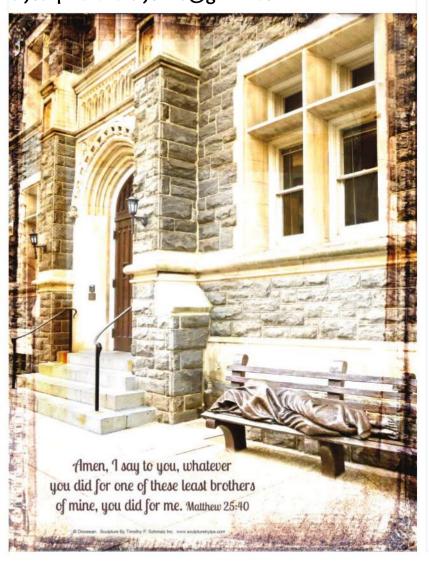
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#### **Pastoral Care**

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 ● January 20 Hebrews 5:1-10/Mark 2:18-22 No Mass

Tuesday ● January 21 Hebrews 6:10-20/Mark 2:23-28 7:00 p.m. Mass Education Trust Fund

Wednesday ● January 22 Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17/Mark 3:1-6 12:05 p.m. †Edon Roberts

By: Pat and Debbie Thiede

Thursday ● January 23 Hebrews 7:25--8:6/Mark 3:7-12 8:30 a.m. Mass †Jim Ashley

By: Deacon Eric and Mary Beth Elstro

Friday • January 24 Hebrews 8:6-13/Mark 3:13-19

8:30 a.m. Mass †Fred and †Josephine Rogers

By: Monica Klaver and Family

Saturday ● January 25 Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mark 16:15-18 5:00 p.m. Mass The People of the Parish

Sunday ● January 26 Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27/Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

†Ceneca Perez

8:00 a.m. Mass †Rita Cuthbert

By: Jeff Cuthbert

By: Family

12:00 p.m. †Carol Fust

By: Family

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from January 19 - 25, 2025

#### Nick Thelen

#### The Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is an intercessory prayer that asks the Lord to send His mercy upon us and upon everyone living in the world. It is prayed using the rosary and takes ten minutes to pray. The chaplet is traditionally said during the hour of mercy, the 3:00 pm hour. According to the Diary of St. Faustina, Jesus promised that all who recite this chaplet at the hour of death or in the presence of the dying will receive great mercy. The Vatican has approved Jesus' promises to St. Faustina regarding the Chaplet, Divine Mercy Sunday; the Divine Mercy picture. You may want to research the many promises of mercy that Jesus made to St. Faustina. The chaplet is an

intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist so it is especially appropriate to pray it after receiving the Eucharist at Mass.

Please join the Path of Divine Hope Grief Ministry after the last Saturday Mass each month when the Divine Mercy Chaplet is said for the parishioners who died during the month. This month it will be prayed after mass on January 25.

#### Day of Prayer for the **Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Wednesday, January 22nd after noon Mass until 6:00 p.m.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be led following noon Mass and Exposition. The Rosary will be led at 5:00 p.m. Please join us in praying for an end to abortion and for all those affected by abortion. All are welcome! There is a sign-up

sheet in the gathering space if you can commit to a specific hour. If you are interested in leading the Rosary at 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., or 4:00 p.m. please text/call Rebecca at 989-292-2072



#### KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

10:00 a.m.

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 Roias 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

Fric 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: only immediate family members may add names to the bulle-



#### WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

(and whatever else is on Deacon Eric's mind)

#### What's a Jubilee Year?

I thought you'd never ask. Actually, I have been asked a couple times in recent weeks about the Jubilee Year in the Church, which I mentioned briefly in last week's column. The history of a Jubilee Year goes back to the Old Testament and the book of Leviticus, when the Lord instructed the Israelites to celebrate jubilees every 50th year. With seven being a number meaning completion for Israelites, the Jubilee Year is marked after the completion of seven times seven years (49 years). Everyone who was indentured because they defaulted on property purchases were allowed to be freed to assume ownership of that property. That 50th year was considered sacred in the spirit of freedom as later played out in the Exodus, the return from Babylonian exile and ultimately freedom from death through the Resurrection of Christ.

This 50th year became a special year for the seeking of God's grace,

reconciliation and forgiveness. The Catholic Church started recognizing Jubilee Years in 1300, though the time period has varied over the last several decades and is now set at every 25 years. Each Jubilee Year has a specific focus, with "hope" being the focus in 2025. The Pope initiates the Jubilee Year by walking through a Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This symbolizes the Lord's desire that all of us open the door of our hearts, often closed due to the many hardships and obstacles of our lives. May we open the door to our hearts through the sacrament of Reconciliation in 2025 and through our charitable works help open doors of hope for others.

