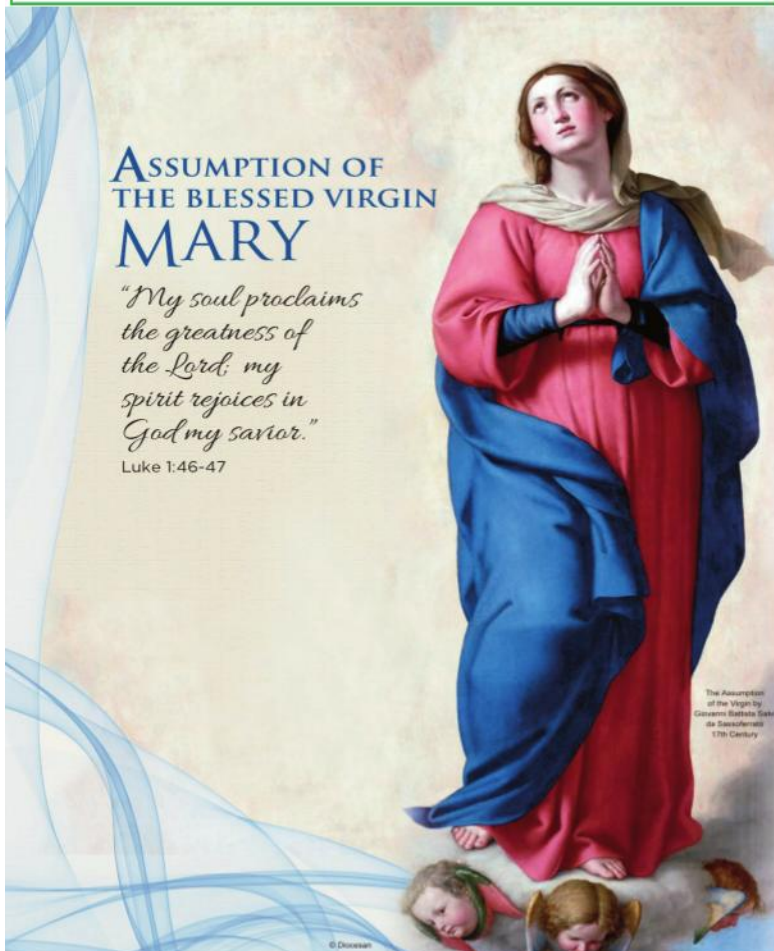


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### ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.

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Fr. Michael Williams  
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Deacon Jerry Fust  
Deacon Eric Elstro

#### Worship

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#### Parish Life

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#### Family Ministries

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Evangelization • Nancy Joseph  
*Please call the parish office for more information on our Family Ministries.*

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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 • August 16**

*Saint Stephen of Hungary*

Judges 2:11-19 | Matthew 19:16-22

No Mass

**Tuesday • August 17**

*Saint Joan of the Cross*

Judges 6:11-24a | Matthew 19:23-30

7:00 p.m. †Fr. Francis Faraci

**Wednesday • August 18**

*Saint Louis of Toulouse*

Judges 9:6-15 | Matthew 20:1-16

12:05 p.m. In Thanksgiving: Sharon Fitzpatrick

**Thursday • August 19**

*Saint John Eudes*

Judges 11:29-39a | Matthew 22:1-14

8:30 a.m. †Teresa Hackett

By: Tony Beals & Kathy Orson

**Friday • August 20**

*Saint Bernard of Clairvaux*

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 | Matthew 22:34-40

8:30 a.m. †John Hollis

By: Dr. Rademacher

**Saturday • August 21**

*Saint Pius X*

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 | Matthew 23:1-12

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Sunday • August 22**

*Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b | Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 |

John 6:60-69

8:00 a.m. †Doris Orson

By: Family

10:00 a.m. †Mindy Spilling

By: Karber Family

12:00 p.m. †Frank & Janet Glowacki

By: Tim & Theresa Owen

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass



*THE SANCTUARY LAMP*

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM  
AUGUST 15TH - AUGUST 21ST

*For: Leon E. Thelen*

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.

**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

**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 Stjosephchurchst-johns@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)

*(I am taking a week off, my friends, to baptize my newest granddaughter in Tennessee and visit my brother in North Carolina, so please enjoy this "blast from the past." It was first published in 2018, but applies directly to the series of Gospels we are hearing at Sunday Mass this month. So please enjoy this while I enjoy my family. See you next week.)*

We are the midst of a four-week cycle of the gospel of John known as the Bread of Life discourse. After Jesus had multiplied the loaves and fishes and fed several thousand people he sailed across the Sea of Galilee. Last week these people showed up again. He told them he had bread for their soul, which is

more important than bread for the body. In today's gospel, John shows us Jesus as "the living bread," promising those who eat of this bread "will live forever." In the next two weeks, he expands on that and goes deeper when he says "eat my flesh" and "drink my blood" - words that scared off many of his fringe followers.

Last week, Jesus referenced the Jews' ancestors in the desert who whined (obviously a dry whine) because all they received from the Lord was manna. He then called them to the bread of life. If we are to be effective evangelizers, we need not only receive the Eucharist as often as we can, but we need to embrace this "living bread" concept - to live it out to the point where those we evangelize can see the spiritual energy we draw from it. They will then hunger for it themselves.

