

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do to others as  
you would have them  
do to you."

Luke 6:31



### 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 • February 24**

*Sirach 1:1-10/Mark 9:14-29*  
**No Mass**

**Tuesday • February 25**

*Sirach 2:1-11/Mark 9:30-37*  
**7:00 p.m. Mass †Roman and †Chrystal Goodman**  
*By: Marjorie Halfmann*

**Wednesday • February 26**

*Sirach 4:11-19/Mark 9:38-40*  
**12:05 p.m. †Carl Murray**  
*By: Deacon Eric and Mary Beth Elstro*

**Thursday • February 27**

*Sirach 5:1-8/Mark 9:41-50*  
**8:30 a.m. Mass †Kenneth Yahn**  
*By: Pat and Pam Walsh*

**Friday • February 28**

*Sirach 6:5-17/Mark 10:1-12*  
**8:30 a.m. Mass †Larry Anderson**  
*By: Fran Woodring*

**Saturday • March 1**

*Sirach 17:1-15/Mark 10:13-16*  
**8:30 a.m. Mass For an End to Abortion**

**5:00 p.m. Mass †Lorie Munch**

*By: Family*

**Sunday • March 2**

*Sirach 27:4-7/1 Corinthians 15:54-58/Luke 6:39-45*  
**8:00 a.m. Mass †Ronald †Rita Cuthbert**  
*By: Don and Lu Anne Cuthbert*

**10:00 a.m. †Tony and †Carol Fust**

*By: Doug and Rebecca Nurenberg*

**12:00 p.m. The People of the Parish**

**6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish**



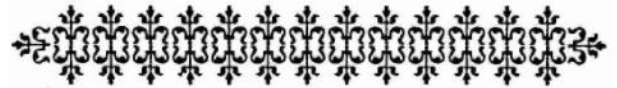
The Sanctuary Lamp  
 will burn from  
 February 23 - March 1, 2025

*Jeannette Schomisch*

*Rest in Peace*

Our prayers and sympathies  
 to the family and friends of

*Daniel R. Pung*



**First Saturday Devotions**

Like last month, First Saturday (March 1st) comes before First Friday.

**Why do we have a Mass specifically on First Saturday?**

The First Saturday Mass is a special part of the "Five First Saturdays Devotion" in reparation for sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

This devotion requested by Our Lady of Fatima includes the following for at least five consecutive months:

- ◆ Confession/Reconciliation (shortly before or after First Saturday)
- ◆ Receive Holy Communion on First Saturday
- ◆ Five decades of the Holy Rosary
- ◆ Meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary

More detailed information about his devotion can be found in one of the pamphlets that are available by the sign up for First Friday Adoration or through an internet search through a reliable Catholic site.

Note: **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will begin on the First Friday of the month, **March 7th.**

**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: only immediate family members may add names to the bulletin.**



## WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

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

### Are Faith and Trust the Same?

Last Sunday, I preached on the lack of trust in our society -- noting the many institutions and professions that are mistrusted in the United States. I brought to the surface the question of "who can we trust" after noting that a recent Gallup poll showed that politicians, big business, TV news and the criminal justice system (lawyers and judges) are the least trusted institutions/professions in our country. That encompasses a large group of people and significant societal power. My homily then focused how the readings last Sunday reminded us that if we hope to gain eternal life we need to put our trust in God and not man -- especially the trappings of man that separate us from Jesus, such as pursuit of money, power, honor and pleasure.

The gospel for today (Monday the 17th) gives us a link (not coincidentally, in this writer's mind) to the previous day's gospel, as expressed by noted Catholic bishop and author, Robert Barron. It is the link between

two tenets of Catholicism: faith and trust. These are two words that are often used interchangeably, but are not really the same. Today's gospel from Mark was very short and it boiled down to this: the Pharisees, even after witnessing several miracles, continued to badger Jesus, demanding a sign to prove he was who he said he was, the Son of God. Jesus said, no sign would be given them, turned and left.

In his gospel reflection, Bishop Barron had this to say:

They are testing him because they have no faith nor trust in him. Faith is an attitude of trust in the presence of God. Faith is openness to what God will reveal, do, and Invite. It should be obvious that in dealing with the infinite, all-powerful person who is God, we are never in control.

Note that he says "Faith is an attitude of trust, an openness to what God will reveal, do and trust." Faith is what we believe, including the mysteries of the faith like the Holy Trinity (three persons in one God) or transubstantiation (the changing of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus).

We can't prove them empirically, but we believe they are true because we have faith. Our belief in Catholic doctrine shows faith. Living in accordance to Catholic tenets shows our trust.

Trust is acting on our beliefs, so in reference to last Sunday's readings calling us to trust in the Lord, we're encouraged to put our belief system into action. We're like the Pharisees that Jesus often labels hypocrites if we say that we believe in Catholic teachings, then spend our lives in pursuit of money, power, honor and pleasure. We need to heed Bishop Barron's directive:

"One of the most fundamental statements of faith is this: your life is not about you...this is not your project... you are part of God's great design. To believe this in your bones and to act accordingly, is to have faith."

