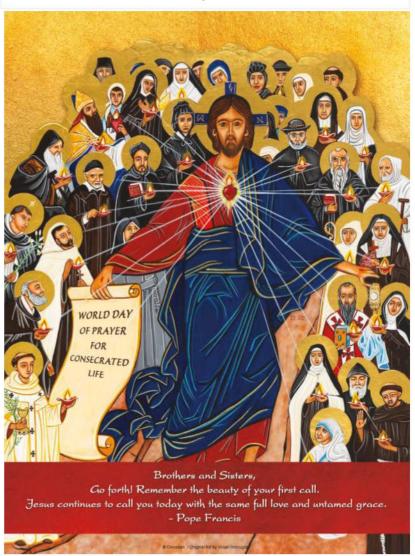
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St. Joseph is a place of refreshment, peace and love, a place of ministry and renewal. We welcome you to be part of our faith community where the Word of God is proclaimed, friendship is offered and the Sacraments are celebrated.

Pastoral Care

Fr. Michael Williams
Deacon Marv Robertson (retired)
Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

Worship

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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 ● February 3
Hebrews 11:32-40/Mark 5:1-20
No Mass

Tuesday ● February 4
Hebrews 12:1-4/Mark 5:21-43

7:00 p.m. Mass †Theresa A Brewbaker

By: Dan and Margaret Jorae

Wednesday ● February 5
Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15/Mark 6:1-6

12:05 p.m. †Doris M Orson and †Amalia Kolp Smith

By: Kathy Orson

Thursday ● February 6

Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24/Mark 6:7-13

8:30 a.m. Mass †Peter and †Louise Darin

By: Sandahl Family

Friday • February 7

Hebrews 13:1-8/Mark 6:14-29

8:30 a.m. Mass †Jack Sira

By: Knights of Columbus #3281

Saturday ● February 8

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21/Mark 6:30-34

8:30 a.m. Benediction

5:00 p.m. Mass +Yvonne Asher

By: Phyllis Gilroy

Sunday ● February 9
Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or

1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11 /Luke 5:1-11

8:00 a.m. Mass †Bob Nurenberg

By: Dan and Margaret Jorae

10:00 a.m. †Curt Luttig

By: Jim and Tori Steingreaber

12:00 p.m.

†Carolyn Spitzley

By: Family

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from February 2 - 8, 2025

Brian Ritter



In a Lansing area hospital and need the Anointing of the Sick?

When you or your loved one is ill, receiving the Sacrament of the Sick is important. When in a Lansing area hospital, please let your attending nurse know you would like the Anointing of the Sick. They will contact the chaplain who will, in turn, contact a local priest who is "on call" to come and give you the sacrament. This is the quickest way for you or your loved one to receive the sacrament, if they didn't already receive it before going into the hospital.

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on First Friday, February 7, 2025 un-

til Benediction at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 8th (No Mass Saturday Morning)

We are in need of subs at the following times: Friday, February 7: 11:00 a.m. (2 needed), 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Saturday, February 8: 1:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m.

Please text/call Rebecca at 989-292-2072 or sign up in the gathering space if you plan to attend at one of these times.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Adam Chris Sawyer Ballinger Lisa Clarizio Sherri Couch Verena DeBoer Mary Enneking Keith Enneking
Friend
Cindy Fontus
Brenda Higgins
David Higgins
Korine
Alissa McKeown
Gabrielle Meece
Myah
Daniel Pung
Jenny Pytlowanyj

Frank Rademacher

Robertson Patricia Rojas Joan Schrauben Sherri Anne Thelen Michael VanElls Jeff Wadell Jennifer Jerry Brad Walker

Millie Wassa

Deacon Mary & Tita

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 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)

Dogs, Soldiers and Joes
Sometimes I feel story for people from
other countries who are trying to master the English language. Perhaps I
should be a bit more specific and say
the correct (American) version of the
language. I wouldn't wish the Brits'
version of English on anybody i.e.
bangers = sausage. "Say what?"

The word "retreat" is what I will use as today's example of the difficulty for foreigners to master the language. For some people, retreat means: you instruct your dog to roll over and you give him/her a treat. Then you instruct your dog to sit, then you give him/her a second treat.

For those with a military background, retreat has a somewhat negative connotation because it usually means pulling troops back after an unsuccessful attempt at advancing. It could also be used as a decoy to draw the enemy into a more vulnerable position. Not having a military background,

I will concede that I will not pretend to know any more than that.

