

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

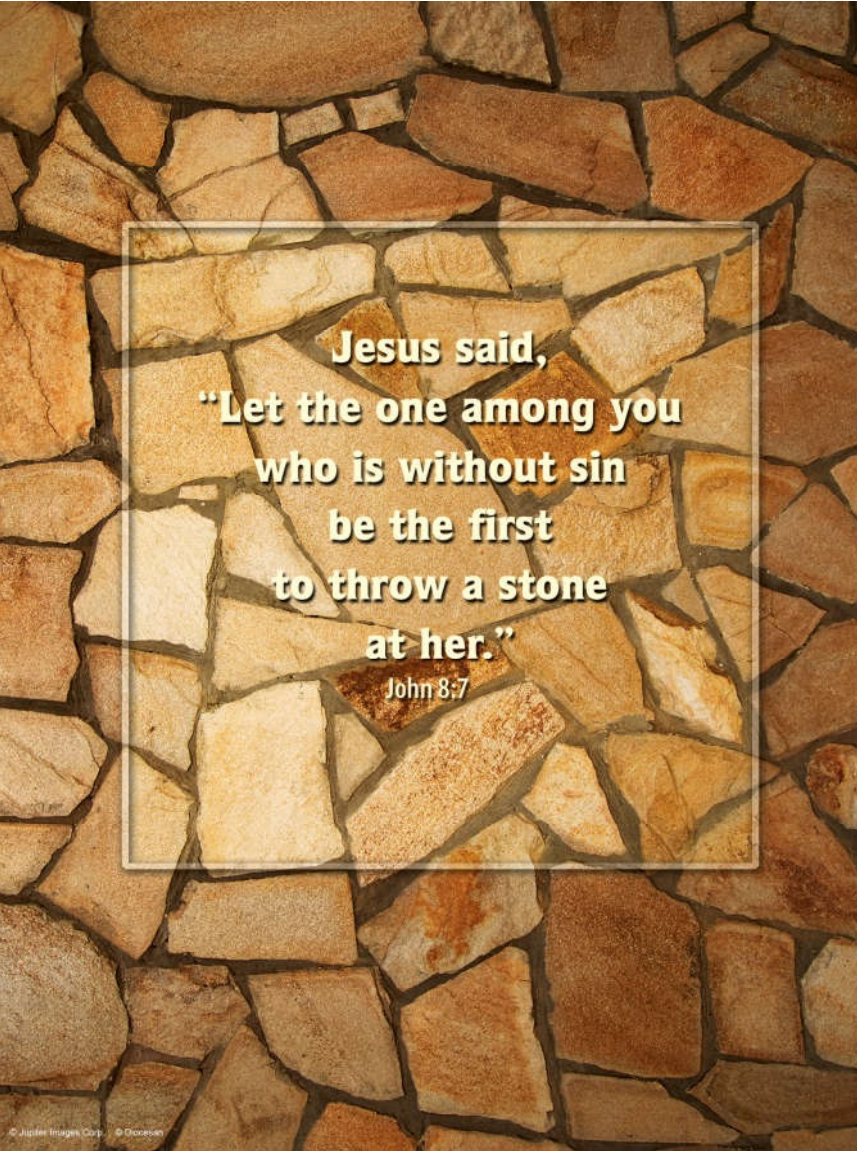
Saturday • 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday • 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.  
Mass in Spanish • 6:00 p.m.  
(Holy Days • Consult the bulletin)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday • 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday • 4:00 p.m.

### Prayer Tree

Parish Office: (989)-224-8994



Jesus said,  
"Let the one among you  
who is without sin  
be the first  
to throw a stone  
at her."

John 8:7

**THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES**

**Monday • April 7**

*Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/John 8:12-20*  
**No Mass**

**Tuesday • April 8**

*Numbers 21:4-9/John 8:21-30*  
**7:00 p.m. Mass †Chad and †Shannon Rings**

**Wednesday • April 9**

*Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/John 8:31-42*  
**12:05 p.m. †Baylor Marco**  
*By: Matt and Monica Poff Family*

**Thursday • April 10**

*Genesis 17:3-9/John 8:51-59*  
**8:30 a.m. Mass †Dan Sandahl**  
*By: Family*

**Friday • April 11**

*Jeremiah 20:10-13/John 10:31-42*  
**8:30 a.m. Mass †Art Halfmann**  
*By: Monica Klaver and Family*

**Saturday • April 12**

*Ezekiel 37:21-28/John 11:45-56*  
**5:00 p.m. Mass †Nick Kurncz**  
*By: Christine Kurncz*

