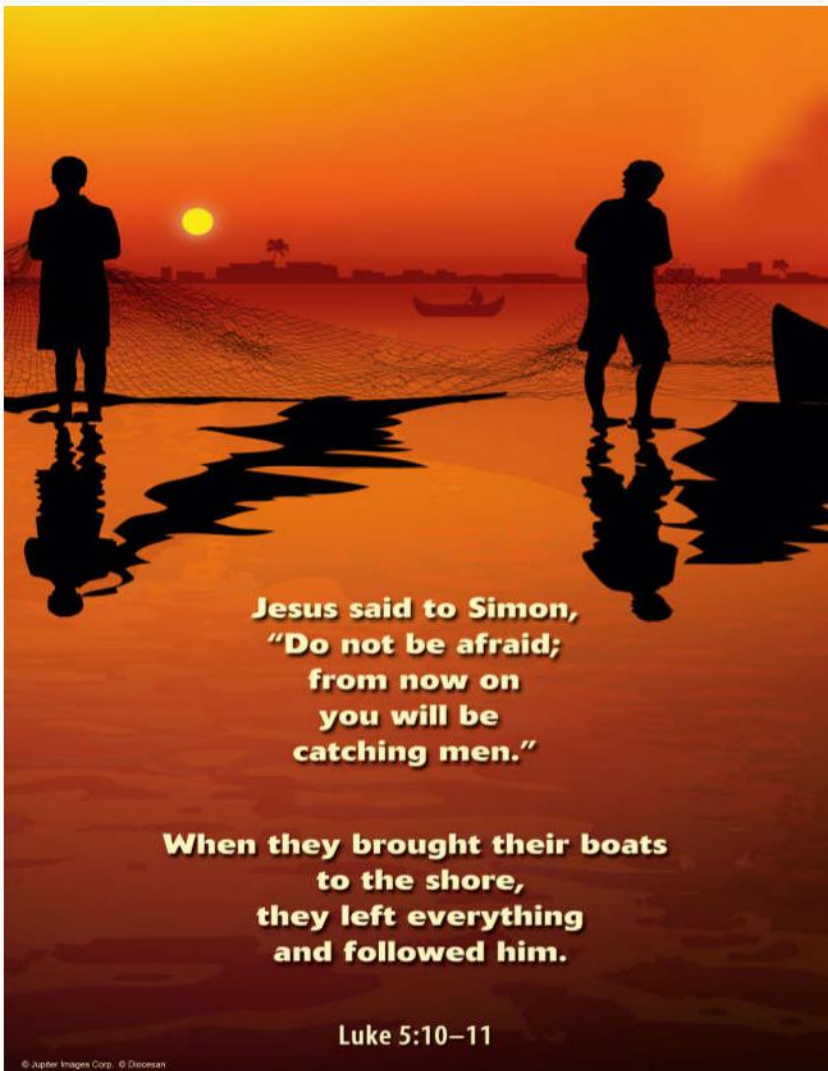


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## **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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### **Pastoral Care**

Fr. Michael Williams  
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Deacon Jerry Fust  
Deacon Eric Elstro

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Parish Secretary • Judi Thelen  
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### **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 10**  
*Genesis 1:1-19/Mark 6:53-56*  
**No Mass**

**Tuesday • February 11**  
*Genesis 1:20--2:4a/Mark 7:1-13*  
**7:00 p.m. Mass †Nicholas Thelen**  
*By: Knights of Columbus #3281*

**Wednesday • February 12**  
*Genesis 2-4b-9, 15-17/Mark 7:14-23*  
**12:05 p.m. MSU Students †Alexandria Verner, †Arielle Anderson, and †Brian Fraser**  
*By: Jane Randolph*

**Thursday • February 13**  
*Genesis 2:18-25/Mark 7:24-30*  
**8:30 a.m. Mass In Honor of Jacob Allstot**  
*By: Matt and Monica Poff*

**Friday • February 14**  
*Genesis 3:1-8/Mark 7:31-37*  
**8:30 a.m. Mass †Silviano Alvarado and †Robert Cardoso**  
*By: Susan Cardoso*

