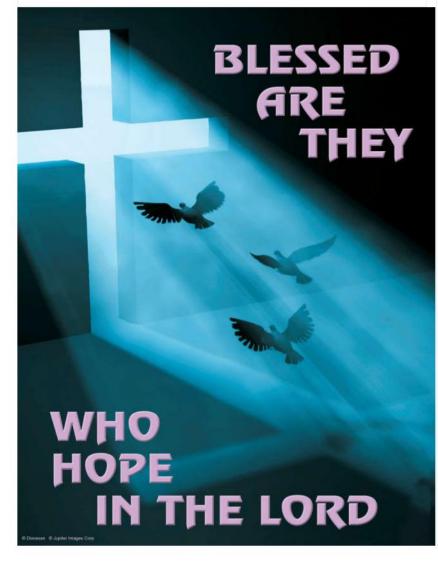


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ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • February 17 Genesis 4:1-15, 25/Mark 8:11-13 No Mass

 Tuesday
 February 18

 Genesis 6:5-8.
 7:1-5, 10/Mark 8:14-21

 7:00 p.m. Mass
 †Mary Herrick

By: Ann Boynton Wednesday • February 19 Genesis 8-6-13, 20-22/Mark 8:22-26 12:05 p.m. †Charles Wadell By: Gail Wadell

Thursday • February 20 Genesis 9:1-13/Mark 8:27-33 8:30 a.m. Mass †Marcia Schmitz By: Knights of Columbus #3281

Friday • February 21 Genesis 11:1-9/Mark 8:34--9:1 8:30 a.m. Mass †Kevin Speicher By: Charles and Lisa Wieber

Saturday • February 22 1 Peter 5:1-4/Matthew 16:13-19 5:00 p.m. Mass *†Kathy Reynolds* By: Tom Reynolds

Sunday ● February 23 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Corinthians 15:45-49 /Luke 6:27-38 8:00 a.m. Mass †Glenn and †Lois Whitford By: Joe and Helen Kus

10:00 a.m. *†Courtney Craig-Nowak* By: The Spin Girls

12:00 p.m. *†Karl Hufnagel* By: Family

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from February 16 - 22, 2025 *Kathy Reynolds*



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 & amp; 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 **February 22**.



Eucharistic Adoration

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement" ~Saint Augustine

Come spend time in Adoration and fall in love with God. Who Himself is perfect Love!

If you are interested in making a monthly Holy Hour during First Friday, or would like to be a sub, contact Rebecca at 989-292-2072.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially: Adam Chris Sawyer Ballinger Lisa Clarizio Richard Connors Sherri Couch Verena DeBoer Mary Enneking Keith Enneking Trisha Fisher Friend Cindy Fontus Brenda Higgins David Higgins Korine Alissa McKeown Gabrielle Meece Myah Daniel Pung

Jenny Pytlowanyj Deacon Marv & Tita Robertson Patricia Rojas Joan Schrauben Sherri Anne Thelen 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 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.

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



WE ARE ALL Evangelizers

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

Aging - A Matter of Perspective Though I am not usually drawn to quotes that lean toward negativity, especially as content for a column, today I just can't shake the quote of the day on my flip calendar from the great artist Michelangelo:

"I'm old, and death has stolen from me youthful thoughts. Those who don't know what it is to grow old should simply have patience until old age comes, because they can't know what it's like ahead of time."

What struck me is that such a wonderful talent, whose works transcend time, would have such a sad, negative thought. The Lord granted him 90 years on this earth and he used his gifts to the fullest as long as he could, but perhaps because he was such a perfectionist he had trouble dealing with a declining ability to transfer his thoughts to his hands in his painting or sculpturing.

I'm not sure exactly what Michelangelo is referencing when he says "death has stolen from me youthful thoughts." It could mean he had trouble remembering the days or the people of his own youth. Or it could mean, he couldn't think like or relate to the youth of his later years. That makes me recall a song from my younger years by Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young called "Teach Your Children" in which one verse goes like this: "And you, of tender years, can't know the fears your elders grew by, help them with your youth, they seek the truth before they can die."

As we age, attitude becomes very important. It's nice to think that 50 is the new 40 or 70 is the new 60 and such. It helps us in our daily lives to be optimistic. Even if there are events or people in our lives that are troubling, we as Catholics are not "seeking the truth" before we die as the song says. That's because we know the Truth in Jesus Christ. We should, however, be seeking a closer relationship to Jesus, regardless of age. I have to admit, I fall into the "old" category and it's my guess my readership's ages skews 60+. But I try to write in a manner that does not belie age, hoping my words are read and appreciated by any adult. For example, this column's topic is about aging and the need to accept declining abilities, both physical and mental. But I am also encouraging hope and optimism among my peers and elders. I also hope that younger readers can work on the patience Michelangelo notes in today's quote --especially when dealing with aging parents.

I have heard often in my ministry to the home-bound from parishioners who ask "why hasn't God taken me home?" I tell them that God needs them to pray, for their family, for the Church, for priests, deacons, our country and so on. We can turn the TV news on and have a new list of people and institutions to pray for before we get to the weathercast. We're older, but we still have a purpose.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com



FORGIVEN Group Study Coming this Lent!

Sin, guilt, failure, disappointment...these are all an unpleasant but universal reality of the human experience. We all have to deal with them, but we can't do it alone. The remedy is immediately available and miraculously effective---the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession isn't a rule, a formality, or an old-fashioned ritual. It's an intimate and life-changing experience of God's mercy. Join us for this three-week study that will look at the revelation of God's mercy in scripture, make an examination of the Rite itself, and allow us to grow a more profound appreciation for this great sacrament in which we experience his indescribable love.

