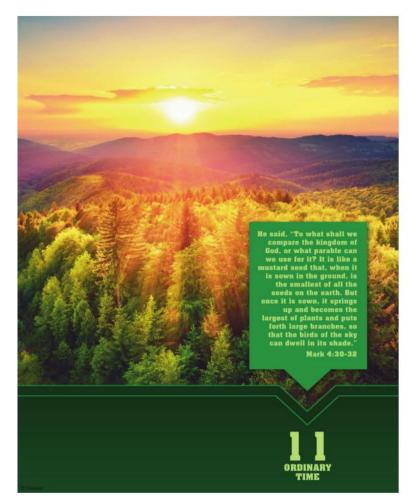
St. Foseph Catholic Church

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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 • Deb Light Business Manager • Susan Mahoney Maintenance • Dave Klein

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.

> Medical Emergencies requiring an Anointing of the Sick: (989) 227-1244

St. Joseph School: (989) 224-2421 **Religious Education Office:** (989) 224-8537

Regular Mass Schedule Saturday • 5:00 pm Sunday • 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 PM (Holy Days • Consult the bulletin.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday • 4:00 pm Tuesday • 6:30 pm

Prayer Tree & To Bring Up The Gifts Parish Office, 989-224-8994

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



THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • June 14

Saint Albert Chmielowski 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 | Matthew 5:38-42 No Mass

Tuesday • June 15

Saint Marguerite d'Youville 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 | Matthew 5:43-48 7:00 p.m. No Daily Mass

Wednesday • June 16

Saint John Francis Regis 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 | Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 12:05 p.m. No Daily Mass

Thursday • June 17 Saint Joseph Cafasso 2 Corinthians 11:1-11 | Matthew 6:7-15 8:30 a.m. No Daily Mass

Friday • June 18

Venerable Matt Talbot 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30 | Matthew 6:19-23 8:30 a.m. No Daily Mass

Saturday • June 19

Saint Romuald, Abbot 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 | Matthew 6:24-34 5:00 p.m. *†Miguel & Felicitas Medina* By: Felix & Drenda Medina

Sunday • June 20

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary TimeJob 38:1, 8-11/2 Corinthians 5:14-17 | Mark 4:35-418:00 a.m.People of the Parish10:00 a.m.†June SipkovskyBy: Dorothy Rosekrans12:00 p.m.†Justin FoxBy: Family6:00 p.m.Spanish Mass

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially: Linda 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 Joseph Caudy Bob Jason Thelen Jacob Epling Rhonda Chamberlain Adam



Eucharistic Adoration

"The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in His love." *Zep. 3:17*

Have you prayerfully considered joining our Adoration Team as a weekly or monthly adorer, or as a sub? Visit, <u>https://catholic-link.org/10-surprising-things-that-happen-when-you-go-to-adoration-more-often/</u> if you would like several reasons for attending Adoration. Please call or text Rebecca at 989-292-2072 if you have any questions.

The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from June 13th - June 19th

In Memory of:

Míldred Brown

THE PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS WILL BE:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY

9:00 A.M. to NOON 1:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Our parishioners in the service, especially: Joseph Dershem Alex Detloff Jake Hoskins Joseph Larsen Jacob Longoria Eric Martin Jessica Mitchell Colby Munger Adam Novak Alex Rojas David Seperic Noel Smith II Jordan Van Amburg Jacob Wells William Hess

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.

THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED



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

Flashback

Every now and then, I like to look back at what I wrote in previous years and see if my old column has held up. The following are the opening paragraphs from my column for the second Sunday of June last year:

Well, we've taken the first step. St. Joe's opened today for public Sunday Masses for the first time since mid-March. It was the same - yet it wasn't. All of the parts of the Mass were there, but the atmosphere was different. There was music. but we didn't sing. We sat in pews, but always at least a pew apart from others. We heard Scripture proclaimed, Fr. Mike gave a homily, and most importantly, we were able to receive the Eucharist - but even that required a new procedure.

For a couple months now we have heard from authorities that even when we have flattened the curve on COVID-19 cases, we would all have to get used to a "new normal." Those of us attending Mass today for the first time since March did so unsure of what it would look like or how we would feel. We were uncertain of what Mass would be like with people social distancing, using handy-wipes and hand sanitizer and with dozens of our fellow parishioners wearing masks to church. It may take us awhile to process these unknowns.

I see some elements that have repeated. For example, last year, we were **allowed** to return for public Masses. Just a couple weeks ago we were told it was time to come back to Mass as the Sunday Mass obligation was re-instated. Last year we were told to sit only in every other pew. This year we just returned to every pew seating in the nave of the church. Those who had only attended Mass via their phones, tablets or laptops were returning with uncertainty like those of us returning last year, but for different reasons.

Last June, we were told not to sing, now we are encouraged to sing as hymnals have been returned to the pews. It appears we have finally arrived at the new normal or something close to it. Hand sanitizers are as numerous as holy water fonts and sociallydistanced pews are still available in the church addition. It feels close to normal, yet we know it will probably never be exactly the same.

