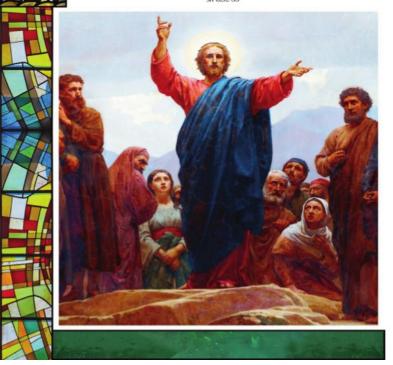


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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."



AUGUST 1, 2021

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 • Jen Nelson Confirmation • Jen Nelson 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

AUGUST 1, 2021



THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • August 2 Saint Eusebius of Vercelli Numbers 11:4b-15 | Matthew 14:13-21

No Mass

Tuesday August 3

Saint Peter Julian Eymard

Numbers 12:1-13 | Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14

7:00 p.m. *†Lawrence & Marie Warnke* By: Warnke Family

Wednesday

August 4

Saint John Vianney Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 | Matthew 15:21-28 12:05 p.m. †Jim Clark By: Lu Anne Cuthbert

Thursday August 5

Dedication of Saint Mary Major Basilica Numbers 20:1-13 | Matthew 16:13-23

†Joan Jorae 8:30 a.m. By: Janice & Sandra Mankey

Tom & Carol Kaminski

Friday • August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 | 2 Peter 1:16-19 | Mark 9:2-10 8:30 a.m. **†Betty Bauer** By: Chris & Nicole Kowatch

Saturday • August 7

Saint Cajetan Deuteronomy 6:4-13 | Matthew 17:14-20

8:00 a.m. For an end to abortion 5:00 p.m.

†Bernie Foerch By: Bertine Thelen

Sunday August 8

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saint Dominic

1 Kings 19:4-8 | Ephesians 4:30-5:2 | John 6:41-51 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. **†Dave Schroeder** By: Scott & Ramona Smith *†John Ballinger* 12:00 p.m.

By: Family 6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially: Linda Shirlev Stan & Millie Wassa, Jeff & Charles Wadell

Dan Boak Daniel Blair Marv 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 Deb



Calling All Sinners

Jesus said, "Those who are healthy do not

need a physician, but the sick do, | have not

come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners."

| uke 5:31-32

If we are honest with ourselves, we are all sinners in need of God's love & mercy. Adoration is not just for the "saints," it is for all of us who are sinners and are struggling in love. Make an appointment with the **Divine Physician!**

First Friday/First Saturday Exposition

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed on Friday, August 6 following 8:30 a.m. Mass - August 7th prior to 8:30 a.m. Mass. You are welcome to stop in, without an appointment, at anytime, for as long or as short as vou would like. However, in order to have the Blessed Sacrament Exposed we must have someone in attendance as all times.

Subs are needed at the following times: Friday: 10 a.m., noon, 2 & 3 p.m. Saturday: midnight, 1, 2, & 4 a.m.

Please text/call Rebecca 989-292-2072 if you will attend for one of these hours.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM AUGUST 1ST - AUGUST 7TH

For: Special Intentions

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 Roias David Seperic Noel Smith II Jordan Van Amburg Jacob Wells William Hess Joshua Szpont

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

Summer Reflections

A busy week just concluded for us - a week that calls for reflection.

- Tuesday started with my weekly visit to Grace Haven to conduct a Communion Service. Afterwards, I changed into a Tshirt and shorts as the temperature rose and my wife and I headed off on a day trip (actually more like a half-day trip) to the Sleeping Bear Dunes. When we got off the highway near Clare, the temperature was 86 degrees. When we arrived at the campground where my son and his family were staying, it was 68 degrees - Pure Michigan. We all then took the Scenic Drive through the Sleeping Bear National Park. including an extensive hike with the grandkids up and down dunes (which brought to mind the old country

song "I ain't as good as I once was").

But the reflection I took away from the drive was of the awesome power of our Creator and the beauty he created for us. A Pure Michigan scene given to us by a loving God.