Then there is "retreat" in a more religious context: "a period of seclusion for the purposes of prayer and meditation." There was a group of about 40 men (four of us from St. Joes) who gathered at St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt this past weekend for the purpose of secluding "for the purpose of prayer and meditation." If one were to think "that's only for religious people," one would be wrong. It is for anyone who wants a better relationship with the Lord, but has difficulty in taking time out of a given day or week to work on that. Retreats allow us to take that time.

For example, this past weekend's retreat focused on better understanding of the parables Jesus used to teach his gospel. (This is the focus for this year.) It was helpful for me because, even though I knew some of what was taught, there was plenty for me to learn that I can now use to preach deeper homilies and write more substantial bulletin columns. I have a responsibility to this parish, to Fr. Mike, to Bishop Boyea and to God to learn continuously and live up to my ordina-

tion promise to be the best preacher and teacher of the faith that I can be. But everyone else there (outside of me and another deacon) was there on their own initiatives. Some were there for the 12+ hours of Eucharistic Adoration available and the two Masses and Confession and quiet time. Others may have favored the educational element, but I suspect most were there for the whole "spiritual enchilada."

There is one more men's retreat scheduled for this season at the beginning of April and for women there are retreats for you available in March and April. It would be a great gift a spouse can give, especially if there have been major struggles in your lives. There's only so much us preachers can share on any give Sunday, it's up to each individual to grow in faith by whatever means possible. Don't let finances get in the way. If you want to go, talk to Fr. Mike about assistance. This retreat can greatly enhance your Lent.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

St Monica Ladies Auxiliary Valentine Potluck

Monday, February 10, 2025 6:30 p.m. at the KC Columbian Hall



St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary announces that 'boring" monthly meetings are out and fun monthly events featuring fellowship, food and faith sharing are in, starting February 10th. Our first new event will be a Valentine Potluck starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbian Hall. Please bring your favorite dish to share as we reflect on the holiness of St. Valentine. All ladies of the parish are invited to join in the fun festivities and faith sharing.

See you then!

American Red Cross
Blood Drive



February 3, 2025 10:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus -Columbian Hall

1108 N Business 127, St. Johns

For the past 25 years, the Knights of Columbus have been hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross. During these 25 years, about 1,580 gallons of blood has been collected to be used for life saving measures, such as during surgeries or life saving transfusions. The blood drives are held the first Monday of February, April, June, August, October and December. The next drive will be held February 3rd from 10:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Prayerfully consider becoming a donor. You may contact the American Red cross at **redcrossblood.org** for more information or to make an appointment to donate.

Unscheduled walk-in donors are also welcome.

K-12 Grade Religious Education February Calendar

- Wednesday, February 5: K-8 Classes
- ♦ Wednesday February 12: K-8 Classes
- Wednesday, February 19: K-12 Classes, Confirmation Class and Youth Group
- ♦ Sunday, February 23: Confirmation practice at 1:30 p.m.

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

Contact Jen Nelson at 989-224-8537 or

dre.stjoseph@gmail.com with questions or to register.

Custodian/General Maintenance Worker Position Opening

We are seeking a full-time Custodian/General Maintenance Worker. This position assists the Maintenance Supervisor in maintaining a clean and safe physical environment of all St. Joseph buildings, equipment, and grounds. Duties include daily janitorial cleaning and routine maintenance tasks.

Previous experience in a custodial or maintenance position is desirable. Physical demands include moving heavy loads, bending, squatting, and climbing ladders. 40 hours a week, afternoon/evening shift during the school year, day shift from June to August, possible weekend overtime in the winter months. This position earns insurance and leave time benefits. If you are someone who embraces the teachings and mission of the Catholic Church and are interested in working in this environment, apply online at

www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers. Questions may be directed to Susan Mahoney at business.stjoseph@gmail.com.

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 FEBRUARY 3-7, 2025

Monday: Chicken Fettuccine with breadstick, broc

coli, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Tortilla chips with meat sauce and

cheese, refried beans, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Loaded baked potato soup with grilled

cheese, fruit, and milk.

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

fruit, and milk.

Friday: Cheese stuffed breadstick, cucumbers,

fresh fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

Liturgical Minsters February 8/9

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

Averie D.

8:00 a.m. Madison W.

Morgan W.

10:00 a.m. Quinn D.

Palmer D.

12:00 p.m. Tanner K.

Miles S.

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.
 Sheila B.

 8:00 a.m.
 Rich H.

 10:00 a.m.
 Rose R.

 12:00 p.m.
 Dawn L.

