

The Epiphany of the Lord



Come,
let us
adore
Him.

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



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FAMILY MINISTRIES:

Marriage Preparation ~ Fr. Michael Williams

Baptism ~ Nancy Joseph

St. Joseph School ~ Chris Wells

Religious Education ~ Michelle Parker

Confirmation ~ Michelle Parker

Youth Group ~ Nancy Poff

Adult Faith Formation ~ Nancy Joseph

Evangelization ~ Nancy Joseph

Please call the parish office for more information on our Family Ministries

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 PM & Tuesday: 6:30 PM

WORSHIP:

Music ~ Jeff Richards

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Holy Days: Consult the bulletin.

PARISH LIFE:

Parish Council ~ Dick Weller

Finance Council ~ Scott Dzurka

Parish Secretary ~ Anna Biewer

Business Manager ~ Susan Mahoney

Maintenance ~ Dave Klein

PASTORAL CARE:

Fr. Michael Williams

Deacon Marv Robertson

Deacon Jerry Fust

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.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday: January 7 (St. Raymond of Penafort)
 Readings: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6 | Mk 4:12-17, 23-35
 No Mass

Tuesday: January 8
 Readings: 1 Jn 4:7-10 | Mk 6:34-44
 7:00PM Mass †**Marge Koenigsnecht**—Chris and Brenda DeLiso

Wednesday: January 9
 Readings: 1 Jn 4:11-18 | Mk 6:45-52
 12:05PM Mass †**Josefina Villarreal**—Pat and Paul Luttig

Thursday: January 10
 Readings: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 | Lk 4:14-22
 8:30AM Mass †**Richard Martin**—Ann Wieser

Friday: January 11
 Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13 | Lk 5:12-16
 8:30AM Mass †**Ron Minarik**—Mom

Saturday: January 12
 Readings: 1 Jn 5:14-21 | Jn 3:22-30
 4:00PM Reconciliation
 5:00PM Mass †**Rosie Schomisch**—Family

Sunday: January 13 The Baptism of the Lord
 Readings: Is 40:1-5,9-11 | Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7 | Lk 3:15-16,21-22
 8:00AM Mass †**Lewis Kramer**—Helen and Joe Kus
 10:00AM Mass **People of the parish**
 12:00PM Mass †**Brian Schafer Jr.**—Family
 6:00PM Spanish Mass



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn from
 January 6th-12th in memory
 of *Lori Munch*

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT WEEK

COUNTING COLLECTION: January 7 Group 2
SANCTUARY CLEANERS: January 12 Julie VeCasey and Yvonne Dzurka
LOW January 13: Team 2

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Please place Ad for:
 33 1/3 Street Sound

Please thank our sponsors for their support!

Parish Office Hours:

Mon./Wed./Thurs/: 9:00 AM-NOON;1:00 PM-5:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - NOON; 1:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM-NOON;1:00 PM-3:00 PM

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Due to early deadlines, the collection from the weekend of December 29/30 will appear in a later bulletin.

Offering for the Week Ending with Sunday December 23
 Adults (277) envelopes/gifts \$27,050.00
(including automated debits and online giving)
 Loose cash \$753.40
TOTAL \$27,803.40

Christmas Collection TOTAL: \$12,939.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2018 is \$18,825.90. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.

Other Envelopes Received
 Education Trust Fund \$65.00
 Building Fund \$130.00
 Tuition Scholarship Fund \$273.00

The **Children's Collection** for December will be donated to:
St. Christopher's Children's Transportation Program

The **Children's Collection** for January will be donated to:
Lingap Children's Foundation

December 22/23 & 24/25 donation: **\$33.10**
Total December donations to date: \$87.24
Children's and youth envelopes are available in the back of the Church and from the Parish Office

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

NEXT WEEKEND (January 12/13)

ALTAR SERVERS:

5 PM: Molly Wagner and Scott McCann
8 AM: Ian Smith and Makenna Schneider
10 AM: Audrey George, Ben George and David Thelen
12 PM: Jarrett and Natalie LaBean

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5 PM: Colleen Sutherland, Millie Wassa, Peg Zink, Julie VeCasey, Mary Empie, Angi Bunn.
8 AM: Linda Karek, Bob Puralewski, Judi Thelen, Pam Walsh, Lisa Moeggenborg, John Thelen.
10 AM: Joyce Crosbym Jean Eldridge, Eric Elstro, Mary Beth Elstro, Janet McKeown, Doug Nurenberg.
12 PM: Millie Fox, Dan Snyder, Debbie Thiede, Dawn Lawless, Tom Wenzlick, Victoria Lawless.