**Saturday • February 15**  
*Genesis 3:9-24/Mark 8:1-10*  
**5:00 p.m. Mass †Jim Jorae**  
*By: Jenny Jorae and Family*

**Sunday • February 16**  
*Jeremiah 17:5-8/1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 /Luke 6:17, 20-26*  
**8:00 a.m. Mass †Joan Huhn**  
*By: The Huhn Family*

**10:00 a.m. †Jeanette Schomisch**  
*By: Husband*

**12:00 p.m. †Brian Ritter**  
*By: Linda Ritter*

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



The Sanctuary Lamp  
 will burn from  
 February 9 - 15, 2025  
*Silviano Alvarado and  
 Robert Cardoso*

**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.

*Praise  
 the Lord  
 Oh my Soul!*

**Eucharistic Adoration**



"The more we visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the more we will be filled with His love and grace. The more we receive Him in Holy Communion, the more we will be united with Him and transformed into His likeness."

Source: "The Spark from Poland"  
 by (Blessed) Fr. Michael Sopocho,  
 2010, pg 125.

Are you interested in making a monthly Holy Hour during First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament?  
 Call/text 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
- 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

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 or email  
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**\*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)

**Being Called and Being  
Called Home**

When I was growing up I lived in a neighborhood where there were many kids whose homes were close together. If I would be at a friend’s house, my Mom or one of my siblings could just go out on our front porch and call out “Eric, time for lunch” or something to that effect and I would head straight home -- most of the time. There were times I would hear the call and pretend I didn’t because I was in the middle of a game. I always knew, however, that I would have to answer the call. Parents didn’t have cell phones to text their children way back yonder, yet they did have something along the lines of a parental authority co-op in which parent B would send a kid home if she heard parent A’s call.

Today’s gospel, St. Luke’s version of the call of the first apostles, shows how, unlike me in my childhood, the apostles answered their call immediately. Obviously, being called from one’s livelihood to fol-

low Jesus and being called home for a peanut butter and jelly sandwich are not direct parallels. But sometimes we pretend to not hear God’s call in the same way I tried to avoid the call for lunch. There are consequences for each. For example, sometimes a lunch call was followed by a list of chores after I ate. Adult consequences vary according to the call.

As we heard a couple weeks ago from St. Paul, we are not all blessed with the same charisms and thus are not called to spread God’s word and his love the same way. As I noted a couple weeks ago, my mother spread God’s love through the charism of hospitality. During Catholic Schools Week we celebrated not only the 100th birthday of our school, but all the St. Joe teachers who shared the faith through the charism of teaching over the past century.

We are all called to share our faith, but first we must know it, so in essence, we are all called to learn it better. A great example is the sacrament of Reconciliation -- the act of confessing our sins to a priest. A recent Pew study shows that only 43 percent of active Catholics go to Confession regularly or at least once a year, 23 percent go less than once a year and 33

percent not at all. (The precepts of the Church require us to go at least once a year.) Get to know this sacrament and the need for it this Lent, as Adult Faith Director Amanda Grigar leads us through a three-week series called “Forgiven” presented through the “Formed” app. Last year we had a great turnout for the Formed series on the Eucharist and this year’s series will be equally enlightening. Learn the history of the sacrament and why the Church requires it on the first three Thursdays of March.

As for the “being called home” reference in today’s title. Let us all pray for all those affected by the two tragic airline disasters last week. They should shake us a bit with the knowledge that we can be called home at any moment. Let’s follow God’s calls in our lives before he calls us home.

(Thanks to a regular reader who reminded me that this year marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea from which we get the proclamation of our faith “The Nicæan Creed” which we recite at each Sunday Mass.)

*Deacon Eric*  
[deaconeric@hotmail.com](mailto: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!



**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.



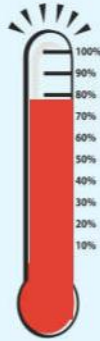


## Stewardship for Saints and Scholars

Thank you for your support of the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign!

Thank you to all our volunteers and donors who made the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars campaign such a success. Your gifts allowed us to raise **\$987,759.00** toward our target of \$1,260,000.00.