**Sunday • April 13**

**The Lord's Passion**  
*Luke 19:28-40/Isaiah 50:4-7/Philippians 2:6-11/Luke 22:14--23:56 or Luke 23:1-49*

**8:00 a.m. Mass †Jim Clark (10th anniversary)**  
*By: Lu Anne Cuthbert*

**10:00 a.m. †Urban and †Marie Weber**  
*By: Janet McKeown*

**12:00 p.m. †Leon and †Marie Armbrustmacher**  
*By: Paul and Jenie Pung*

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



The Sanctuary Lamp  
 will burn from  
 April 6-12, 2025  
*Ronald, Rita and Jack Cuthbert*

**Rest in Peace**

Our prayers and sympathies  
 to the family and friends of  
**Gerald F. Lott**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will be held  
 every Friday evening in Lent at 6:00 p.m.

**Additional Penance Services**

Most Holy Trinity - Fowler  
 April 7th at 6:30 p.m.  
 (multiple Priest available)

St. Mary Parish - Westphalia  
 Monday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m.  
 (8 Priests will be available to hear confessions)



**LENTEN HOLY HOUR**

**Thursday, April 10**

**Beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

Join us for an opportunity to spend time  
 with Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration as  
 we prepare to enter Holy Week.

This led-holy hour will include prayer, song,  
 reflection, silence,  
 and an opportunity  
 for sacramental confession  
with two priests.

**Bring your family and friends,  
 all ages are welcome!**

**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
- Colleen Plunkett

- 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  
 Stjosephchurchst-  
 johns@gmail.com

**\*Please note: only  
 immediate family  
 members may add  
 names to the bulle-  
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**WE ARE ALL  
EVANGELIZERS**

(AND WHATEVER ELSE IS ON  
DEACON ERIC'S MIND)

**What Happened to the Madness?**

Remember when I was talking about March Madness a couple of weeks ago? Has anyone seen it? Was it even here? I saw March, it came and went. But I never saw the Madness. The Madness involves college basketball -- big upsets in the big tournament, but there were no Cinderella teams beating big-name schools. The top-four teams as seeded before the tournament won and advanced to this weekend's Final Four, so hopefully what the tournament lacked in Madness it will deliver in highly competitive final games to determine the champion.

But in taking time away from basketball to view the newly-released episodes of season five of "The Chosen," I viewed some "biblical madness." This whole season focuses on the time from Jesus' glorious ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through Holy Thursday. The mad-

ness is, as first seen through Jesus eyes, on the temple grounds which has become a center of commerce. It was shortly after arriving in Jerusalem, but the adulation of the afternoon had vaporized for the Lord. As biblical scholar Mary Healy notes: "on that evening, Jesus had 'looked around at everything' in the temple as if to assess its spiritual condition...The temple area had become a marketplace...Instead of the temple sanctifying the city, the city was profaning the temple." He did not act, but held that image for a day.

Now, we all know the story of Jesus cleansing of the temple, so though there's nothing I will say going forward that I would consider a spoiler alert for those who are planning to watch season five at a later date, which probably means June. All of the gospels have some version of it, with Mark being the most descriptive. But even Mark's version pales to the interpretation director Dallas Jenkins has of Jesus' reaction to what he had seen when he and the apostles returned the next day. Healy says: "Jesus is appalled at this flagrant desecration of a place conse-

crated to the worship of the living God."

We all know Jesus was angry, but how angry? Well, the Jesus in "The Chosen" is seen by director Jenkins in the cleansing of the temple scene as a little bit Spartacus, a little bit Braveheart, a little bit Incredible Hulk and even a little bit Indiana Jones. No one would get in his way or try to stop him as he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those selling doves. He made his point emphatically, and when news spread back to the chief priests and scribes of his actions, they undoubtedly saw a little "madness" in it.

Part two of season five was released this weekend and part three will be released on April 11th. We, of course, will be holding a series of view and discuss sessions at church when all of the episodes have been released to the public sometime this summer.

*Deacon Eric*

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

**St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary  
Soup Supper  
April 9th at 5:30 p.m.  
Columbian Hall**

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a second soup supper on Wednesday, April 9th at the Columbian Hall. **The doors open at 5:00 p.m. to receive soup donations** with the meal being served at 5:30 p.m. and the speaker at 6:00 p.m. The featured charity will be Mother Theresa House, whose compassionate staff care for people facing their final days. We will hear more about this charity from a guest speaker of Mother Theresa House. Donations of soup and bread will be accepted with a sign-up sheet in the church gathering space. The supper is open to all (soup donations not required to attend). Please come to share this light supper with your friends as you learn more about this featured charity.