We referred in recent months to Anthony Mullen's work (*The Only Way Evangelization Succeeds*) which says point blankly that evangelization without "conscious reliance on the Holy Spirit" will fail. In seeking to "live the love of God poured out by the Holy Spirit," Mullen says we must receive the Eucharist worthily and as often as possible.

We've talked here repeatedly about the difficult nature of evangelization. Any difficult task becomes easier, however, if it is shared. In sharing our evangelization efforts with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, our yoke becomes lighter. So as these summer days start to wind down, let's set our sights on seeking the living bread, seeking the Holy Spirit and seeking to share our faith with others.

*Deacon Eric  
deaconeric@hotmail.com*

2021 BISHOP'S  
*Priesthood*  
DISCERNMENT DINNER  
**AUGUST 22, 2021**  
3:00pm • Bethany House at the  
St Francis Retreat Center • Dewitt, MI

[www.lansingpriest.org/dinner](http://www.lansingpriest.org/dinner)

***Attention all men discerning the  
priesthood.***

Join us on Sunday, August 22 at Bethany House, located at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI for a special day! Meet and greet starts at 3 PM, followed by a talk by Bishop Earl Boyea. There will be time to visit with diocesan seminarians, priests and others like minded as you. The day will conclude with a BBQ dinner with departure for home by 7 PM. Men under 18 must submit permission and health form to their pastor or to the office of vocations. Contact the diocese to register and for permission forms.

**The Story of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Information from franciscanmedia.org*

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthy life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.



We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names - Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption - from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**August 21/22**

**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 Beth Swears
- 8:00 AM Dean Hartenburg
- 10:00 AM Ted Suidgeest
- 12:00 PM Debbie Thiede

*Full schedules are available at [www.stjoecatholic.com/schedules](http://www.stjoecatholic.com/schedules)*

**Ushers**

- 5:00 PM Ron McCarty and Group 5B
- 8:00 AM Robert Karek and Group 8A
- 10:00 AM Ken Frechen and Group 10A
- 12:00 PM Glenn Voisin and Group 12C

**Counting Collections**

August 16 • Group 3

**Sanctuary Cleaners**

August 21st • Lori Pung & LuAnn Keilen

**PARENTS OF SMALL CHILDREN**

Recently we've seen an increase of people returning to Mass which is great to see! Even our little people are coming back, and what a joy it is to see them. They give us all a reason to smile and remember our blessings. Sometimes though, even these little angels can have a bad day. When that happens during Mass, out of courtesy to your fellow parishioners, I would ask you to please take your child/children to the Cry Room until they are calmed. This will allow us to maintain the devotion and prayerfulness of the liturgy for the rest of the faith community.

Thank you! ~ Fr. Mike



For Information on this or another retreat contact :  
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 Phone: 517-669-8321  
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**Women’s Weekend Retreat  
 Rediscovering Jesus  
 September 17 - September 19  
 Or Oct. 8 - Oct. 10  
 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.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**For the week ending August 8, 2021**

Adults (265) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$19,323.39
(Including automated debits and online giving)	
Loose Cash:	\$568.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$19,891.39</b>

**Other Envelopes Received**

Education Trust Fund:.....	\$455.00
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Tuition Scholarship Fund:.....	\$90.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$17,871.23 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.*



**Enrollment at LCHS**

Lansing Catholic High School 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 or tuition office either by phone or email.

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*from the Pastor's Desk*

Unfortunately we have recently seen some employers insist their employees receive a Covid vaccine before they return to work. Currently, in the State of Michigan, it is recognized that you can claim exemption from such a mandate based on religious beliefs. In fact, the CDC acknowledges this outright on their website in several places. If you are interested in me writing you a letter explaining your religious exemption or if you would like a template of a letter that you can write yourself please call the parish office and leave your information for me.

*~ Fr. Mike*

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

**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 August 28<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.

**Surviving Divorce Sessions**

St. Mary's Parish is pleased to announce that we will be offering **Surviving Divorce** sessions which bring hope and healing to anyone who has experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Surviving Divorce will help you work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce, gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences. The program will help you to navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances.

This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help you to discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you, find answers to your questions, restore your hope, and bring authentic healing.

Surviving Divorce will be held every Monday starting September 13, 2021 to December 13, 2021 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Library at St. Mary, Westphalia (No meeting on November 22nd for Thanksgiving). The program fee is \$20 to cover the cost of the personal Guide.

To register please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/kITjVnkMxEv0mtAI3> or contact St. Mary's Parish at 989-587-4211 by September 3, 2021.

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**ST. MARY 5 MILE RUN, 5K RUN/WALK, AND COLOR RUN IS BACK!**

As part of St. Mary, Westphalia, Parish Family Fest 2021, we are pleased to welcome back the 5 Mile Run, 5K Run/Walk, and Color Run on Saturday, September 25.

Registration is now open! Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Westphalia/StMaryFamilyFest>. In addition, paper registration forms are available for download at this site.

Please contact Darren & Becky Kramer at (517) 626-2098 or at [stmaryrunwalk@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryrunwalk@gmail.com) with any questions.

Thank you in advance for your support. See you at the starting line!



# THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**AUGUST 15, 2021**

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Are you registered as a St. Joseph parishioner?

Often people will attend Mass at our parish for years, but never officially register. Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the St. Joseph parish community.

Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for baptisms, weddings, Faith Formation registrations, baptismal or confirmation sponsorship and even funerals. To register, fill out the form on the right and put it in the Sunday collection or visit [www.stjoecatholic.com/register](http://www.stjoecatholic.com/register)

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