- Tuesday night as we were driving back, we were approaching the merge of U.S. 10 and U.S. 127 that was under construction. There were no lines painted on the new asphalt and all I could see in the dark were orange and white barrels. So I did my best to stay between them, hoping I hadn't got on the wrong side of the initial set of barrels. After a "ker-thump" when we dropped down from new asphalt onto old, we were on the only southbound lane of 127. Right after the rest stop. however, all I could see was a left lane sign to Midland and a hundred barrels. I went right at a dap, which turned out to be a path to an exit. So I got off and then right back on the freeway at а point where the road construction was coming to an end.

My reflection is that this was a bit of a metaphor for a Christian life. Sometimes there are no lines where we are driving. It's dark and we're alone. That's the time to take an exit from the life we are living, pause, then take the on-ramp toward the Lord. It may be through prayer, Confession, counseling or a combination of actions, but we know we need to get back to a life lived between the lines God gave us.

I actually had a couple more reflections, but since this is a column and not a book, I have to wrap this up. But not before I offer this suggestion: take some time before summer ends and reflect on your blessings. Pure Michigan is good; Pure Jesus is better.

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com

Right to Life of Michigan

Do you have a beautiful baby in your family? Clinton County Right to Life is seeking beautiful babies to enter the contest held at its booth during the St. Johns Mint Festival.



Because this is a fundraiser, the votes are linked to donations (i.e. a \$1.00 donation equals 100 votes). The top three vote-getters receive gift cards worth,



\$75, \$50 and \$25 respectively. All entries receive a book. Entry fee is \$5.00. Entry deadline is August 8th. Call Mary Beth at 989-227-0088 for entry forms.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



St. Vincent de Paul Is looking for volunteers.

The St. Vincent de Paul store in St. Johns is recruiting additional store volunteers. We have 2-3 hour shifts. We use the resources from our store to assist families with emergency needs such as rent, utilities, clothing, household items, etc. Our volunteers experience a huge amount of satisfaction knowing the time they donate is making a difference in someone else's life.

We especially are looking for people to assist in our intake area. These functions would include loading/unloading carts with donated items. The intake volunteers would need to be able to lift items up to 25 lbs.

We could also use additional volunteers to process donations, others to price donations and cashiers.

If you would like to explore volunteer opportunities, please call 989 292 7057.

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St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI

Is seeking part time help in the Housekeeping Department for cleaning off site properties. Mondays are during the day, Tuesdays & Thursdays are 4 hours in the evening. Applicants must be 18 years or older.

For an application, please call Chris @ 517-388-1413

Rest In Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of:

Laurence Dyer

Job Opening at St. Joseph School Kindergarten Teacher

We are accepting applications for a full time Kindergarten teaching position. Applicants must hold a valid State of Michigan teaching certificate for the 2021-2022 year and an Early Childhood Education endorsement (ZA or ZS) is preferred.

The successful candidate must be dynamic, enthusiastic and possess the ability to work collaboratively within the school environment. This position includes Religious Education as part of the daily curriculum; therefore, candidates should be a practicing Catholic with the ability to infuse Catholic faith and teaching throughout the curriculum. Our staff is highly qualified and committed to developing intellectual, spiritual, emotional and social potential within each student. To learn more about St. Joseph Parish and School, please visit our website at <u>www.school.stjoecatholic.com</u>.

Please apply online at <u>dioceseoflansing.org/human-</u> resources/careers with a cover letter, resume, and credentials along with references. Questions can be directed to Chris Wells at <u>princi-</u> pal@stjoecatholicschool.org

LITURGICAL MINISTERS August 7/8

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 PM	Midge Sandahl & Kathy Randolph
8:00 AM	Richard Hollis, Pat Brya,
	Lu Anne Cuthbert, Dick Weller,
	and Dennis & Norma Bauer
10:00 AM	Amber Carn, Bridgette Voisinet,
	and Sue Fox
12:00 PM	Ed Canfield, Ron Dershem, and
	Tom Wenzlick
Lectors	
5:00 PM	Rita Ackerman
8:00 AM	Kathy Weller
10:00 AM	Steve Mahoney
12:00 PM	Linda Scott

Ushers

5:00 PM	Dennis Koenigsknecht and Group 5C
8:00 AM	Mike Huhn and Group 8D
10:00 AM	Jim Pontack and Group 10C
12:00 PM	Mike Stoddard and Group 12A

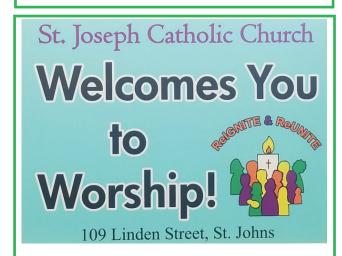
Counting Collections

August 2 • Group 1

Sanctuary Cleaners

August 7th • Sue Fox & Millie Wassa

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



Have you picked up your yard sign? If you don't have a yard, put the sign in the window of your apartment. Let's show the St. Johns area that we are proud to be Catholics! Contact the parish office to get your sign today.