*Deacon Eric*

[deaconeric@hotmail.com](mailto:deaconeric@hotmail.com)



## Oratory Contest March 15, 2025

Clinton County Right to Life announces their annual Oratory Contest for high school students on Saturday, March 15, 2025. The contest consist of a 5 to 7 minute speech on a pro-life issue such as abortion, infanticide, or euthanasia. A panel of judges will select the best of the speeches. The top three speeches win cash prizes of \$200, \$175, or \$150. The first place winner moves on to the state competition in Lansing on April 26, 2025. For an application or more information, please contact Mary Beth at (517) 974-2499 or go to [migenleads@rtl.org](mailto:migenleads@rtl.org).



## 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 and March 13. at 6:30 p.m.  
in the church basement.

Final meeting date to be determined.

**K-12 Grade Religious Education**  
**February Calendar**

◆ Sunday, February 23: Confirmation practice at 1:30 p.m.


For more information, class times, and other dates go to:  
[stjoecatholic.com](http://stjoecatholic.com)  
Contact Jen Nelson at 989-224-8537 or  
[dre.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:dre.stjoseph@gmail.com) with questions or to register.

**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/](http://stjoecatholic.com/forms/)**

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

**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 FEBRUARY 24-28, 2025**

Monday: Corn dog, peas, fruit, and milk.  
Tuesday: Sweet and Sour Chicken over rice, broccoli, fruit, and milk.  
Wednesday: Scalloped potatoes with ham, fruit, and milk.  
Thursday: Hamburger on a bun fried chips, fresh fruit, and milk.  
Friday: Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, fresh fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

***Liturgical Minsters***  
**March 1 and 2**

|                       |            |                         |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Altar Servers:</b> | 5:00 p.m.  | Caroline V.<br>Blaze V. |
|                       | 8:00 a.m.  | Audrey D.<br>Cora D.    |
|                       | 10:00 a.m. | Anna H.<br>Liam K.      |
|                       | 12:00 p.m. | Max S.<br>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.  | Ann P.    |
|  | 8:00 a.m.  | Dean H.   |
|  | 10:00 a.m. | Tori S.   |
|  | 12:00 p.m. | Debbie T. |

**Ushers:**

|  |            |           |
|--|------------|-----------|
|  | 5:00 p.m.  | Group 5B  |
|  | 8:00 a.m.  | Group 8E  |
|  | 10:00 a.m. | Group 10A |
|  | 12:00 p.m. | Group 12A |

**Collection Counters:** February 24    Group 1

**Sanctuary Cleaners:** Jane Randolph and Veronica Rozen

**STEWARDSHIP**

**For the weekend of February 16, 2025**

Adults (263) gifts Including online giving): ..... \$14,743.11  
Loose Cash: ..... \$487.10  
Total: ..... \$15,230.21



**Other Gifts Received**

Education Trust Fund: ..... \$590.00  
Building Fund: ..... \$662.00  
Tuition Scholarship Fund: ..... \$52.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$20,136.59. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH CALENDAR

