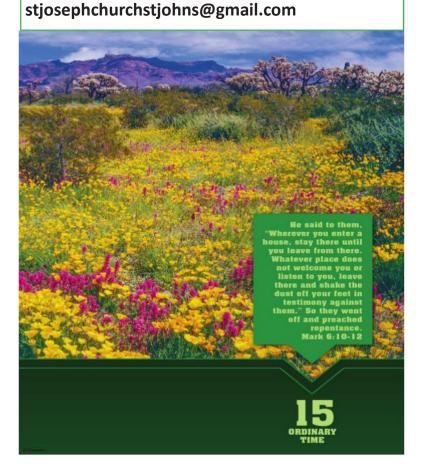


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Deacon Marv Robertson (retired)
Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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Baptism • Nancy Joseph
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### **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 ● July 12

Saints John Jones and John Wall

Exodus 1:8-14, 22 | Matthew 10:34-11:1

No Mass

Tuesday ● July 13

Saint Henry

Exodus 2:1-15a | Matthew 11:20-24 7:00 p.m. †Lewis Kramer

By: Family

Wednesday • July 14

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12 | Matthew 11:25-27

**12:05 p.m. †Patricia Piechocki**By: Tom & Mary Hutton

Thursday • July 15

Saint Bonaventure

Exodus 3:13-20 | Matthew 11:28-30

8:30 a.m. †Don Randolph By: Bible Study

Friday ● July 16

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel** 

Exodus 11:10-12:14 | Matthew 12:1-8

8:30 a.m. †Lawrence & Marie Warnke

By: Family

Saturday ● July 17

Saint Francis Solano

Exodus 12:37-42 | Matthew 12:14-21

5:00 p.m. †Mindy Barks

Sunday • July 18

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6 | Ephesians 2:13-18 | Mark 6:30-34

8:00 a.m. People of the parish 10:00 a.m. †Sidney Longjohn

By: The Rehmann Family

12:00 p.m. †Chuck Heyer

By: Ron & Kay Atkinson

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656 to 1680) Memorial July 14

Native American Agonquin-Mohawk Indian known for her virtue of Chastity.

Do we love the Eucharistic Lord? One of the best ways to grow in the love of our Eucharistic Jesus is to spend time with Him in adoration. Blessed Kateri knew his as she would spend as much time as her duties allowed in Church adoring the Blessed Sacrament. Even a bad snowstorm wouldn't stop her as she would tread through knee deep snow to spend more time with our beloved Lord.

If you are interested in committing to spending time in adoration of Our Lord for one hour per month or one hour per week or in being a sub, call/text Rebecca at 989-292-2072 for more information.

### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM JULY 11TH - JULY 17TH

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

**THURSDAY** 

#### KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Linda Shirley Stan & Millie Wa

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Stan & Millie Wassa, Jeff & Charles Wadell Dan Boak Daniel Blair Mary Noah Donna Smith Joan Bozung Brian Ritter Beverly Patricia Walter & Jennie

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Matthew
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Deb

Sally Lorenc,

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 Joshua Szpont

To add or remove a name from the bul-

letin 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.



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

### **Lyres and Liars**

Psalm 57 came up in my morning prayers last week. It contains the word "lyre," considered one of King David's favorite musical instruments:

I will sing your praise, Awake, my soul

Awake lyre and harp, I will awake the dawn.

Later that day, I heard a Sirius XM host on the radio admit to being a liar, having flown in and out of New York City for business during the height of the pandemic - a time that included strict New York quarantine restrictions. He said he used a false name.

"Lyre" and "liar" on the same day, there's definitely a column there I thought. But where?

The word liar, made me think of an old joke that involves the greatest liar of all time - the devil. The joke itself, however, starts in heaven with a politician standing in front of St. Peter at the gates of heaven and St. Peter says:

"Well Senator, we don't see many of your profession here,

It takes a lot of **chutzpah** (remember St. Peter grew up Jewish)

To think you've earned a right to heaven

after making hundreds of empty promises to your constituents over the years.

My records show you lied to them, while lining your pockets with gold. But since you're already here, I'll let you decide where you spend eternity.

You can spend one day in heaven and one day in hell and then choose."

The senator agreed and spent the day in heaven, just floating about while angels played beautiful music on lyres and harps for the Lord. The senator was not all that impressed. The next day, the senator was in hell, but it was not as he had imagined.

He was at the first tee on Augusta National, his favorite golf course. He went on to make a hole-in-one on every hole, and celebrated with champagne, caviar and lobster, while reuniting with his old colleagues.

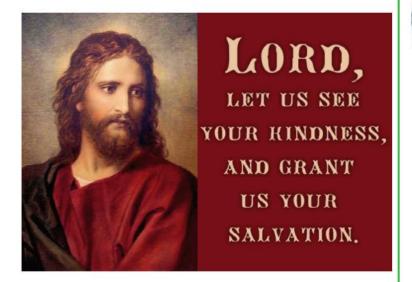
The senator picked hell when given the choice, but when St. Peter returned him there. the senator found nothing but wailing and grinding of teeth, garbage heaps everywhere and the acrid smell of burning tires. He confronted the Devil, saying "I was here yesterday and there was golf and wine and fine foods and today this (expletive deleted)." The Evil One smiled and said "yesterday, I was campaigning, today I am elected."