LECTORS:

5 PM: Diane Armbrustmacher
8 AM: Don Randolph
10 AM: Karen Densmore
12 PM: Rick Aaron

USHERS:

5 PM: Bob Wilkie and 5A
8AM: Terry Brya and 8E
10AM: Bill Rozen and 10A
12PM: Dennis Parker and 12B

This weekend, January 6 2019 after Sunday Masses:

Equal Exchange Fair Trade products will be sold after all Masses this Sunday in the church basement. Come check out our wide variety of products; Coffee, tea and chocolate!



There will be Coffee and Donuts after all Sunday Masses downstairs this weekend sponsored by the Knights of Columbus! Please stop by for some fellowship after mass.

St. Joseph S.C.R.I.P Don't forget to come downstairs and purchase gift cards this weekend! *From 9am-12pm*. All purchases help St. Joes and tuition for a family of your choice.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Joan Bozung	Landon Baese
Dorris Frace	Jerry
James	Leon Kramer
Judy	Mary Moore
Marian Kiel	Peter Schrauben
William	Richard Connors
Jim Price	Joshua Howard
Bill McCann	Sharon Fitzpatrick
Pam Martinez	Kathleen Reynolds
Steve Nunham	Dolors Vanbelkum
Janice Parker	Barb Haruska
Sandy	Kim Novack
Stan Wassa	Chuck
Carol	Rob Zibiciak
Michael	Marian Kurncz
Debbie	Nick Kurncz
Jeff Wadell	Adam Mahoney
Kenneth Price	Joan Thelen
Brent Baese	

Please pray for vocations, especially:

Eric Elstro
Diaconate

Please pray for parishioners in the Armed Services, especially:

<i>Air Force</i>	Alex Rojas
Matthew Dainton	<i>Army</i>
Eric Martin	Alex Detloff
Jessica Mitchell	Jacob Longoria
David Seperic	Adam Novak
Joseph Dershem	Noel Smith II
<i>Marines</i>	Brett Simmon
Jake Hoskins	

To add or remove a name from the bulletin prayer list, please call:
989-224-8994 or email

stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com

***Please note: only immediate family members may add names to the bulletin prayer lists.**

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**Tuesday January 8**

5:40 PM Rosary Group (Church)

6:45 PM Devotions (Church)

Wednesday January 9

5:15 PM Bible Study (C&D Room)

6:30-7:30 pm Religious Formation (School)

6:30 pm Youth Group (Youth Room)

Thursday January 10

7:00 PM Choir Practice (Choir Loft)

Friday January 11

After 8:30 am Mass to 7:00PM

-Adoration (Church)

Saturday January 12

8:30 am Average Joes Men's group meeting (Church basement)

Sunday January 13

7:30 AM Rosary (Church)

9:30 AM Rosary (Church)

11:30 AM Rosary (Church)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

ST. JOSEPH PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS.

We're looking for more people to join the St. Joseph Parish Finance Council. If you're interested in joining and want more information please contact the parish office and ask for Fr. Mike.

Are you interested in becoming a Sanctuary Cleaner?

Volunteers clean the Sacristy area of the Church weekly, usually on Friday or Saturday. Pairs are scheduled approximately once every three months; the cleaning takes about one hour.

If you would like to be added to next year's schedule, or if you are already on the list and would like to be removed, please contact: Sue Fox at (989) 292-9227. Thank you!

