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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.

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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 11 Timothy 1:1-9/Luke 17:1-6 No Mass

Tuesday ● November 12 Timothy 2:1-8, 11-14/Luke 17:7-10

7:00 p.m. Mass The Deceased members of the St. Vincent

DePaul Conference

By: Society of SVDP

Wednesday ● November 13 Timothy 3:1-7/Luke 17:11-19

12:05 p.m. †Jeannette Schomisch

By: Husband

Thursday ● November 14 Philemon 7-20/Luke 17:20-25

8:30 a.m. Mass Immaculate Conception Legacy Society

Members

Friday ● November 15 2 John 4-9/Luke 17:26-37

8:30 a.m. Mass †Rhonda Hambleton

By: Chris and Brenda DeLiso

Saturday ● November 16 3 John 5-8/Luke 18:1-8

1:00 p.m. Wedding - Smith/Thelen

5:00 p.m. Mass †Marvin and †Rita Harr

By: Family

Sunday ● November 17

Daniel 12:1-3/Hebrews 10:11-14, 18/Mark 13:24-32

8:00 a.m.

†Dale Kraus and the deceased members of

the Art and Mary Cardy Families

By: Their Families

10:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. †Laura Vaive

By: Brad and Andrea Rehann

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from November 11 to 16, 2024 in memory of

Feannette Schomisch

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...You shall love your neighbor as yourself."



María A. Thelen and Greg C. Smíth



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"To adore God is to acknowledge Him as God, as the Creator and Savior, the Lord and Master of everything that exists, as infinite and merciful Love."

Catechism of the Catholic Church 2096

Interested in making a regular Holy Hour on First Friday/Saturday or in being a sub? Text/call Rebecca 989-292-2072.

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 Mary & 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 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.

THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED



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

What Does "Good" Mean?

It seems like a simple question, doesn't it? Even a child can tell us that good means "not bad." Of course, we know that the word "good" is a relative term that means one thing to one person and something else to someone else. For example, I can say that we elected a good president this week -- and at least half of the voters in this country would agree. The other half is bemoaning the fact that the world is coming to an end, or at least democracy is. (Keep in mind this column is being written on Halloween, so if the world ends on Election Tuesday, this column will have no meaning and we will all have found out whether each of us has met God's definition of "good.")

I most certainly don't want to go down a political rabbit hole, but I do think it's important for all of us to make sure that we have a solid understanding of what constitutes "good" for us at the highest level. Let's turn to my old buddy G. K. Chesterton for a kickstarter quote: "The more we are certain what good is, the more we shall see good in everything." If what is good is a moving target for us, then we may never really know good.

We read the gospel account of the rich young man a couple weeks ago. The young man knelt before Jesus and asked what it would take to get to heaven and Jesus rattled off a series of commandments. The young man excitedly answered that he had been following them his whole life. It is good for all of us to follow the commandments, but like the young man in the parable there's always something more Jesus wants us to do. In the parable Jesus asked the man to sell all his belongings and follow him. For us, our "more" may be something like volunteering to help at the community Thanksgiving dinner or postponing a major "fun" purchase and instead support the Saints and Scholars drive to

enhance religious education. The important action as defined by Chesterton is to truly define "good," which will us to see good in everything and everybody.

Assuming we are not all twisted up trying to define what good means for each of us, recall that in that same parable of the young rich man, he addresses Jesus as "Good teacher." To which Jesus replies: "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone." If only God is good and we know he is perfect, how can we realistically expect to be good, because we can never be perfect?

We can't be perfect, but we can strive to be. And along the way, we are likely to figure out what good means for us, and thus more readily see the good in others. When we better see the good in others, we better understand the good and our actions will better reflect the ultimate good -- perfection in the Lord.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

St Monica Ladies Auxiliary November Meeting Monday, November 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Columbian Hall 1108 Old US 27, St Johns
This will be the quarterly pot luck dinner meeting. All ladies of the parish are invited to bring a favorite dish



to share and join in the fun evening. As we enjoy some delicious food, we will discuss St. Monica events and other faith-filled topics. The next event being planned is the Women's Advent celebration scheduled for Friday, December 6th. Look for more details in the next bulletin.

Advent Wreath Prayer and Craft Connection Event

The term Advent originates from the Latin word *advenio*, which means "to come to." The Advent season brings the anticipation of Christ's second coming, along with a renewed faith in His presence with each of us. The Adult Faith Formation Team invites you to prepare to come to Christ this season by inviting you to an event that will bring together friends, families, singles, couples, newcomers, long-timers; All of the St. Joseph Parish family, in a unique and spiritual way throughout the Advent season. We hope that you will join us at 11:00 a.m. (between the 10:00 a.m. and Noon Masses) on Sunday, November 24 to create Advent prayer wreathes and foster connections within our parish community.