NOTE: Next weekend, men from St. Joe's and other area parishes will take time out from their daily lives for a retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt. For many years the Retreat Center set aside specific dates for parishes, but that has changed with a different director and many old acquaintances have fallen by the wayside. Some of that is because regulars are now picking random dates, but for many, they've just stopped because the group no longer attends. That is until now, as

Deacon Bob of St. Jude's and I are trying to "get the gang back together." So I'm calling not only the regulars, but other men who have never attended, to sign up this week and join us next weekend (Jan. 24-26) in the spirit of hope. One- and twonight options are available. I heartily encourage you young guys (under 50?) to take some time for spiritual growth. (If finances are a problem, talk to Fr. Mike.)

SHORTER NOTE: If you're available in the noon hour on Friday, January 24th, please join us at the St. Vincent dePaul store as part of the audience for the recording of the "Joe in Black" podcast featuring Fr. Joe Krupp. You may recognize him as the Faith Catholic writer and his "Ask Fr. Joe" column. Prior to joining the priesthood, Fr. Joe was a TV sitcom writer. See and hear his humor in action as he answers your questions of faith.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

#### **A Healing Mass**

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus St Joseph Church, Tuesday, January 21 2025 7:00 p.m.

The Healing Mass is intended to bring solace to those who might be struggling with a medical condition, their faith, a troubled relationship, a personal loss, or any other personal issues. There will be an opportunity for a limited number of anointings by Fr. Mike.

The Church's Rite of Anointing restricts the reception of this sacrament to those who, because they are elderly or because of illness, are in grave danger. They do not have to be dying, but their condition should be supposed serious.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that the person receive Spiritual Healing and, if it be God's will, physical healing as well.

You may want to enhance your healing process by participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the mass Tuesday evening.



#### K-12 Grade Religious Education January Calendar

- Wednesday, January 22: K-12 Classes, Confirmation Class and Youth Group
- Wednesday, January 29: Confirmation class and interviews

For more information, class times, and other dates go to: stjosec-

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

#### First Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshop

Families with second graders that are preparing for their child's First Reconciliation are scheduled for a parent/child workshop on Thursday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This workshop is for all school and religious education program children/parents to attend.

Please contact Jen Nelson for questions at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com

#### 100th Anniversary of St. Joseph School Celebration

Bishop Boyea will be concelebrating the 10:00 Mass next Sunday, January 26, as we kick off Catholic Schools Week with a special celebration of St. Joseph School's 100th anniversary. Following the Mass there will be an Open House at the school until 2:00 p.m.

Come and tour the school and check out the many displays of the school's history, visit with current and former staff, enjoy light refreshments, reminisce, and maybe even see some former classmates. Please help share this information with those who now live away from the area and

may be interested.

St. Joseph Catholic School

**LUNCH MENU** 

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

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#### FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20-24, 2025

No School Monday:

Tuesday: Taco, lettuce salad, fruit, and milk. Wednesday: Sloppy Joes, tator tots, apple crisp, and

Thursday: Hot dog, french fries, fruit, and milk. Macaroni and cheese, warm pretzel, Friday:

peas, fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

#### Liturgical Minsters

January 25/26

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Volunteers

Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Nolan C.

Ella C.

10:00 a.m. Icnacio O.

Joann H.

12:00 p.m. Mason W.

Derek C.

#### 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. Ann P.

8:00 a.m. Dean H.

10:00 a.m. school children 12:00 p.m Mary Beth E.

5:00 p.m. Group 5C 8:00 a.m. **Group 8E** 10:00 a.m.

Group 10D

(w/school children assisting)

12:00 p.m. Group 12A

Collection Counters: January 20 Group 4

Sanctuary Cleaners: Judi Thelen

#### Stewardship

Ushers:

#### For the weekend of January 12, 2025

Adults (270) gifts Including online giving): ..... \$13,667.56 

#### Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: ......\$252.00 .....\$67.00 Tuition Scholarship Fund: ......\$20.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$23,979.89. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.