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL**2019 St. Joseph Feast and Raffle: Saturday, March 16, 2019**

Ticket Sale Information: Tickets will be sold for \$50 each and include a dinner and entrance into the large raffle drawing. Tickets purchased before January 27th will be entered into an early bird drawing of \$500. There is also a \$1,000 general raffle drawing held the night of the event. Make sure to purchase tickets early, there are a limited number of tickets available and the event does sell out! NEW this year, if you would like to attend as a group (up to 8 per table) please reserve your table by completing a group request form which requires the names of all people included in your group by January 27th. Any tickets purchased after the 27th will be first come first serve. Thanks for your support in making this year's event a success! If you have any questions regarding ticket sales, please contact Amy Brewbaker at 989-640-0907 or email us at StJoeFeast@gmail.com.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU: Week of January 7

Lunch price \$2.85 Milk \$0.50 (The price for milk cannot be deducted from the lunch price)

Monday: Mini pancakes w/syrup, sausage, hash browns, mixed fruit & milk.

Tuesday: Loaded bake potato soup w/crackers, grilled cheese sandwich, pears & milk.

Wednesday: Lasagna, bread sticks, carrots, peaches & milk.

Thursday: Hot dog on a bun, french fries, fresh fruit & milk.

Friday: Cheese or Pepperoni pizza, green beans, pineapple & milk.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Average Joe's men's group:

Next Meeting: Sat. January 12th from 8:30—10:00 AM in the church basement.

The St. Joseph "Average Joes" men's group is open to all men of all faiths. Our mission is to provide a gathering place for breakfast, to share some spiritual discussion and to encourage fellowship among men in our community.

Our slogan: Feed the stomach, share some wisdom and enrich the soul.

A warm welcome is extended to all men who seek a casual setting in which to consider God's blessings and His plan for our lives.

Spiritual Direction

Do you at times feel like your prayer life is just empty words?

Does your spiritual growth seem at a stand still? Would you like to share some of your thoughts on these topics with someone but are hesitant to bring them up with friends? Then you might benefit from meeting with a spiritual director.

Do you need spiritual direction?

Spiritual direction is a process of seeking to understand and follow God's will in all aspects of your life, especially relating to your life of prayer and service. Spiritual direction is NOT psychological, pastoral or crisis counseling. If you would like help in discerning where the Holy Spirit might be working in your life, spiritual direction could be the answer for you. Spiritual direction will be available by appointment on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. and Thursday's from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. *Appointments can be made for other times. Call 517-242-4850 (Linda Kurncz) to arrange the best time for you.*

DID YOU KNOW?

St. Joseph Church has padded pew cushions in the first pew in each section of Church. We welcome those with special physical needs to make use of these padded pews.



Young Women's Group: January Breakfast.

All young women are invited to join us for our next gathering on January 26th at 9:30am in the parish basement. We will have a potluck breakfast (if you are able, please bring a small dish to pass.), discussions about our faith, and fellowship!

Our topic for this breakfast will be: **Hope.** Victoria Lawless will share with us how the Lord has helped her to find hope.

Please RSVP and let us know you're coming, and if you can bring a small dish to pass by contacting the parish office by phone or email or RSVP on the Facebook event. Invite your friends!

What is Fullness of Grace? The group is open to young women in the parish and also those who aren't parishioners who are from the surrounding communities. The group's main focus is to create a place for young women to get together, to get to know each other, and build a community of women striving in their faith.

Our Sunday Visitor

Each week a generous donation from our local St. Vincent DePaul Society covers the cost of the Our Sunday Visitor newspaper for our parish. This newspaper 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!



Have you "Liked" us on Facebook yet?
"St. Joseph Church, St. Johns, Michigan" and "St. Joseph Catholic School, St. Johns, Michigan"

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OR LECTOR?

Here's some information on both ministries:

Eucharistic Ministers: Eucharistic Ministers (EMs) distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful at Masses on Sunday, weekdays and Holy Days of Obligation. EM's are trained and commissioned for service, with the expectation that they: (1) offer their service with a deep sense of reverence for the Eucharist and (2) commit to being available for one weekend Mass every three weeks, and occasionally Holy Days. This ministry, which is open to parishioners who are confirmed, provides an opportunity to deepen in Eucharistic spirituality and to be connected to the faith community in a significant way.