Thursdays: March 6, March 13, and March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish basement.

K-12 Grade Religious Education February Calendar

- 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: <u>stjoecatholic.com</u> Contact Jen Nelson at 989-224-8537 or

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

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, <u>the Mass will still take place</u>. 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.



52 Sundays helps families celebrate and reclaim Sunday as a day set apart for the Lord, for family, and for works of mercy through free weekly family reflections, family crafts, recipe of the week, family prayers, family challenge, fun facts and more.

Reclaim Sunday as a family!

Learn more and sign up for the weekly newsletter at **52sundays.com**.

St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17-21, 2025

Monday:	No School.		
Tuesday:	Macaroni and cheese with a warm		
	pretzel, green beans, fruit, and milk.		
Wednesday:	Chili with cinnamon roll, fruit, and milk.		
Thursday:	Hot dog on a bun, French fries, fresh		
	fruit, and milk.		
Friday:	Cheese stuffed breadstick, peas, fresh		
	fruit, and milk.		
Lunches are \$3	25 Milk \$0.50		

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Friendship is Offered

Liturgical Minsters February 22/23 Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Volunteer Volunteer 8:00 a.m. Nolan C. Ella C. 10:00 a.m. Mara T. Ellis T. Vera T. 12:00 p.m. Mason W. Derek C. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 5:00 p.m. Group 1 8:00 a.m. Group 1 10:00 a.m. Group 1 12:00 p.m. Group 1 Lectors: 5:00 p.m. Icnacio O. 8:00 a.m. Trevor H. 10:00 a.m. Steve M. 12:00 p.m. Mary Beth E.

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12:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Cleaners: Christine Boak & Mary Jane Boak

Group 5A

Group 8D

Group 10D

Group 12A

Group 4

Collection Counters: February 17

STEWARDSHIP

Ushers:

For the weekend of February 19, 2025

Adults (274) gifts Including online giving):	\$23,304.05
Loose Cash:	\$595.00
Total:	\$23,899.05

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$338.00
Building Fund:	\$262.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$115.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$20,289.92. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.



Your St. Joseph Church adult choir is now rehearsing music for the Lenten season. Do you enjoy singing? Do you enjoy hearing beautiful choral music? Do you love to sing praises to our God? If you do, we would love to have you join us. Church choir rehearses every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the church choir loft.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Richards at musicdirector.stjosephchurch@gmail.com

Attention All Widows/Widowers We have a name for our group "Kindred Friends" Our Next meeting is Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. for breakfast Main Street Café 205 N Clinton Ave., SJ

Parents with one or more students attending Lansing Catholic High School may apply for a parish subsidy grant from St. Joseph Church to help with tuition costs. There are basic requirements to apply and forms are available through the parish office or on our website: stjoecatholic.com/forms/

Application deadline is March 31, 2025 for the 2025-26 school year.



Blessed

are they who hope in the Lord.



The Average Joes Men's Group meets on Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Reception Room in the church basement. The group welcomes men of all ages and faiths to join in a discussion on topics that affect the daily lives of husbands, fathers and sons.

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 for a registration form. You can also register through our website <u>stjoecatholic.com</u> under "forms". If you're not sure you are registered, please call the parish office.

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THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED



Ignite 2025! Gentlemen, don't miss *Ignite 2025*, Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 22, from 9 AM to 5 PM at the Gervin GameAbove Center, Ypsilanti.

Bring your sons (14+) for a powerful day of faith, fellowship, and inspiration with dynamic speakers, prayer, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Boyea. Let's reignite our zeal for Christ together! Register today at <u>michigancmc.org</u>.

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Diocese of Lansing in partnership with the Knights of Columbus

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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 March 1 & 2 Tickets are:

I ickets 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.

Principal Opening - Most Holy Trinity School

Most Holy Trinity School, a 1st through 8th grade parochial school located in Fowler, MI, seeks a school principal, to begin in the summer of 2025. The principal, being a practicing Catholic, shares a zeal for learning and a passion for the Gospel, while embodying the school's mission of helping our students to become Saints. As a disciple of Jesus Christ, the principal will help lead the school in living out our Catholic faith through prayer, education, virtue, and service. The principal will foster a culture of vibrant Catholic education, by supporting our faculty and staff to inspire our students' love of learning and development of God-given talents. The principal will develop relationships of care and trust with faculty, staff, parents, students, parishioners, and community members. The principal will exhibit administrative excellence, ensuring that school finances and records are in good order, parish and diocesan initiatives are implemented. State requirements are met, and timely communications are maintained.

Interested candidates are asked to please submit an online application at the position posting (<u>www.dioceseoflansing.org/humanresources/careers</u>) and attach a cover letter, resume, transcripts, and two letters of recommendation. For more information, please contact Fr. John Whitlock at <u>frjohn@mhtparish.com</u>



Each week a generous donation from our local St. Vincent DePaul Society covers the cost of the Our Sunday Visitor magazine for our parish. This magazine is an excellent source of news and articles from a Catholic viewpoint. They are available by all of the doors so along with your bulletin, take a copy home to read and share!



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

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

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Please pray for the following children preparing for First Holy Communion this 2025 Spring.				
Paulina A. Oaklee B. Zachary B. Paola C. Thea D. Larson D. Zane D. Ava F. Atalia G. Joshua G. Jace G.	Carly H. Kasin H. Micki H. Penelope K. Easton L. Lydia M. Sarah M. Zachary N. Millie R. Owen R. Reed R.	Roan R. Eli S. Kizer S. Ty S. William S. Connor S. Henrik T. Sophia V. Brayden W.		



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