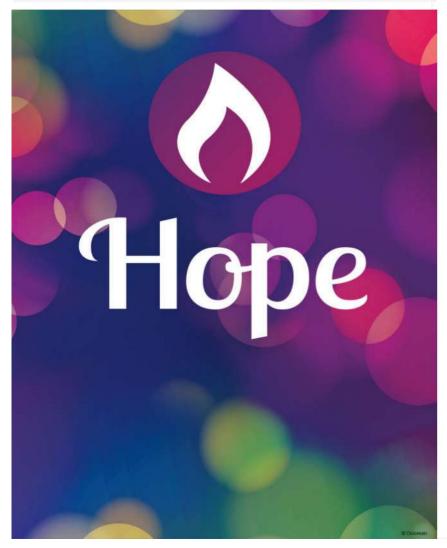


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DECEMBER 1, 2024

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 • December 2 Isaiah 2:1-5/Matthew 8:5-11 No Mass

Tuesday • December 3 Isaiah 11:1-10/Luke 10:21-24 7:00 p.m. Mass The Pope

By: Society of St Vincent DePaul

Wednesday • December 4 Isaiah 25:6-10a/Matthew 15:29-37 12:05 p.m. *†Cortney Craig-Nowak* By: Charlie and Lisa Wieber

Thursday • December 5 Isaiah 26:1-6/Matthew 7:21, 24-27 8:30 a.m. Mass Education Trust Fund

Friday • December 6 Isaiah 29:17-24/Matthew 9:27-31 8:30 a.m. Mass †June O'Neill

By: Knights of Columbus #3281

Saturday • December 7 Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26/Matthew 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8 8:30 a.m. Mass For An End to Abortion

5:00 p.m. Mass *†Art Halfmann* By: Monica Klaver and Family

Sunday • December 8 Baruch 5:1-9/Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11/Luke 3:1-6 8:00 a.m. †Ignacio and †Olga Martinez By: Family 10:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. The Catholic Church By: Society of St. Vincent DePaul

> Mass in Spanish †Dora Porras Narvaez

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.

be vigilant at all times



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from December 1-7, 2024 in memory of Robert Cardosa

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration following 8:30 a.m. Mass on First Friday, December 6, until prior to First Saturday Mass oat 8:30 a.m., December 7th.



All are welcome to attend this time of Adoration of Our Lord as we prepare our minds and hearts for Jesus' coming.

We are in need of subs at the following times: Friday, December 6: 11:00 a.m. (2 needed) 2:00 p.m., 3;00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 7: 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.

Please text/call Rebecca at 989-292-2072 or sign up in the gathering space.

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

6:00 p.m.

Cindy Fontus Brenda Higgins David Higgins Korine Alissa McKeown Gabrielle Meece Myah Jenny Pytlowanyj Frank Rademacher 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 Colby Munger Adam Novak Alex Rojas David Seperic Noel Smith II Joshua Szpont Jordan Van Amburg

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)

I Asked God...

Those of us who spend a little time on social media often come across lists of this or that, the best of, the worst of or a list of suggestions to better our lives. I recently came across such a list that I figured would stimulate thoughts about how we pray to God, and I can think of no better time of year to share it than the first Sunday of Advent. It's not about repentance or the birth of Jesus it's about his love for us.

I probably can't get all eight of the sayings in within the confine of this column, but there will certainly be enough to present its purpose. Most importantly, they should help us see how God works with us in life. The first one is: "I asked God to take away my habit. God said, "No. It is not for me to take it away, but for you to give it up." One of the problems many of us face in prayer is to always be asking for the Lord to do something for us or give something to us. Sometimes the Lord says I've given you the ability to give this up on your own.

Next consider this: "I asked God to give me patience, but God said, "No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations. It isn't granted, it is learned." This is a tough one to handle because so many of us have sought God's help with patience, but since it is something we can learn there is going to be some trial and error. Once we master patience, however, the reward is great.

This next one is quite relatable: "I asked God to spare me pain, but God said, "No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares, and brings you closer to me." This is very difficult, especially when we are praying for relief of another's pain. And God's answer that we need to endure is unacceptable to many of us much of the time, but it's important for us to learn to offer up our suffering.

Life isn't supposed to be easy, especially a Christian life, which

is made clear by the following statement: "I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life, but God said, "No. I will give you life so you may enjoy all things." When Adam and Eve ushered sin into the world, the easy life disappeared. But that shouldn't keep us from enjoying life. Not all enjoyment is tied to money, just think of all we put on our lists last week when we pondered all for which we are thankful.

The final idiom I'm presenting wraps the whole bundle up: "I asked God to help me love others as He has loved me. God said, "Ah, now you have the idea."

I have nothing to add, except to wish everyone a blessed Advent and Christmas.

(List of sayings from a Facebook post from Catholic radio host Gus Lloyd.)

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary Advent Celebration Mary, Mother and the Feminine Genius"

Is there room in your heart for God to write His Story? Guest speaker; Dawn Hausmann from the Lansing Diocese Friday, December 6, 2024 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus-Columbian Hall 1108 N US Hwy 27, St. Johns \$12.00 per ticket available at the Parish office

Please bring a personal hygiene items to be donated to The Women's Safe Center Call (517) 282-7648 to host a table for this event.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

Heavenly Father, in Your goodness You have given us this time to prepare ourselves for the coming of the greatest gift, Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, more fully into our lives. Please help us to make a gift of ourselves to those in our family and community, through our time, our talents, and our prayers. We start by praying for those whose hands make up our little wreath, (mention names here), for their intentions, and for our entire St. Joseph Parish family. May we all better know the great peace, hope, love, and joy that comes only from You, as we grow closer to You throughout the seasons of Advent and Christmas. We ask all this through the power of the Holy Spirit, truly guiding the Church and its people today, and through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.