**Extra Times for  
Confession this Lent  
St. Joseph Church-St Johns**

- Tuesday, April 8:** 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 9:** 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 10:** 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour
- Friday, April 11:** 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 15:** 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.







*Congratulations  
to the  
2025  
Confirmation  
Class:*

### 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.



## ST. JOSEPH EASTER RETREAT

## JOURNEY WITH THE APOSTLES

SATURDAY  
APRIL 26TH  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



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**EVERY FIRST SUNDAY**

### Attention All Widows/ Widowers

Please join  
"Kindred Friends"

at our next meeting on  
Wednesday, April 16, 2025  
at 10:30 a.m.

In the church basement

### Blessing of the Easter Baskets

St. Joseph Parish invites you and your family to bring your unique family basket(s) to the church on **Holy Saturday, April 19th at 10:30 a.m.** for a brief blessing service.

Come and share in this custom with your parish family and make this the start of a new Easter tradition with your children and friends.



**POSITION OPENING - Business Manager**

We are accepting applications for our parish Business Manager position. The position requires excellent organizational skills, experience with accounting principles and processes, and an understanding of facility maintenance needs. This position is full time with insurance, leave time, and pension benefits. Full position description is available at <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers>

If you are someone who embraces the teachings and mission of the Catholic Church and are interested in working in this environment, please apply online or send your resume, cover letter, and references to Business Manager Position, St. Joseph Church, 109 Linden St., St. Johns, MI 48879, or email to [business.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:business.stjoseph@gmail.com).



**Lenten Fish Fry 2025**  
Knights of Columbus, Council #3281  
1108 North US-27  
Friday, April 11th  
Serving 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Carry out meals available  
Call (989) 224-1225



**Age 14 and up** - Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.  
**Age 18-59** - Fast Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.  
**Fasting** ~ eat one full meal, as well as 2 smaller meals, not equaling the one full meal.  
**Abstinence** ~ Not eating meat.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

**April 7th 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

KofC Columbian Hall

You may contact the American Red Cross at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for more information or to make an appointment to donate.

Unscheduled walk-in donors are also welcome.



**St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary**  
**monthly event - a Lady's tea**  
**Monday April 14th**  
**at Columbian Hall at 6:30 pm**

A variety of snacks to go with the tea will be provided. Dust off your Easter Bonnets and give them a trial run as you enjoy your tea. The evening's topic will be preparing for the Holy Week which begins with Maudie Monday and ends with the Triduum. We will learn about the many blessed services and events during this week. The legends and traditions surrounding Holy Week that will be discussed. All ladies are invited to come share in the tea, food and faith as we prepare for this most Blessed Week. Questions can be directed to Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088.

**EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

If you would like to make a donation of any amount towards our various Easter flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please use this form and place in the pink trimmed "Easter flowers, Decorations & Other Liturgy Expenses" envelope found in your March/April packets.

Dedicated by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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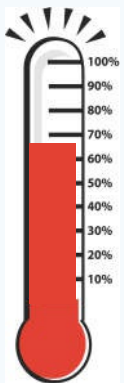
Please return to the parish office by  
**Monday, April 7th**

to be included in the Memorial List

\*Donations received in excess of flower costs will be applied towards decorations and other Liturgical expenses.



As of March 23, 2025\*, we reached \$62,806.18 (or 64%) of our DSA goal of \$98,185.24. Thus far 153 families have contributed to this year's appeal which is 15.6% our 1025 families. We are grateful for these contributions and invite others to help push us over goal for the benefit of our parish and the wider church.



If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, we invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in the church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at: [www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal). Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

\*We are awaiting totals from the Diocese of pledges made directly to them.



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
 Parents with children ages 4-12 are invited to:  
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The Spring 2025 40 Days for Life Vigil campaign is set to begin on Ash Wednesday and we will again be praying across from the Frandor Center Planned Parenthood facility Monday through Saturdays from 7:00 am until 6:00 p.m. 40 Days for Life is a prayerful and peaceful vigil in which prayers are sent out for the end of abortion, for those who have had abortions and for the conversion of those who support abortion. We need many pro-life advocates to help us cover the vigil hours. To sign up for a time, go to [40daysforlife/lansing.com](http://40daysforlife/lansing.com). I will be going to pray each Thursday at 2:00 p.m. if you would like to pray that hour. Please call Mary Beth if you have any questions.

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