K-12 Grade Religious Education

November Calendar

- 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

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

Thank you to all who donated Holy items for the K-8th Grade Religious Education All Saints Party!
The children absolutely loved the prizes and had so much fun picking out the beautiful treasures of our faith



treasures of our faith. You are a blessing!

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 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 NOVEMBER 11-15, 2024

Monday: Chicken Tenders, cucumbers, fruit, and

milk.

Tuesday: Chili, cinnamon roll, fruit, and milk. Wednesday: Thanksgiving Meal: Turkey, mashed

potatoes with gravy, corn, dressing, roll,

cranberry sauce, and milk.

Thursday: Hot dog on a bun, French fries, fruit,

and milk.

Friday: Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, fruit, and

milk.

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

Liturgical Minsters

November 16/17

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Joslynn R.

Sophia R.

8:00 a.m. Volunteers

Volunteers

10:00 a.m. Anna H.

Liam K.

12:00 p.m. Tanner K.

Sophia K.

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. Diane A.

8:00 a.m. Dean H. 10:00 a.m. Jane M. 12:00 p.m. Dawn L.

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

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

Collection Counters: November 11 Group 1

Sanctuary Cleaners: Kate Mullen & Kari Schneider

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of November 3, 2024

Adults (315 gifts Including online giving):\$19,462.18 Loose Cash:\$899.75 Total:\$20,361.93

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$258.00
Building Fund: \$292.09
Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$75.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$18,797.01. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.



The Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign update: To date, our parish has raised \$ 160,010.00 toward our target of \$1,260.000.00.

If you receive a call from one of our volunteers, please take the call or return the message. If you received a pledge card in the mail with your campaign materials, please prayerfully discern your gift and return the card in the envelope provided as soon as you are able. Many thanks for your support!

Clinton Community Thanksgiving Celebration

The Clinton Community Thanksgiving Celebration is back, but *desperately needs workers*! Shifts generally are two hours long and run all through Thanksgiving week. Food prep will be at the Columbian Hall Monday-Wednesday and event workers will be needed at the St. Johns Lutheran Church.

Please go to this website to sign up to volunteer:

ccthanksgiving.org.

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

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. 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



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.

Traveling Chalice for Vocations

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

We have a chalice dedicated for parishioners to take home for a week of daily prayers. The chalice is lo-



cated outside the Sacristy door by the ramp entrance. Simply sign up for the week that you want,

The chalice, as well as suggested prayers, are yours for that week.

<u>Attention Catholic</u> <u>Homeschooling Families</u>:

Please join us for a Lansing Area Catholic Homeschoolers **Potluck Social** on **Saturday**, **November 16th**, in the Gym of St. Therese Parish, 102 W Randolph, Lansing, following the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

For more information and to RSVP for the potluck, please contact Kristine Witkowski at kristinewitkowski@gmail.com



Veterans Shower November 2-17, 2024

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. The list of items needed will be on the display.

Please NO Monetary donations!

Reminder: If you are purchasing Forever Postage Stamps for this event, please leave them at the parish office.

Mark your calendar!

Next 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.

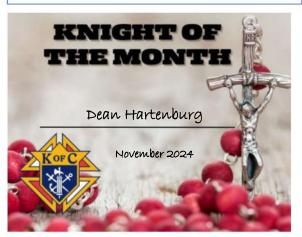
She will be selling the items in the back of church after all Masses that weekend. 100% of the proceeds will go

directly to the families who made the items, and will help them all to continue providing for their families.

If you are still working on getting your Christmas shopping done, these beautiful items will make wonderful gifts.

*Please note that items can ONLY be purchased with cash, check or Venmo.

Any questions contact Anna Biewer at: annabiewer@familymissionscompany.com



Pray For Peace

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone from the parishes in our Deanery who participated in the Shared Pregnancy Shower. Shared Pregnancy was very grateful for the generosity that everyone showed. Many of the items received were distributed instantly to a mother in need. Joining our communities together we made a bigger difference. If you would like to continue supporting mothers in need, please consider joining the Walking With Moms in Need ministry at St. Thomas/St. John. The next meeting is on Saturday, Nov 16 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas, 955 Alton Rd, East Lansing.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Zakerski, dzakerski@elcatholics.org.

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://mealtrain.com/97vlgs





NOVEMBER 10. 2024

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This appeared on Facebook October 31, 2024

As we continue our 100 year celebration, we are reminded of past Halloweens at St. Joseph School. Today's pictures include several fun scenes from various years including the 1986 downtown Halloween parade. Soar on, Comets! Happy Halloween

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.











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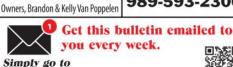
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