It's been a struggle the past year, with many of us falling victim to Covid-19 and many of our friends and family members being called home by the Lord - oftentimes without a proper send-off. There are probably dozens of lessons to be learned from our experiences between June 2020 and June 2021 - too numerous to be listed here. But I think we each need to stop and reflect on the past 12 months to see if we have become better individuals - to see if we drew closer to God through adversity and have a better understanding of the needs of the sick and the lonely. Let's take note of lessons learned and make them our "new normal."

Deacon Eric

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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 June 26th 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.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

Rest In Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of:

Ríchard M. Kerr

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please plan Accordingly!

NO CONFESSION ON TUESDAY, 06/15/2021 OR TUESDAY, 06/22/2021

NO DAILY MASS THE WEEK OF 06/14/2021 AND THE WEEK OF 06/21/2021

Congratulations and Thank-You to

Míche<u>lle Parker</u>

Many of you may already be aware but at the end of June, Michelle Parker our DRE will be retiring. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Michelle for the many years of dedicated service to our parish and especially our young people, forming them to be disciples of Christ in the world today. We are so indebted to you Michelle. Thank-you for all you've done for us and please know that you are always in our prayers!

~Father Míke



Volunteers needed!

Want to give back to your community, but not sure where or how? Consider giving your time and talents to Clinton-Gratiot Habitat for Humanity! We are always in need of help in the Re-Store, located at 2352 N US 27 in St. Johns. Think you are too busy to help? Answer: If you only have 1-2 hours to spare a week, that's the amount of time it will take to make a difference in many lives! Have time for a deeper commitment? We are periodically in need of skilled help on projects that keep people in their homes longer. If you feel called to help in any way, please call 989-227-1771, ext. 4 or email volunteer@cghabitat.org

Receiving Holy Eucharist on the tongue.

For those of you who wish to partake of Holy Communion on the tongue, Fr. Mike will be distributing the Eucharist both ways (by hand and on the tongue). If you wish to receive on the tongue, please only go to Fr. Mike as he is the only one distributing the Eucharist both ways.

Thank-You

LITURGICAL MINISTERS June 19/20

Fucharistic Minist

Eucharistic Ministers		
5:00 PM	Mark Fedewa & Ed Thelen	
8:00 AM	Cindy Coulter, Lana Hufnagel,	
	Pam Feldpausch, and	
	Teri Gladden - Seperic	
10:00 AM	Karen Wood & Sharon Conley	
12:00 PM	Mike Stoddard and	
	Stu & Sharon Fitzpatrick	

Lectors

5:00 PM	Ann Parker
8:00 AM	Rich Hollis
10:00 AM	Steve Mahoney
12:00 PM	Mary Enneking

Ushers

5:00 PM	Ron McCarty and Group 5B
8:00 AM	Mike White and Group 8B
10:00 AM	John Thayer and Group 10D
12:00 PM	Glenn Voisin and Group 12C

5 to 6 Ushers are preferred for each Mass.

Counting Collections June 14 ● Group 2

Sanctuary Cleaners

June 19th • Laurie Hunt & Tammy Zuker

Full schedules are available at www.stjoecathlic.com/schedules



Sybil Elaine Moreau

Was Baptized on Saturday, June 5, 2021, she is the duaghter of Zachary Moreau & Michaela (Graff) Moreau

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal so far.

We DID IT!!

1 APPEAL As of 6/6/2021,families have donated \$99,420.53 over 103.6% 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.



Looking for Volunteers, this summer

Our beautiful flowers around the Church need to be watered, and we are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Shana Mazzolini at 517-819-7822.



STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Adults (284) Envelopes/Gifts \$24,286.05		
(Including automated debits and online giving)		
Loose Cash	\$461.00	
TOTAL	\$24,747.05	

Other Envelopes Received

Education Trust Fund	\$550.00
Building Fund	\$178.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund	\$185.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2020 is \$18,846.78 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.

Job Opening at St. Joseph Church Director of Religious Education

We are accepting applications to fill the position of Director of Religious Education. This is a full-time position with budgetary and supervisory duties.

Responsibilities include overseeing the religious formation programs for children and youth in the parish including formation for grades 1-7; sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation; Children's Liturgy of the Word; and Vacation Bible School.

We are seeking a faith-filled, practicing Catholic with educational background and experience in theology or a related educational field and/or a certificate in ministry.

The full position description is available from the parish office or online at dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers

Applicants should complete the online application at dioceseoflansing.org and attach a cover litter, resume, and list of references by Friday, June 18 2021.

FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

THE 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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^{th} 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

<u>First Reading</u> (Ez 17:22-24) Thus says the Lord GOD:

I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it.

It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs.

And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom.

As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

<u>Responsorial Psalm</u> (Ps.92:2-3, 13 -14, 15-16)

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading (2 Cor. 5:6-10) Brothers and sisters:

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

Gospel Reading (Mk 4:26-34)

Jesus said to the crowds:

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how.

Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it?

It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.

But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and

puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.

Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

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 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.

JUNE 13, 2021

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 thrown 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 worshiping 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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