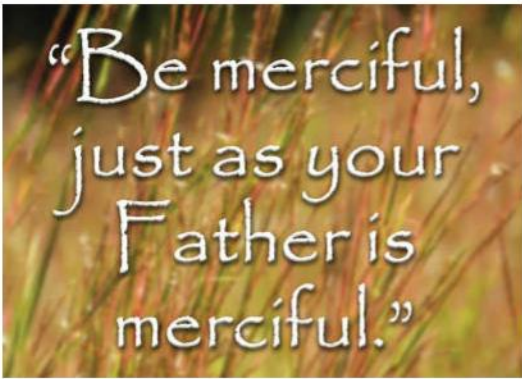
# MARCH 2025

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <div style="font-size: 4em; font-weight: bold; letter-spacing: 0.5em;">MARCH</div>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>2 Masses: 8 &amp; 10 AM, Noon</b><br>KC Pancake Breakfast (SH)<br>6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish  | <b>3 No Mass</b><br>7:00 p.m. KC Meeting (CH)  | <b>4</b><br>9:30 a.m. Bible Study (L)<br>6:30 p.m. Confessions<br><b>7:00 p.m. Mass</b>  | <b>5 ASH WEDNESDAY</b><br>Masses at: 8:30 a.m. 12:05 p.m. 6:00 p.m.<br>9:30 a.m. Bible Study (L)   | <b>6 8:30 a.m. Mass</b><br>9:00 a.m. Bible study (L)<br>School early release<br>6:00 p.m. Forgiveness group study (RR) | <b>7 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b><br>(from after 8:30 AM Mass thru 8:30 PM benediction Saturday)<br>School Early release<br>6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (C)<br>4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. KC Fish Fry (CH) | <b>1 8:30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass</b><br>9:00 a.m. Average Joes (RR)<br>4:00 p.m. Confession<br><b>5:00 p.m. Mass</b>                  |
| <b>9 Masses: 8 &amp; 10 AM, Noon</b><br><br>Daylight Saving Time Ends<br>6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish | <b>10 No Mass</b><br>6:00 p.m. PSC (TL)<br>6:30 p.m. St Monica Ladies Auxiliary (CH) | <b>11</b><br>9:30 a.m. Bible Study (L)<br>6:30 p.m. Confessions<br><b>7:00 p.m. Mass</b> | <b>12 12:05 p.m. Mass</b><br>4:00 p.m. Bible Study (L)<br>6:00 p.m. K-8 Religious Ed<br>7:30 p.m. 9-12 Youth Group<br>6:30 p.m. 9 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Session<br>7:00 p.m. choir practice (L)       | <b>13 8:30 a.m. Mass</b><br>9:00 a.m. Bible Study (L)<br>6:00 p.m. Forgiveness Group Study (RR)                        | <b>14 8:30 a.m. Mass</b><br>Adoration from after Mass until 7:00 p.m.<br>6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (C)<br>4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. KC Fish Fry (CH)   | <b>15</b><br>9:00 a.m. Average Joes (RR)<br><b>Feast and Raffle Dinner (G)</b><br>4:00 p.m. Confession<br><b>5:00 p.m. Mass</b>                  |
| <b>16 Masses: 8 &amp; 10 AM, Noon</b><br><br>6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish                            | <b>17 No Mass</b><br>ST. PATRICK'S DAY   | <b>18</b><br>9:30 a.m. Bible Study (L)<br>6:30 p.m. Confessions<br><b>7:00 p.m. Mass</b> | <b>19 12:05 p.m. Mass</b><br><b>Feast of St. Joseph</b><br>3:00 p.m. Grief Ministry (L)<br>4:00 p.m. Bible Study (L)<br>5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper(CH)<br>6:00 p.m. K-8 Rel Ed<br>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice(CL) | <b>20 8:30 a.m. Mass</b><br>9:00 a.m. Bible Study (L)<br><b>6:30 p.m. Confirmation Mass</b><br>6:00 p.m. OCIA (L)      | <b>21 8:30 a.m. Mass</b><br>Adoration from after Mass until 7:00 p.m.<br>6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (C)<br>4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. KC Fish Fry (CH)   | <b>22</b><br>9:00 a.m. Average Joes (RR)<br>10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Christian Initiation Retreat<br>4:00 p.m. Confession<br><b>5:00 p.m. Mass</b> |
| <b>23 Masses: 8 &amp; 10 AM, Noon</b><br>6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish  | <b>24 No Mass</b>  | <b>25</b><br>9:30 a.m. Bible Study (L)<br>6:30 p.m. Confessions<br><b>7:00 p.m. Mass</b> | <b>26 12:05 PM Mass</b><br>4:00 p.m. Bible Study (L)<br>7:00 p.m. Choir practice (CL)  | <b>27 8:30 a.m. Mass</b><br>9:00 a.m. Bible Study (L)<br>6:00 p.m. OCIA (L)  | <b>28 8:30 a.m. Mass</b><br>Adoration from after Mass until 7:00 p.m.<br>6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (C)<br>4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. KC Fish Fry (CH)   | <b>29</b><br>9:00 a.m. Average Joes (RR)<br>4:00 p.m. Confession<br><b>5:00 p.m. Mass</b>  |
| <b>30 Masses: 8 &amp; 10 AM, Noon</b><br>6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish  | <b>31 No Mass</b>  | <b>7:00 p.m. Mass</b>  | <b>No School-Spring Break</b>  | <b>No School-Spring Break</b>  | <b>No School-Spring Break</b>  | <b>No School-Spring Break</b>  |

**Abbreviation Key:** (L)Library (RR) Reception Room (RoR) Reception overflow Room (C) Church (CL) Choir Loft (SH) Social Hall/Cafeteria (TL) Teacher's Lounge

(G) Gym (K) Kitchen (Sch) School (CH) Columbian Hall KC - Knights of Columbus OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults RFC - Religious Formation Class

Events on this calendar can change without notice.



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](mailto:musicdirector.stjosephchurch@gmail.com)

**Black and Indian Missions**

*formerly known as The Black and Indian Home Mission Collection*

Mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, the 125 year old National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease.

**Grief Support Workshop 2025**

**Friday, May 9, 2025**

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 10, 2025**

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.\*

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**

109 Linden Street., St Johns

Grieving with Great HOPE is a weekend grief support workshop that offers a prayerful, practical, and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters include John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement apostolate.

For registration forms and details visit:

[www.goodmourningministry.net](http://www.goodmourningministry.net)

Or call Jackie at 517-449-2928. Seating is limited.

Registration is \$10. Please register by April 13, 2025.

\*with light breakfast options available at 9:30 a.m. and lunch.

**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:**

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.**



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.  | Madelyn P.    |
| Lucas H.   | Madden R.     |
| Trevor H.  | Ty S.         |
| Teaghan H. | Alayna S.     |
| Levi L.    | Laney T.      |
| Claire M.  | Jakson V.     |
| Cole M     | Gracyn W.     |
|            | Elliott W.    |

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

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

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