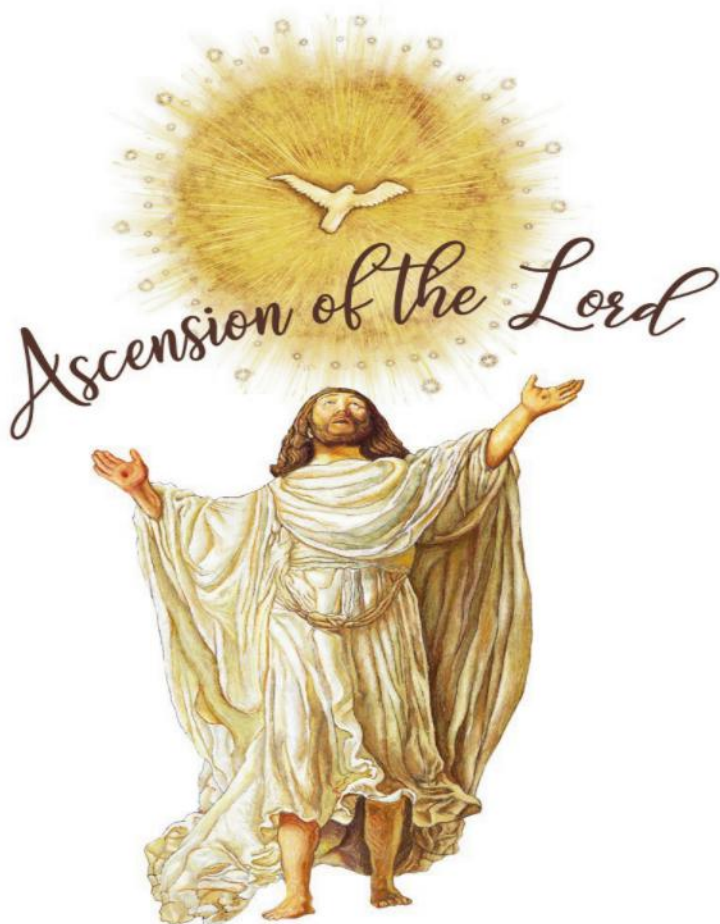




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Deacon Eric Elstro

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Saturday • 5:00 pm  
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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday • 4:00 pm  
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Mondays at Noon for the following weekend. Send to [stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com)

## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

### Monday • May 17

Acts 19:1-8 | John 16:29-33

No Mass

### Tuesday • May 18

*Saint John I, Pope and Martyr*

Acts 20:17-27 | John 17:1-11a

7:00 p.m. †**Viola Fedewa**  
By: Fedewa Family

### Wednesday • May 19

Acts 20:28-38 | John 17:11b-19

12:05 p.m. †**John Sears**  
By: Pat & Debbie Thiede

### Thursday • May 20

*Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest*

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 | John 17:20-26

8:30 a.m. †**Joan & Clarence Mikolajczak**  
By: Sara Nurenberg

### Friday • May 21

*Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

Acts 25:13b-21 | John 21:15-19

8:30 a.m. †**Fred Orson**  
By: Family

### Saturday • May 22

*Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious*

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 | John 21:20-25

5:00 p.m. †**Peter W. Klein**  
By: Dan & Margaret Jorae

### Sunday • May 23

*Pentecost Sunday*

Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25 |  
John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

8:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**

10:00 a.m. **Baccalaureate Mass**

†**Ed & Gen Motz**

**65th Wedding Anniversary**

By: Sharon & Stu Fitzpatrick

12:00 p.m. †**Agnes Caudy**

By: Joe Caudy

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



*Eucharistic Adoration*  
"We must understand  
that in order "to do",  
we must first learn "to  
be", that is to say, in  
the sweet company of  
Jesus in adoration."  
*Saint Pope John Paul II*

We would like to invite you to join our Eucharistic Adoration team either by committing to one hour a month in prayer before our Lord on First Friday/Saturday, or once a week, or as a sub. Please call/text Rebecca 989-292-2072 for more information.

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

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Geller*

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Days we are open to the public

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Hours:

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1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for  
our parishioners  
and their families,  
especially:

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Shirley  
Stan & Millie Wassa,  
Jeff & Charles Wadell

Dan Boak  
Daniel Blair  
Mary  
Noah  
Donna Smith  
Joan Bozung  
Brian Ritter  
Beverly  
Patricia  
Walter & Jennie  
Pytlowanyj  
Myah

Sally Lorenc,  
Brad Walker  
Matthew  
Joe Caudy  
Bob  
Jason Thelen  
Jacob Epling  
Rhonda Chamberlain  
Adam

## Our parishioners in the service, especially:

Joseph Dershem  
Alex Detloff  
Jake Hoskins  
Joseph Larsen  
Jacob Longoria  
Eric Martin  
Jessica Mitchell  
Colby Munger

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

## First Communion Thoughts

The last two Saturdays at St. Joe's we have celebrated First Communions. Assisting at one of the two special Masses was quite a joy for me, and brought back some memories.