Lectors: Lectors proclaim the Word of God, reading the scriptures at Masses on Sunday, weekdays and Holy days of Obligation. Lectors are trained to cultivate a clear speaking voice. They are expected to: (1) present the readings with poise, appropriate dynamics and reverence, and (2) commit to preparing themselves to read at one Mass, every other month, and occasionally on Holy Days.

If you would like to be trained as either a Eucharistic Minister or Lector please contact the parish office

Traveling Prayer Chalice:

There are always opportunities to sign up for your household to host the traveling prayer chalice. Considering taking the chalice home for a week and pray for vocations.

WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

Well, here we go again, turning to one of the Church's leading spokesman, Bishop Robert Barron, for some evangelization insight. A couple of weeks ago, we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Unfortunately, sometimes great feasts such as this get a bit lost in the Church calendar when they fall in the middle of the week. And not only is this feast in the middle of the week, but it's in the middle of a work week that's in the middle of the busiest shopping season of the year.

So let's take a brief look back at this great feast of Our Lady and its impact on evangelization through Bishop Barron's eyes.

Friends, today we celebrate the great feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. What followed the apparition of Mary at Tepeyac is one of the most astounding chapters in the history of Christian evangelism.

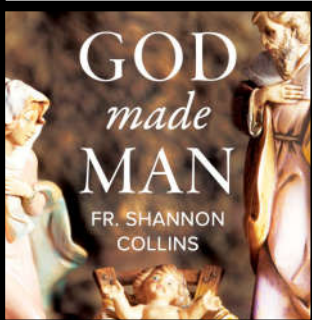
Though Franciscan missionaries had been laboring in Mexico for twenty years, they had made little progress. But within ten years of the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe practically the entire Mexican people, nine million strong, had converted to Christianity. La Morena had proved a more effective evangelist than Peter, Paul, St. Patrick, and St. Francis Xavier combined! And with that great national conversion, the Aztec practice of human sacrifice came to an end. She had done battle with fallen spirits and had won a culture-changing victory for the God of love.

The challenge for us who honor her today is to join the same fight. We must announce to our culture today the truth of the God of Israel, the God of Jesus Christ, the God of nonviolence and forgiving love. And we ought, like La Morena, to be bearers of Jesus to a world that needs him more than ever.

To repeat, "we must announce to our culture today, the truth of the God of Israel, the God of Jesus Christ, the God of nonviolence and forgiving love."

'Nuff said.

—By the Evangelization Team



Featured on **FORMED**
 God Made Man by Fr. Shannon Collins

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER?

Altar Servers assist the priest, in the liturgical ministry of the altar, during celebrations of Mass on Sundays, school Masses and Holy Days of Obligation. Training for this ministry is open to students in 4th-12th grade. Student servers are expected to:

- (1) be attentive, poised, and reverent,
- (2) commit to serving Mass as scheduled (usually once or twice a month, depending on assigned Mass time).

If you would like to be trained as an altar server please contact the parish office by phone or email.



Have you seen our Lighthouse Media CD display yet? Located in the back of church out the cry room doors and to the left. All CDs are \$4.00! This is a donation driven ministry. All donations go towards our next purchase of CDs. Checks made payable to "St. Joseph Catholic Church"



The Food Box
 donations help families in our community through the Emergency Food Assistance Program

at Capital Area Community Services (CACS). Donations can be placed in the wooden box in the back of church. Next to the free resources rack. *If each family brought just one item for the Food Box with them on Sunday, we could fill that wooden box every week.*



Knight of Columbus Online Membership.

Eligible Catholic men can now join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple, streamlined process. Visit www.kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

UPCOMING AREA RETREATS AND EVENTS

We Still Do: Regional Marriage Event

What: David and Noelle McHugh (Garcia) will be speaking on marriage and entertaining us for the evening.