Ushers:5:00 p.m.Group 5B8:00 a.m.Group 8B10:00 a.m.Group 10B12:00 p.m.Group 12A

Collection Counters: February 3 Group 2

Sanctuary Cleaners: The Schroeder Girls

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of January 26, 2025

Adults (289) gifts Including online g	iving):\$28,215.31
Loose Cash:	1,132.00
Total:	\$29,347.31

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$105.00
Building Fund:	\$185.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$155.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$20,025.53. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.



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



What is the Prayer Tree?



The Prayer Tree is an organized group of individuals who pray for our parish family. Prayer requests are confidential and are not shared with anyone outside of the prayer tree members. Parishioners can add their prayer requests for themselves, family members, or friends by contacting the Parish Office at 989-224-8994. The prayer request will be passed on to the prayer tree participants within one business day.

The prayer list published in the bulletin is not the same as the Prayer Tree.

To add an immediate family member to the bulletin prayer list call the office 989-224-8994.

Help Wanted



St Francis Retreat Center team is looking to fill several part -time positions. These position include kitchen/server and housekeeping opportunities and offer flexible hours, competitive pay, and an amazing work environment. We are looking for both daytime shifts, as well as evenings/ weekends, ideal for high school students! Those interested please contact at 517-669-8321

Open Enrollment for **New Families**



St. Joseph Catholic School is opening enrollment to all new families

- Open seats in all grades BK-6 (limited, first come ba-
- Begindergarten (Young Fives) seats available. Children turning age 5 by March 31, 2026 are eligible for the 2025-2026 school year
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Contact us for registration information or for a tour 989-224-2421 or email principal@stjoecatholicschool.org









Just engaged? Congratulations!



Any engaged couple who would like to complete the sacrament of marriage at St. Joseph Church should meet with Fr. Mike at least 9 months before your proposed wedding date. First pick up a white "Holy Matrimony" folder located in the gathering space with all the information about marriage in the Catholic Church. To schedule an appointment to meet as a couple with Fr. Mike, contact the parish office 989-224-8994 or stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com



Golden Gala **Feast and Raffle Tickets**

Win a trip to Oahu, Hawaii!

St. Joseph Feast and Raffle Committee members will be selling tickets at the back of church February 1 and 2, and March 1 and 2

Tickets are:

1 for \$50

3 for \$125

5 for \$200

Grand prize is a 5 night stay in a beach front villa in Oahu, Hawaii plus \$5000 cash or \$10,000 cash only 2nd prize is \$2,500.

3rd Prize is \$1,000

Tickets will be drawn at the annual Feast and Raffle Dinner on March 15th. You do not need to be present to win.

Tickets are also available for purchase at the School Office, Parish Office.



Some Adult Formation Opportunities to Look Forward to in 2025

A partial sneak peek at what lies ahead

- Lent (dates TBD): Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession. This three-week parish group study will help us grow in our appreciation of this great sacrament of God's mercy.
- April 26, 2025: The Catholic Biblical School of Michigan will present Journey with the Apostles at our parish. This half-day retreat will provide inspiration for us in our own unique mission as a Christian after encountering Our Risen Lord on Easter.
- Late Spring/Summer (dates TBD): Understanding Catholic Historical Controversies series. We will be tackling some of the most questioned and controversial topics in the history of the Church, including: the Crusades, the Inquisition, the Native Missions, the Galileo Affair, and Pope Pius XII and the Holocaust. Helpful for a variety of people, from those curious about Catholicism to those seeking to better navigate these tricky topics when they come up.
- June 21, 2025: A Diocesan-wide Mass and Eucharistic Procession will be held in Lansing. 6,000 people participated in a similar event in 2018; you will not want to miss this powerful experience.

And more! Watch the bulletin for additional information about these and other opportunities to grow in your faith.





Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Sunday, February 2, 2025 3:00 p.m.



St. Joseph School Gym **Boys and Girls** ages 9-14 are invited.

Winners of each of the three divisions win a \$20 gift card.



Are dating apps getting you down? Toss your smartphone and join us for a Catholic speed dating night in Westphalia! Anyone who is 21-35 and looking for an opportunity to meet other Catholic men or women in a speed dating setting, this is for you. You will have a chance to meet 10-15 in 3-minute rotations.

Visit https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/event/young-adult-speeddating for more information

Contact Dawn at dhausmann@dioceseoflansing.org



Why is it so important to register in a parish?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times young adults who have moved away for years or are still living with their parents think they are still signed up under their parent's registration. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of your parish. We encourage and invite all adult members of our faith community (18 years or older) to register. Registration shows you belong. Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptisms, weddings, and when asked to be a Godparent for Baptism or Sponsor for Confirmation. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. To register in our parish, please stop by the parish office or go to our website, stjoecatholic.com under forms



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