In Honor of Our Mothers

SAINT Joseph CATHOLIC Church



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FAMILY MINISTRIES:

109 Linden Street

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 **REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE:** Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Holy Days: Consult the bulletin.

Saint Johns, Michigan 48879-1837

PARISH LIFE:

Parish Council ~ Dick Weller Finance Council ~ Scott Dzurka Parish Secretary ~ Deb Light Business Manager ~ Susan Mahoney Maintenance ~ Dave Klein

PASTORAL CARE:

Fr. Michael Williams Deacon Marv Robertson **Deacon Jerry Fust Deacon Eric Elstro**

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.

God took the fragrance of a flower... The majesty of a tree... The gentleness of morning dew ... The calm of a quiet sea... The beauty of the twilight hour ... The soul of a starry night ... The laughter of a rippling brook ... The grace of a bird in flight ... Then God fashioned from these things A creation like no other, And when his

masterpiece was through

He called it simply -

Mother.

~Herbert Farnham

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH	ST. JOHNS, MICHIGAN
THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES	OUR WEEKLY GIVING
Monday: May 11 Readings: Acts 14:5-18 John 14:21-26 No Mass	Offering for the Week Ending with Sunday May 3, 2020 Adults (146) Envelopes/Gifts \$19,791.00 (Including automated debits and online giving)
Tuesday: May 12 (Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr) Readings: Acts 14:19-28 John 14:27-31a	Loose Cash: \$0.00 TOTAL: \$19,791.00 OTHER ENVELOPES RECEIVED
7:00 PM Mass †Viola & Francis Fedewa ~ <i>The Fedewa Family</i> <u>Wednesday</u> : May 13 (Our Lady of Fatima) <i>Readings: Acts</i> 15:1-6 John 15:1-8 12:05 PM Mass †Mary "Trix" Lutes ~ <i>Doug & Lavonne Schafer</i>	Education Trust Fund:\$500.00Building Fund:\$15.00Tuition Scholarship Fund:\$0.00
Thursday: May 14 (Saint Matthias, Apostle) Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 John 15:9-17 8:30 AM Mass †Daniel Sandahl ~ Family	Our weekly average since July 1, 2019 is \$19,020.69. If we con- tinue to keep this average we will meet our budgeted goal.
Friday: May 15 (Saint Isidore) Readings: Acts 15:22-31 John 15:12-17 8:30 AM Mass †Margaret & Louis Brya ~ Family	The Children's Collection for April will be donated to: Caritas for Children CARITAS
Saturday: May 16 Readings: Acts 16:1-10 John 15:18-21	Total April donations for the Caritas for Children: \$ 23.00For Children
5:00 PM Mass †Richard Schneider ~ <i>Helen</i> Sunday: May 17 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)	Children's and Youth envelopes are available at the back of the church and from the parish office
Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21 8:00 AM Mass †Leon Thelen ~ Doris Andrews & Family 10:00 AM Mass †Frances Mazzolini ~ The Mazzolini Family	There are other options to watching Mass, you can go to:
12:00 PM Mass People of the Parish	Our Website and Facebook: www.stjoecatholic.com, every week there will be a
The Church will be open for adora- tion and private pray Sunday to	video posted of Father Mike doing Mass for that weekend, until we can come back to Church.
Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Internet: Check local Churches websites to see if they are live
Please observe the social distancing	streaming their Masses. Local Parish's:
rules and stay at least 6 feet away from each other.	Some Parish's in the area, broadcast their Mass on TV, check local listings for times of the Mass. Cable TV:
If you feel sick, please do not come	EWTN has daily and Sunday Masses.
to the Church, stay home!	LITURGICAL MINISTERS
	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (MAY 16/17)
	No Masses
The SANCTUARY LAMP will burn from May 10th - May 16th	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (May 23/24)
Joseph Lorenc II	Possibly having Mass?
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Other Important Phone Numbers: Prayer Tree & To Bring Up The Gifts: Parish Office, 989-224-8994





"HAPPY THE ONE WHO, **TRUSTS IN THE LORD! DOVEMENT 16-20** Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal so far.

We have a good start to our DSA drive this year. As of 5/03/2020, 169 parishioners have donated \$51,425.00.00, over 57.5% of our goal. If you haven't already, please remember to fill out your pledge form and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office during the week. Or you may submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa.

Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. The programs and services funded by DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families, and to parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies. Evangelization occurs through dozens of ongoing ministries made possible by our contributions to DSA.

St. Vincent de Paul Store Closure

To minimize undue exposure to our 100+ volunteers, staff and customers, our store will tentatively be closed Monday March 16, 2020 through middle of May. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

We will continue to serve clients seeking assistance by calling 989-292-7057.

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.

For the confidential Prayer Tree, please call the parish office at 989-224-8994. For confidentiality reasons please do not leave last names, just the first initial of the last name. Thank you!