Well, once again, I'm running out of space before making my point. Then again, maybe the joke is the point. It's not an attack on politicians as much as it is a wake-up call for all of us who lie to ourselves about our relationship with the Lord. Let's get to Reconciliation and get right with God.

(BTW, a lyre is a "U-shaped" stringed instrument with a guitar-like bridge. A liar is someone who doesn't tell the truth. A lier is a person lying in a horizontal position.)

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com





### 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.

### 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.

### 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

### July 17/18

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Eucharistic iv	imisters	
5:00 PM	Midge Sandahl & Kathy Randolph	
8:00 AM	Richard Hollis, Pat Brya,	
	Lu Anne Cuthb	ert, Dick Weller,
	and Dennis & N	Norma Bauer
10:00 AM	Amber Carn, Bı	ridgette Voisinet,
	and Sue Fox	
12:00 PM	Ed Canfield, Ron Dershem, and	
	Tom Wenzlick	
Lectors		Full schedules are
5:00 PM	<b>Beth Swears</b>	available at
8:00 AM	Kathy Weller	www.stjoecathlic.c
10:00 AM	Jane Miller	om/schedules
12:00 PM	Colleen Smith	

#### **Ushers**

5:00 PM	Dennis Koenigsknecht and Group 5C
8:00 AM	Robert Karek and Group 8A
10:00 AM	John Thayer and Group 10D
12:00 PM	Mike Stoddard and Group 12A

### **Counting Collections**

July 12 ● Group 2

#### **Sanctuary Cleaners**

July 17th ● Christine Boak & Mary Jane Boak

## Job Opening at St. Joseph School Music Teacher

We are seeking a Music Teacher for our elementary school students in begindergarten through sixth grade. The candidate must have a teaching certification, music instruction preferred. This is a part-time position of approximately 8 hours per week (typically 2 days of instruction for 12 class sections). Please submit cover letter, resume, references, and credentials to Chris Wells at principal@stjoecatholicschool.org

# 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 www.school.stjoecatholic.com.

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

## Watch your step on our steps!



The stairs leading to the main wooden doors and to the Cass St. wooden doors are over 100 years old, and they are starting to show their age.

Please be careful as you go up and down the stairs.

We're talking with contractors to get them repaired, but it's likely to be several month's before the work is done.



### Time for Confession?

Can't make the scheduled confession times?

Looking for a convenient

and confidential way to have Confession?

Call the parish office (989) 224-8994, let them know you are calling to make a confession appointment with Fr. Mike. You do not need to give your name. Meet Fr. Mike at the confessional at your scheduled time.

### STEWARDSHIP

### For the week ending July 4, 2021

Adults (263) Envelopes/Gifts: \$22,339.10 (Including automated debits and online giving)
Loose Cash: \$360.00

Total: \$22,699.10

### **Other Envelopes Received**

Education Trust Fund:......\$538.00 Building Fund:.....\$198.00 Tuition Scholarship Fund:.....\$320.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$20,000.10 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 Child-

hood Association

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



### Liam Fustin Longoria

was Baptized on
Tuesday, July 6, 2021,
he is the son of
Jacob Longoria &
Danielle (Heckman) Longoria

### HOMEBOUND AND ELDERLY VISITS

### Fr. Mike will be scheduling visits on Thursday Afternoons

Been cooped up for a while and can't get out to go to Mass or confession? Good News! Fr. Mike is making home visits to the home-bound and elderly of our parish. The purpose of the visits will be to hear the person's confession, distribute communion and celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick with those who wish to receive that Sacrament. Thursday afternoons have been reserved on Fr. Mike's calendar for this purpose but you can make arrangements for him to visit you anytime. To schedule a visit from Fr. Mike please call the parish office. To schedule a visit for someone else you must be a family member. Please indicate if that person is able to receive the Eucharist and have been informed not to eat immediately prior to Fr. Mike's visit. Otherwise, Fr. Mike will not bring Communion with him when he visits.

## Online and in-person events happening in our area

In-Person Event ~ July 15, 2021

Thursday July 15th

*Men-on-Fire* presents Dr. Mary Healy

giving a talk titled:

"Chosen from Eternity to Live this Moment in Time."

\*WOMEN are invited to attend\*

Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 9565 Musch Rd., Brighton MI 48116

Mass 6:15pm

Speaker presentation 7:00pm

Refreshments 8:00pm

Online Event ~ July 17, 2021

Behind the Veil
A Virtual Look into Various Forms of Consecrated Life.
For more information go to:

tinyurl.com/BT-Veil

In-Person Event ~ July 19, 2021

St. Joseph-Pewamo invites you to join them for a speaker celebrating the Year of St. Joseph entitled "What is Freedom". Our faith is rich in understanding of the true meaning of freedom. St. John Paul II spoke many times on the importance of freedom in our lives. Come learn how embracing freedom in your daily life can bring you closer in your personal relationship with Christ. Guest speaker: Grace Verdun. Learn more at

stjosephpewamo.org

In-Person Event ~ July 24 & 25, 2021

Most Holy Trinity in Fowler is having their parish festival on July 24 and 25. There will be a 5K Run ~ 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament ~ Volleyball Tournament. For more information go to:

mhtparish.com/parish-festival.html

## **Upcoming Events**

### October 2021

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

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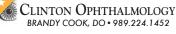
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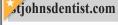


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