If you have not yet made a gift, you can always do so by calling the parish office or online at [stewardshipforsaintsand scholars.com](http://stewardshipforsaintsand scholars.com).



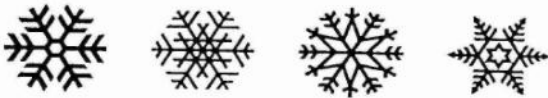
## Open Enrollment for New Families



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

- ◆ Open seats in all grades BK-6 (limited, first come basis)
- ◆ **Beginnergarten (Young Fives)** - seats available. Children turning age 5 by March 31, 2026 are eligible for the 2025-2026 school year
- ◆ Nurturing Christian faith, virtues, values and principles
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Contact us for registration information or for a tour 989-224-2421 or email [principal@stjoecatholicsschool.org](mailto:principal@stjoecatholicsschool.org)



### 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.

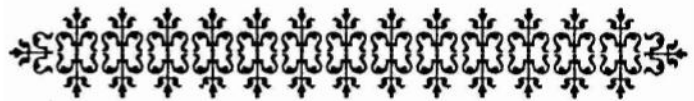


### Attention All Widows/Widowers

*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



### 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 [musicdirector.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:musicdirector.stjoseph@gmail.com)

### 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

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**Join Us for Ignite 2025!** Gentlemen, don't miss *Ignite 2025*, our 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 [michigancmc.org](http://michigancmc.org).

**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:

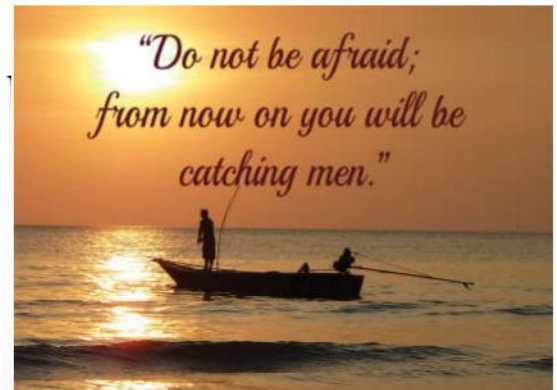
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Application deadline is March 31, 2025 for the 2025-26 school year.

**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 ([www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers)) and attach a cover letter, resume, transcripts, and two letters of recommendation. For more information, please contact Fr. John Whitlock at [frjohn@mhtparish.com](mailto:frjohn@mhtparish.com)



## Helping Neighbors in Need

Four Wheels at a Time

St. Vincent DePaul Society (Diocese Lansing) is expanding its Car Ministry to include donated vehicles! In the first two years of this ministry, we have assisted 37 Neighbors into automobiles. This form of transportation affords them access to the workplace, grocery store, medical care, school and much more. This effort has gone a long way to helping those neighbors out of the Systemic Poverty that lack of mobility can perpetuate.

**We want to do more & We need your help!**

When a NIN (Neighbor In Need) is identified, a home visit by two Vincentians is made to discuss their vehicle challenges as well as verify that they will be able to afford insurance, gas and the upkeep that comes with owning a car. Additionally, a payment of 20% of the value of the vehicle is required..

We have 15 NIN looking for a vehicle. If you can help, please call us at **517 484.5395 ext. 102**. Please leave a message and one of our Vincentians will get back to you and explain how easy it is to donate a vehicle.

Upon donating a car, appropriate tax documents will be provided.

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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-speed-dating> for more information  
 Contact Dawn at [dhausmann@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:dhausmann@dioceseoflansing.org)



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 9 2025

**Golden Gala  
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**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

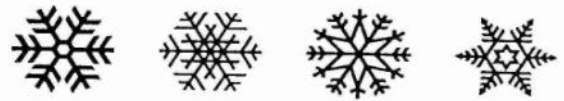
**Tickets are:**  
1 for \$50  
3 for \$125  
5 for \$200

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.  
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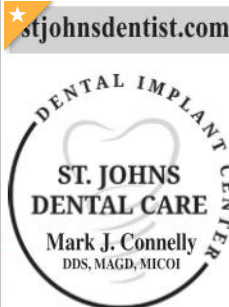
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