Job Posting from Most Holy Trinity School, in Fowler, MI

Most Holy Trinity School in Fowler, MI, is looking for a middle school teacher for the 202/21 school year. The position is flexible and could be either full-time or part-time, depending on the needs of the applicant. Applicants must hold either an elementary or secondary teaching certificate form the State of Michigan. We are looking for applicants who are highly qualified in reading and social studies. However, candidates with certification in other subjects will be considered. The successful candidate must be dynamic, energetic, and willing to work collaboratively in a team environment. Applicants should be practicing Catholics who are enthusiastic about incorporating the Catholic faith in their teaching. The ideal applicant will be a teacher who has a genuine passion for teaching in a Catholic school, a commitment to joyful collegiality, an ability to communicate effectively with parents, and a strong foundation in subject matter awareness.

Resumes should be emailed to the following address by May 15, 2020

Anne Hufnagel ~ principal@mhtparish.com

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Joan Bozung James Marian Kiel Pam Martinez Stan and Millie Wassa Sandy Jeff Wadell Landon Baese Leon Kramer Barb Haruska Dolors Vanbelkum Marian Kurncz Mindy Barks Dan Boak Bob and Mary Zuker Joseph Biewer Lois P. Richard Connors Sharon Fitzpatrick Linda

Dorris Frace Judy William Steve Nunham Carol Debbie Brent Baese Jerry Peter Schrauben Kim Novak Daniel Blair Nick Kurncz Brenda Higgins Chris Charles Karen Brian Ritter Trevor Shirley Lisa

Our parishioners in the service, especially:

Air Force Matthew Dainton Eric Martin Jessica Mitchell David Seperic Joseph Dershem

Marines ton Jake Hoskins Alex Rojas 11 Jordan Van Amburg m Joseph Larsen

Army Alex Detloff Jacob Longoria Adam Novak Noel Smith II

"Start by doing what's

necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly your are doing the impossible."

St. Francis of Assisi



BULLETIN DEADLINE: Mondays at Noon for the following weekend. Send to stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS (and whatever else is on Deacon Eric's mind)

As I write this, the temperature outside is over 70 degrees for the second day in a row. Trees and flowers have bloomed overnight. The governor is freeing some people to go back to work as Covid-19 cases dwindle slightly. There is a feeling of hope as spring starts to take hold and people anticipate a life approaching what we once knew as normal. A young neighbor even has a sunburn already.

Most importantly, however, is the news from Bishop Boyea that public Masses will resume in our diocese on May 19th. Just what they will look like hasn't been determined - although there may be some information on that by the time this column goes on-line. Mass is where the essence of our hope lies the hope of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Fr. Mike has been saying Sunday on-line Masses for a little over a month now and they have been well received. But they are not the same for Fr. Mike, Deacon Jerry and I looking over the empty pews, trying to make eye contact with wooden benches during our homilies. And they certainly have not been the same for anyone watching at home - often alone, always without the Eucharist. At least now, we have a date for the start of the return to our regular liturgical life.

It is going to be an interesting return to all of life's regular activities and we are going to have to get used to a new normal. Many of us will be walking on coals, strictly observing social distancing guidelines, hand-washing recommendations and wearing masks - totally conscious of the fact that we do not have a vaccine against COVID-19 yet and probably won't for a year. Others will be running free, not observing any new safe behavior practices - if you saw on the news how packed the beach was at Grand Haven last week you get the picture. Doctors say there will likely be a strong return of the virus this fall. It could be sooner if we are not careful.

Professional sports leagues are talking about resuming play without any fans in their arenas and stadiums. Movie theater owners are working on plans for social distancing for movie-goers. The restaurant industry will look a lot different next month than we remember - with fewer tables, much greater cleaning and disinfecting, servers with masks and gloves and so on. But will we flock to the movie theaters and restaurants, or will we lay low?

And we have to ask ourselves what our church will look like from an attendance standpoint. Certainly, there is a large group aching to get back to Mass and the Eucharist. But is there also a group of borderline Catholics who have not missed going to Mass for the last two months? Will they come back? I think every parish is asking that question, and we need to pray for all those on the fringes of our faith. We also need to pray that this whole pandemic is a reminder of how little control we really have of our lives and that there is only one constant, one hope - Jesus Christ.

Deacon Eric <u>deaconeric@hotmail.com</u>

Eucharistic Adoration



"Athirst is my soul for God, the living God. When shall I go and behold the face of God?" *Psalm 42:3*

As we are in this time of fast from the Holy Eucharist, hopefully our longing to receive Our Lord is growing. As you desire to receive "the living God" grows, will you consider a weekly or monthly Holy Hour, a time to "behold the face of God"?

Call or text Rebecca at 989-292-2072 with ques-tions.

