juice and Coffee First Sunday of Every Month, September through June In the School Cafeteria following 8 AM Mass until 11:30 AM S5 Suggested Donation EVERY FIRST

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

Those interested please call 517-669-8321

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 musicdiretor.stjoseph@gmail.com



Revival-A Grieving Mother's Retreat October 26-27, 2024 De Sales Center, 1198 De Sales Dr., Brooklyn MI

For mothers grieving miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant loss. Join us for a weekend of healing and revival, facilitated by Red Bird Ministries, including keynotes, time for reflection, opportunities for confession, spiritual direction, counseling, adoration, and more.

- When: 8:00 a.m., October 26th through 8:00 p.m. October 27, 2024.
- Where: De Sales Center, Brooklyn
- Cost: \$200

Vocation and Pro-Life Breakfast Buffet **Fowler Knights of Columbus** October 13, 2024 8:30 a.m. to Noon

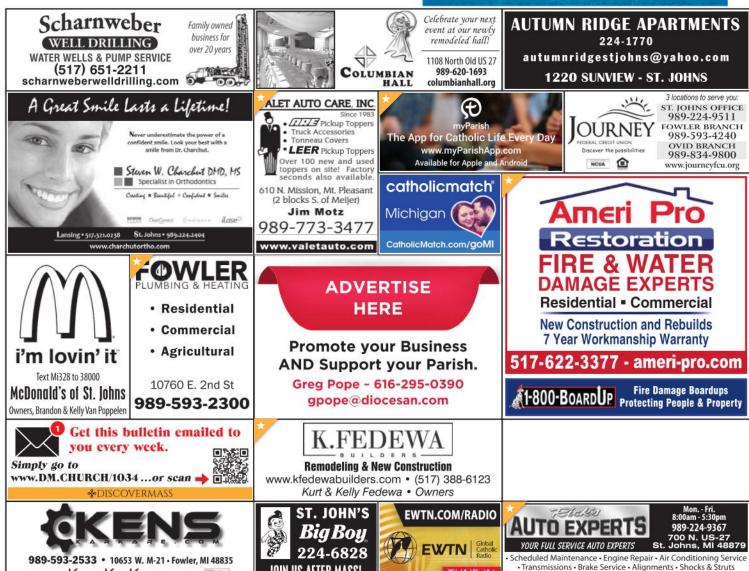
The Fowler Knights of Columbus will be serving a delicious all-you-can-eat benefit breakfast buffet (sausage, ham, eggs, pancakes, etc.) on Sunday, October 13th at Most Holy Trinity Activity Center, 11159 W Kent St., Fowler. Proceeds will support vocations and pro-life activities.

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