Since Fr. Mike distributed the Eucharist to all the First Communicants, I was able to closely observe the young ones as they came up to receive Jesus for the first time. There was a boy in the front row who appeared a bit hesitant to step into line. Perhaps he just didn't want to be first, but after a parental nudge he quickly found a place in line.

I had to grin to myself, as I reflected on my First Communion in 1959 - I mean a long time ago. I suppose it was just because it looked better from a symmetry standpoint (*and was not a conscious effort to install a lifelong inferiority complex*) but my religion teacher lined us up according to height to process into

church and to receive Our Lord. Of course, that made me first in line - an honor I would not have sought if given the choice. So I totally get the young man's hesitancy yesterday.

I watched very closely as the second - and third-graders came up and could almost hear them checking off the proper sequence in their brains - bow to Father with hands outstretched, one over the other; say "Amen" and take a big step to the side; pull mask down and consume the Body of Christ; put mask back up, bless self and return to pew. I could sense a palpable sigh of relief mixed with joy as the children returned to their seats - mental checklist completed. I suspect they have never been more sincere in their prayers of thanks.

For an hour, these seven- and eight-year-olds were young men and women dressed in shirts and ties and beautiful white dresses. They had taken a step into the adult Catholic world, totally aware that they were receiving one of the Church's seven sacraments - even if they are not yet able to fully understand the theological depth of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

I suspect that an hour or so **after** they had left Church they were running around in some play clothes or chowing down on a hot dog or hamburger. That's okay - they're kids. My wife and I let our oldest son play in his soccer game on his First Communion Day so aunts and uncles who normally wouldn't be able to watch him play could see his game. He didn't score any goals that day. I don't even know if he kicked the ball. What I do remember is that, by the end of the game, that soccer field was dandelion-free.

I hope all parents, godparents and grandparents remember the day their boys and girls made their First Communions. I also hope that they help these children get to Mass each Sunday and help them grow continuously in their faith. I pray that those in position to help these children learn Catholicism, do just that. I pray that this special First Communion Day is the first of hundreds of Sundays they receive the Eucharist - and not the only day they received the Eucharist.

Deacon Eric

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## DRESSER MINISTRY

### DRESSER WILL BE OUT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY



May is going by so fast, and our dresser will only be out 2 more weeks, have you prayerfully considered donating some items for Shared Pregnancy in Lansing? Items to consider are pacifiers, baby blankets, little booties, and of course diapers.





## DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS FOR GRIEF

**Offered by the St. Joseph Prayer Tree and Path of Divine Hope Grief Ministry**

The Path of Divine Hope Grief Ministry invites those who have experienced the passing of a loved one this past year to join us after the 5P mass on May 29<sup>th</sup> as we hold a memorial reflection with Divine Mercy chaplet. The chaplet was recommended by our Lord to St. Faustina for the repose of souls and for their families. The death of our loved ones is precious time to our Lord. We hope that you can join us for this special time of remembrance and prayer.

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## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

*For the week of May 17, 2021*

Mon: French toast w/syrup, sausage, hash browns, mixed fruit & milk.

Tues: Pigs in a blanket, tator tots, fruit & milk.

Wed: Lasagna, bread sticks, green beans, fruit & milk.

Thurs: Hamburger on a bun w/cheese, fried chips, fresh fruit & milk.

Friday: Mac. & Cheese, pretzels, broccoli, fruit & milk.

School Lunch Price: \$2.90 Milk Price: \$0.50  
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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**May 22/23**

### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 PM	Colleen Sutherland & Millie Wassa
8:00 AM	Linda Karek, Bob Puralowski, and John & Judi Thelen
10:00 AM	Mary Beth Elstro & Janet McKeown
12:00 PM	Dan Snyder, Debbie Thiede, Millie Fox and Dawn Lawless

**Only three are needed for each Mass.**

### Lectors

5:00 PM	Ann Parker
8:00 AM	Trevor Hollis
10:00 AM	Joe Tomczyk
12:00 PM	Debbie Thiede

### Ushers

5:00 PM	Jay Henning & Group 5A
8:00 AM	Tom Wiersma & Group 8C
10:00 AM	John Thayer & Group 10D
12:00 PM	Pat Thiede & Group 12B

**5 to 6 Ushers are preferred for each Mass.**

### Counting Collections

May 17th • Group 2

### Sanctuary Cleaners

May 22nd • Bonnie Weber & Mary Cole

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for our 2021  
graduating Seniors

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Our DSA drive, is still going strong. As of 5/9/2021, families have donated \$82,762.00, over 86.4% 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](http://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. Joseph Church needs your help.