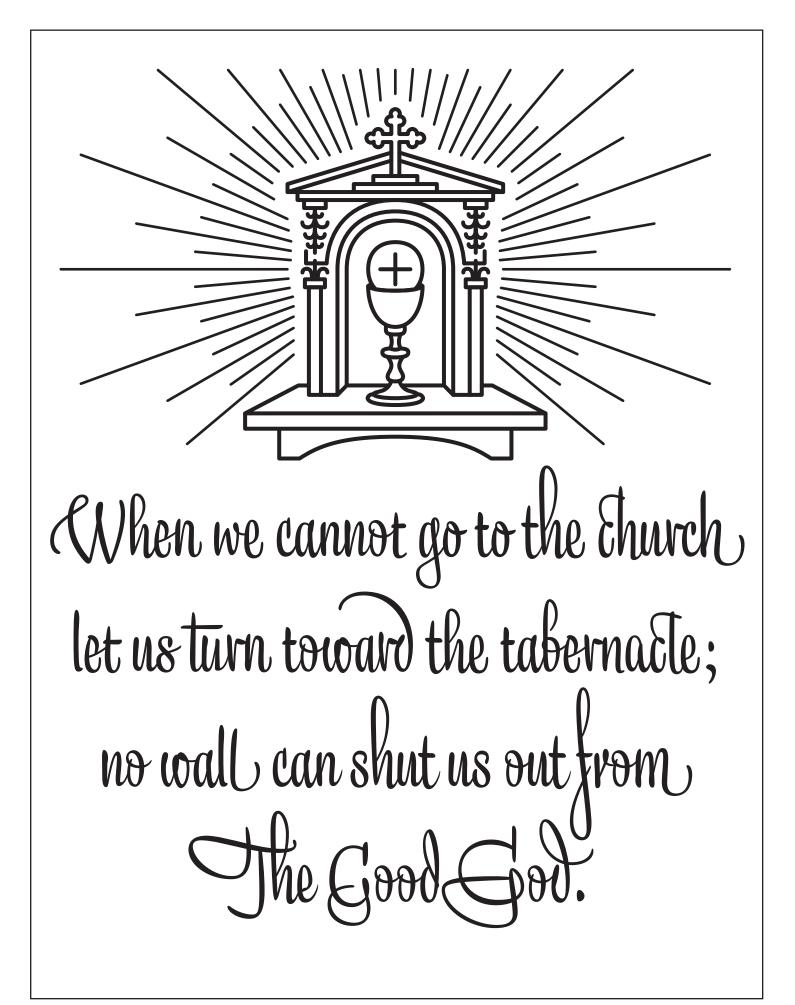


Her children rise up and call her blessed Proverbs 31:28



In union, dear Lord, with the priests at every altar of your Church, where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may be always united to you.

And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate you from me. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.





ST. JOSEPH PARISH INTERIOR WORSHIP SPACE RENOVATIONS



We are seeking contractors, subcontractors and material suppliers who may have an interest in being part of our upcoming construction project as the parish building committee continues to work on the development and details of this work.

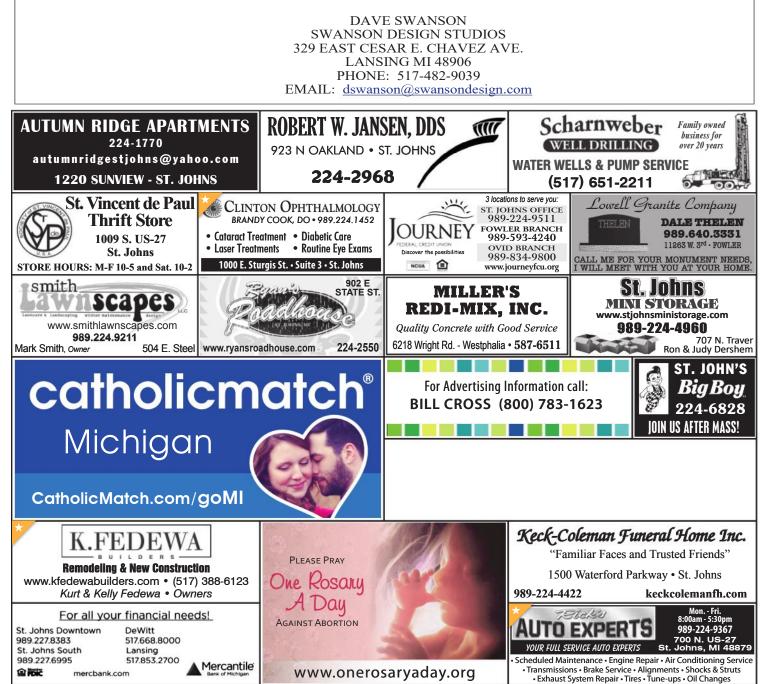
It is our intent to have drawings and specifications ready for contractor bidding.

We invite anyone in the parish who is a general contractor, a sub contractor or a building material supplier to notify us of your interest in working on the project.

We intended to begin construction after Easter, however with the COVID 19 pandemic, this timeline may be delayed.

Work for this project will be completed under the direction and contract of a general contractor.

If interested in working on this project or if you would like to know more about the project, please contact the architect, Dave Swanson by phone or email as follows:



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