## Congratulations to newly Baptized January 12, 2025

#### Chase anthony Lenneman

He is the son of

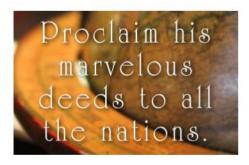
Anthony R. Lenneman and Kelly R (Wohlfert) Lenneman

#### Caden James Oswald

He is the son of

Nathan J. Oswald and

Sarah A. (Roberts) Oswald



## Tolkien & Fatherhood Retreat Attention: Catholic Dads and soon-to-be Dads!

J.R.R. Tolkien is known for writing *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, but was also a devout Catholic husband and father of four. This retreat for current and future Catholic dads will focus on three letters that Tolkien wrote to his son Michael, offering time for reflection, discussion, and pray about what it means and how to be a Catholic father today.

Mass, Adoration and an opportunity for Confession will be included in the day's schedule.

Cost of the day is \$30.

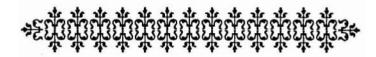
Upcoming dates: March 22, 2025, April 25, 2025, and May 17, 2025

St. Francis Retreat Center
703 E Main St. DeWitt MI 48820
Phone: 517-669-8321 ~ website: www.stfrancis.ws

## You are Invited: Rites of Entrance & Welcoming

On Sunday, February 2 at the 12:00 noon Mass, the parish will celebrate the Rite of Entrance into the Order of Catechumens (for those who are unbaptized), and the Rite of Welcoming of the Candidates (for those baptized in a different Christian denomination). In celebrating these rites, those who have been inquiring about Catholicism will officially and publicly declare their intention to enter into a formal relationship with the Catholic Church, learning its ways and participating in its lifestyle. While the two rites share similarities, there are also important differences. For example, the unbaptized will begin the rite outside of the church, and be brought inside by Fr. Mike, and by extension, all of us. Meanwhile, those who are already baptized begin inside the body of the church, as we recognize them as our brothers and sisters in Christ. These rites mark the persons as members of the Catholic Church. However, they will not complete their initiation into full communion until they have received the three sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist.

All of the Catholic faithful have an important role to play in these rites, which is why we request the presence of as many parishioners as possible. During the rites, Fr. Mike will ask parishioners, "Are you ready to journey with these inquirers, helping them to know and follow Christ?" This question requires an answer, but first, you should carefully consider the words: how will you journey with them, and how can you help them to know and follow Christ? The answers to these questions will vary, but it is clear that the Church recognizes the crucial role of each person in doing their part to help new faithful on their faith journeys. Please pray for Chris, Jesse, Lindsey, Laureen, and all those considering becoming Catholic.



#### St. Francis Retreat Center Part-time positions available



St. Francis Retreat team is looking to fill several parttime positions. These positions 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 call 517-669-8321

## Stewardship for Saints and Scholars

To date, our parish has raised **\$917,238.00** toward our target of \$1,260,000.00.

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40%

30%

20%

10%

Today, in parishes across the diocese, we are celebrating the success of the **Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign** at Masses through our Commitment Weekend. Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge to support this historic effort!

While we have accomplished great things-for which Bishop Boyea is truly thankful and humbled-we still have some work to do, and we need everyone's help.

Today is a great opportunity for those who have not yet made a gift to join those parishioners who are helping to leave a legacy for future generations of Catholics in Michigan. Our goal is 100 percent parish participation. Let us give thanks in prayer at Mass today, for the pride we feel at St. Joseph for playing a role in the success of this campaign.









#### **Hosting International Students at LCHS**

Host families are needed for international students who will attend Lansing Catholic High School next school year. Families who host international students are also provided with a monthly stipend. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Lorrie at <a href="mailto:lschartow@igogo.org">lschartow@igogo.org</a> or 517-303-9671.



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.

#### **JANUARY 19 2025**

## Please pray for the following Confirmation Candidates that will be Confirmed in March 2025.

Noah B Gage M. Logan F. Lily Marie M. Archer G. Madden R. Lucas H. Ty S. Trevor H. Alavna S. Teaghan H. Laney T. Levi L. Jakson V. Claire M. Gracvn W. Cole M Elliott W.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Please pray for the following children preparing for **First Holy Communion** this 2025 Spring.

Paulina A. Jace G. Owen R. Carly H. Reed R. Oaklee B. Zachary B. Kasin H. Roan R. Paola C. Micki H. Eli S. Thea D. Penelope K. Kizer S. William S. Larson D. Easton L. Zane D. Connor S. Lydia M. Ava F. Sarah M. Henrik T. Atalia G. Zachary N. Sophia V. Joshua G. Millie R. Brayden W.







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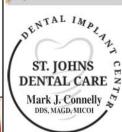




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