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

AUGUST 1, 2021

Women's Weekend Retreat -Rediscovering Jesus September 17 - 19, 2021 or October 8 - 10, 2021 St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt MI

Drawing on the wisdom of the book, "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly, we will be revisiting what we know about the personhood and divinity of Jesus Christ. From the Incarnation to the Resurrection and beyond we will strive to deepen our understanding of what Jesus said about who he is. What if Jesus really is who he said he is? "What if it's all true"?

As Christians we believe that we know who Jesus is. We go to church regularly and receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. But when was the last time we pondered a response to this question, as we might have it asked by people outside the Church. Your answer could lead down a path of transformation. Who Jesus really is has everything to do with who we are called to be.

Suggested donation for the weekend is \$185.00

This retreat is open to any woman, from any parish or Diocese.

To register for this event, please contact St. Francis Retreat Center.

St. Francis Retreat Center 703 E Main St. DeWitt MI 48820 Phone: 517-669-8321 ~ website: www.stfrancis.ws

STEWARDSHIP

For the week ending July 25, 2021

Adults (236) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$14,800.10
(Including automated debits and	online giving)
Loose Cash:	\$445.00
Total:	\$15,255.10

Other Envelopes Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$350.00
Building Fund:	\$285.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$135.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$16,271.29. If we continue to keep this average we will not 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.

This was in the August 22, 1971 St. Joseph bulletin, almost 50 years ago, and it still applies today.

Ten Commandments of Human Relations

- 1. Speak to people, there is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
- 2. Smile at people, it takes 72 muscles to frown and 14 muscles to smile.
- 3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his or her name.
- 4. Be friendly and helpful. If you would have friends be friendly.
- 5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is genuine pleasure.
- 6. Be sincerely interested in people.
- 7. Be generous with praise cautious with criticism.
- 8. Be considerate of the feelings of others, it will be appreciated.
- 9. Be thoughtful of the opinion of others.

10.Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.





"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE; WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER HUNGER, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER THIRST."

FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

Lansing Catholic High School Enrollment at LCHS

Enrollment at LCHS

LCHS is currently accepting online applications for incoming 9th graders and for transfer students into grades 10 and 11 for next school year. Families should apply through LCHS's website: **www.lansingcatholic.org.** Families who would like more information should contact the admissions office at 517-267-2158 or admissions@lansingcatholic.org or tuition office at 517-267-2107 or tuition@lansingcatholic.org

Aquinas College

Visit Aquinas College this Summer

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Aquinas College welcomes high school students to our campus this summer to experience firsthand what it means to be a Saint! Visit opportunities include Personal Visits, Information Sessions and Twilight Tours. Come discover why small is mighty! Details and registration can be found at:

aquinas.edu/visit

Online and in-person events happening in our area

In-Person Event ~ August 22, 2021

St. Joseph-Pewamo invites you to join them on Sunday, August 22, 6:00 p.m. for a speaker Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph entitled "St. Joseph: The Pillar of Families" with guest speaker Cami Mann. St. Joseph was the head of the Holy Family. Through this role he became the pillar of families by protecting his family in all ways. The family, which is founded and given life by love, is meant to be an effective sign of Christ in the world. So it is no wonder that the Evil One wants to destroy it. Join us as we reflect on how we can promote families in our faith and out society. Learn more at:

stjosephpewamo.org

"GOD'S LOVE HAS BEEN POURED INTO OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN US." ~ ROMANS 5:5

The FIRST Annual Michigan Catholic Women's Conference

Women from five Diocese - Detroit, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, and Saginaw - come together to focus on their faith and experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. Throughout the day, women will be encouraged and inspired to focus and grow their faith by hearing from Catholic speakers, engaging in praise and worship music, and celebrating holy Mass with our bishops. The conference will be held at the Lansing Center in Lansing on <u>Oct. 16</u>

Register NOW at: www.michigancwc.org

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