K-12 Grade Religious Education December Calendar:

- Wednesday, November 27 and December 4 : <u>NO</u>Classes
- Wednesday, December 11: K-8 Classes
- Wednesday, December 18: K-12 Classes, Confirmation Class and Youth Group

For more information, class times, and other dates, go to: stjoecatholic.com

Contact Jen Nelson at 989-224-8537 or dre.stjoseph@gmail.com.with questions or to register.

Calling families big and small! We need your help to light the Church's Advent Wreath before a Mass this Advent Season. Quick and easy sign-up is available on the Sign-Up Genius by scanning the QR code below (or call the parish office at 989-224-8994) We hope your family is part of the weekly celebration as we prepare for Christmas



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 DECEMBER 2-6, 2024

Monday:	Nachos with meat sauce, refried beans, cheese, fruit, and milk.
Tuesday:	Chicken tenders with ranch, carrots, fruit, and milk.
Wednesday:	Chili, cinnamon roll, fruit, and milk.
Thursday:	Hot dog on a bun, French fries, fruit, and milk.
Friday:	Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, peas, fruit, and milk.
Lunches are \$3.	• •

	Liturgical	Minsters	
	Liturgical Minsters December 7/8		
Altar Servers:	5:00 p.m.	Charleigh F.	
		Averie D.	
	8:00 a.m.	Audrey D.	
		Cora D.	
	10:00 a.m.	Bryson S.	
		Paisley S.	
	12:00 p.m.	Max S.	
		Remington F.	

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.	Bob P.
	10:00 a.m.	Rose R.
	12:00 p.m.	Debbie T.
Ushers:	5:00 p.m.	Group 5B
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8C
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10A
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A

Collection Counters: December 2 Group 4

Sanctuary Cleaners: Lori Pung and LuAnn Keilen

Attention all Widows and Widowers in the Parish our next group meeting will be Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the church basement. Put your thinking caps on and come with ideas for a name for our group. Questions? Call Kathy at 517-896-5441 or Midge at 989-640-7268.

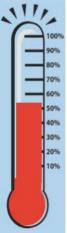
Due to early bulletin printing deadlines, the collection from the weekend of November 24, 2024 will appear in a later bulletin.

FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

DECEMBER 1, 2024



Our campaign thermometer is on the rise! Be sure to keep an eye on our progress as we continue to push those lines higher and higher. We have currently raised \$645,243.00. As you may remember, our target at St. Joseph Church is \$1,260,00.00. Thank you to everyone who has participated and to those who are praying about how they may make a difference.



During the last several weeks we have made a concerted effort to educate every parishioner about the campaign. We want to continue answering any questions you might have and ask for your participation. We need everyone's help in order to reach our target.

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.

Campaign prayer

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

Through the *Stewardship for Saints and Scholars* campaign help every young person in the Diocese of Lansing see your truth, 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 blessing through Christ our Lord. Amen.



All members of the St. Joseph Catholic Church family along with the choir are invited to join the **Knights of Columbus Council #3281**

christmas caroling

Hazel I Findlay Country Manor Monday, December 9th, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Song books will be provided. Dress for the holidays in your favorite Christmas attire and Santa hat and help spread some Christmas Joy to with the residents!



Please arrive 15 minutes early

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATION*

If you would like to make a donation of any amount towards our Christmas Poinsettias in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please use this form. Place in your red Christmas flower envelope.

Donated by:

In memory of (For the deceased)

In honor of (For the living)

Please return to the parish office no later than

Monday, December 16th

to be included in the memorial list.

Donations received in excess of flower costs will be applied towards decorations and other liturgical expenses.

THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED

Aging religious need your help.

The Retirement Fund for Religious help the more than 24,000 senior religious who have dedicated their lives to service retire with dignity. Donations will provide for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have served for decades--usually for little to no pay. Show your appreciation by supporting those who have given a lifetime.

all flesh shall see the salvation of God LUKE 3:6

THE GIVING TREE

Ornaments are in the baskets located at the new gathering space in the church. Each ornament has an item that you can provide for someone in need. Your responsibility is to bring the wrapped gift, marked with the name & number found on the ornament, and return the gift in the gathering space. Please remember that the gift you provide is often the only gift that the person receives.

In past years over 200 individuals from Hazel Findlay, Safe Center, Eureka House, and Reach

the Forgotten Ministries have benefited from the generosity of St. Joseph parishioners.

Please return monetary gifts to the parish office. All gifts <u>must</u> be returned by <u>Wednesday</u>,

December 11th.

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Join us to celebrate

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast

Thursday, December 12, 2024 Mass - 6:00 p.m. Dinner - immediately following at St. Joseph School Social Hall/Cafeteria

All Are Invited!

Our Lady of Guadalupe is one of Mary's most wellknown titles. She is also recognized as the patroness of America. We, with the help/generosity of the Hispanic Community from our church will honor her with a Mass and dinner.

During Mass, a brief representation of the apparitions of Our Lady will take place. A Mexican dinner and a program with crowning of Our Lady will follow immediately after Mass.



Please come and join us!

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 mailtrain.com webpage:

https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/97vlg5/

Church Cleaning

is scheduled for Monday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m. Bring some cleaning cloths, and a friend or two! Many hands make light work!



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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 post appeared on Facebook November 21, 2024

Today, we throw it back to November 1998. The students from the classroom of Linda Kurncz present their annual Thanksgiving Pageant for parents and friends. The actors gathered together to recreate the story of the first Thanksgiving and explain the meaning of the holiday. As we approach Thanksgiving next week, we praise and thank God for 100 years of His blessings upon our school. Soar on, Comets!



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