As St. Joseph Church is taking steps to Reignite and Reunite our Catholic Community, we are giving our parishioners yard signs to celebrate our Church and Faith.

We would like to get the yard signs out to everyone.

**Homebound Parishioners** ~ Please contact the parish office at (989) 224-8994, let us know you would like a sign. Our youth group has volunteered to bring the yard sign to our homebound parishioners and put them in the ground for you.

**Parishioners** ~ If you know of a homebound parishioner who would like a sign, please encourage them to call the parish office, so we can keep track of our homebound parishioners, and have a yard sign delivered to them. *Thank You*



**Congratulations, to all the 2nd and 3rd graders who received their first Communion on Saturday, May 8 or Saturday, May 15**

## STEWARDSHIP

### Sunday, May 9, 2021

Adults (249) Envelopes/Gifts. \$18,329.00  
(Including automated debits and online giving)  
Loose Cash.....\$338.00  
TOTAL ..... \$18,667.00

### Other Envelopes Received

Education Trust Fund .....\$100.00  
Building Fund .....\$222.00  
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Our weekly average since July 1, 2020 is \$18,893.40 If we continue to keep this average we will meet our budgeted goal.

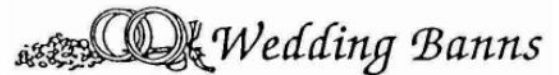
### THE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

The Children's Collection will be donated to:



### Missionary Childhood Association

*Children's and Youth envelopes are available at the back of the church and from the parish office.*



*Christina Butler and  
Matthew Biewer*

## Novena To the Holy Spirit

I know, if you are doing the math, it's only 8 days from Sunday until the Feast of Pentecost. However, I'd still like to invite you to join me in praying the Novena To the Holy Spirit in the days leading up to Pentecost. The Truth is, you can pray the Novena To The Holy Spirit anytime of the year. Copies of the novena are available near all exits of the Church. The booklets are free, so help yourself and share them with friends.

*Fr. Mike*

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**Greeting**

We pray the Sign of the Cross. The priest welcomes us.

**Penitential Rite**

*We remember our sins and ask God for mercy.*

**Gloria**

*An ancient song praising God dating back to the 6<sup>th</sup> century*

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

**Collect (Opening Prayer)**

*All of our prayers are "collected" into one, when the priest prays the opening prayer*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD****First Reading** (Acts 1:1-11)

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Fa-

ther has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

**Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9)

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

**Second Reading** (Eph 4:1-13)

Brothers and sisters, I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it says: *He ascended on high and took prisoners captive; he gave gifts to men.* What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended into the lower regions of the earth? The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature to manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

**Gospel Reading** (Mk 16:15-20)

**Jesus said to his disciples:**

**"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.**

**Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.**

**Profession of Faith (Creed)**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Prayer of the Faithful or General Intercessions**

**A collection of short prayers of petition.**  
*After each petition is said the congregation will respond by saying, "Lord, hear*



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 16, 2021

our prayer." *We pray for the Church, Her leadership, the World and it's leadership and then we pray for our parish and local needs.*

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*The Liturgy of the Eucharist, along with communion, is the most sacred part of the Mass. Catholics will kneel during the Eucharistic prayer, but non-Catholics may remain seated.*

**Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Gifts**

*The bread and wine are brought to the altar along with any monetary offerings for the poor that may have been collected from the congregation. These offerings as well as the bread and wine (our "first fruits") represent the offering of ourselves (our lives) to God.*

**Preface and Sanctus**

*After the Preface prayer is prayed we all join in the song of praise being sung by the saints and angels as they gather around God's throne in heaven.*

Sanctus Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**Eucharistic Prayer**

*At this time the congregation will kneel.*

**Pater Noster (Our Father or Lord's Prayer)** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us

from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the glory forever, Amen

**Fraction Rite — Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) Communion Rite (and Prayer for Spiritual Communion)**

*Act of Spiritual Communion (for those worshipping at home)* My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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