When: Friday, January 11th, 2019 - Doors open at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:00pm

Where: St. Mary's Hall, Westphalia

Cost: \$40 per couple - This includes a catered meal (Taste of Heaven)

Send check to St. Mary's Parish or pay upon arrival

Most Holy Trinity School

Attn: Anne Hufnagel, principal

545 N. Maple St.

Fowler, MI, 48835

or via email: principal@mhtparish.com

March for Life: Saturday, January 19 2019 Local Walk, Prayers, Baby Shower and Fellowship.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

CHURCH 9650 North Church Street
Bridgman, MI

Please join us for a walk in Bridgman to support life! If you cannot walk that day, Immanuel will be accepting baby shower type donations or monetary gifts.

Walk begins at Immanuel at Noon
Walking to the City. Hall for prayers
Light complimentary lunch following the walk. Bring donations for LifePlan.
Accepting baby shower type items and monetary donations until 4 pm

THE MAN EVENT 2019: Diocese of Lansing Catholic Men's Conference

When: February 23, 2019

Where: Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (913 Napoleon Road, Michigan Center, MI 49254)

Time: 10 AM – 5 PM

Individual Ticket Prices: Adults \$40 / Students \$30

Registrations are now open. For more information or to purchase your tickets, visit www.themanevent.org.

SAVE THE DATE:

**Annual Parish Men's Retreat
From Chaos to Order:
A Scriptural Guide
February 8-10, 2015**

Join us to gain new scriptural insights on ways to bring order into your own life and community.

The suggested donation for the weekend is \$175 - retreat begins with check in at 6:00 pm on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday

**St. Francis Retreat Center, Dewitt
For registration or questions call
the retreat center
at 517-669-8321 or visit
www.stfrancis.ws**

**SAVE THE DATE St. Joseph
2019 Parish Mission**

The next St. Joseph Parish Retreat will be held May 19-21, 2019. Our guest speaker will be Tim Francis with You Shall Believe Ministry's. He will focus his presentation on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Through scientific evidence you will be amazed at what we truly receive when we participate worthily in the Eucharist.

SAVE THE DATE and plan to be a part of this spiritually enriching opportunity.

Witness to HOPE Have a Witness to Hope or DSA question? The Diocesan employees at the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Lansing will be able to help. Just call Colleen or Julie at 517-342-2461.

The Catholic Diocese of Lansing

Job Posting:

The Diocese of Lansing is accepting applications for a Director of Communications. Applications will be accepted through January 18, 2019. To learn more about the position and apply, please go to www.dioceseoflansing.org/ employment

What can you do to make a difference in just a few hours a month?

You can make a difference in the lives of Clinton County residents that need your help. Just Volunteer! Care A Van needs volunteers!

Do you like to drive and have the ability to obtain a chauffeur's license? Do you have a few free hours every month that you could donate in order to help someone in need?

Care A Van transportation services use Clinton Transit minivans driven by volunteer drivers to transport frail, elderly and disabled passengers to medical appointments. If you would like information about becoming a volunteer driver, please contact the Care A Van scheduling office at 989-668-0617 Ext. #2 and ask for Linda



If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church

Please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Every diocese in the United States now has a victim assistance coordinator who is available to obtain support for your needs, to help make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese and to arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, if you desire. **The victim assistance coordinator for the Diocese of Lansing is: Cheryl Williams-Hecksel-1.888.308.6252** or cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org. In addition, you may also report through the law enforcement toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov

Greetings from St. Joseph Parish
If you would like to register, change
your address or phone number:
please fill out this form and drop it in
the collection basket or mail it to the
Parish Office.

Why register?

Are you registered as a St. Joseph parishioner? Often people will attend Mass at our parish for years, but never officially register.

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the St. Joseph parish community.

Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for baptisms, weddings, Faith Formation registrations, baptismal or confirmation sponsorship and even funerals. We would love it if you joined our parish community!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Home / Cell

Email: _____

- I would like to enroll as an active parishioner– please send me a registration form.
- Please change my address to the one shown above.
- Please change/add my phone number/email to the one shown above.

Want more information about our parish?

Visit our website: <http://www.stjoecatholic.com>