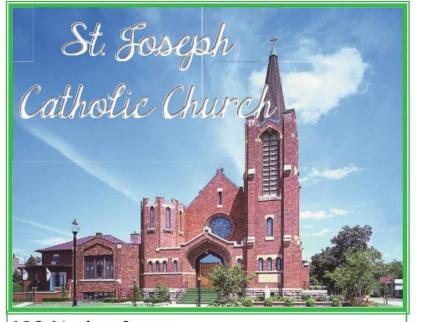
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St. Joseph is a place of refreshment, peace and love, a place of ministry and renewal. We welcome you to be part of our faith community where the Word of God is proclaimed, friendship is offered and the Sacraments are celebrated.

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*

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday

October 4

Saint Francis of Assisi Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11 | Luke 10:25-37 No Mass

Tuesday

October 5

Saint Faustina Kowalska Jonah 3:1-10 | Luke 10:38-42 7:00 p.m. †Carol Burns By: Diane Burns & Family

Wednesday • October 6 Saint Bruno and Blessed Marie Rose Durocher Jonah 4:1-11 | Luke 11:1-4

12:05 p.m. **†Germaine Nurenberg** By: Robert Nurenberg

Thursday

October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary Malachi 3:13-20b | Luke 11:5-13 8:30 a.m. *†Cynthia Nunn* By: Susie Schroeder and kids

Friday • October 8

Saint John Leonardi Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2 | Luke 11:15-26 8:30 a.m. **†Katherine Feneis** By: Kathy & Chris George

Saturday • October 9 Saint Denis and Companions

Joel 4:12-21 | Luke 11:27-28

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday

October 10

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saint Francis Borgia

 Wisdom 7:7-11 | Hebrews 4:12-13 | Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

 8:00 a.m.
 In Honor of:
 Bob & Sue Rehmann

 By: Brad & Andrea Rehmann

10:00 a.m. *†Joseph Biewer* By: The DeLiso Family
12:00 p.m. *†Bob Frechen* By: Mark & Diane Armbrustmacher
6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

KEEP THEM IN Your Prayers

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially: 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 Friend Roger Dershem

Respect Life Month Begins Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your fight of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM OCTOBER 3RDH - OCTOBER 9TH

In Memory of:

Robert Cardosa

The Parish office hours:

Monday - Thursday ~ 9 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday \sim 9 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Our parishioners in the service, especially: Joseph Dershem Alex Detloff Jake Hoskins Jaceb 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 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)

A 5 TO 50 THANK YOU

"Thank you, Jesus for all the people you put in my life." That's my first thought after a weekend on the go from St. Johns to Dearborn to Brighton to St. Joseph (MI) to Racine (WI) and back to St. Johns from Friday afternoon until Monday afternoon. It was a weekend that had me reflecting on both the past and the future.

On the way to Dearborn for my 50th (+1) high school class reunion (Detroit Catholic Central, stopped 1970), I at Holv Sepulcher Cemetery in Southfield to meet a few classmates to say a rosary for the Basilian priests who have died since teaching us. "Thank you Jesus for the priests and seminarians who helped form me as a person - true to the school motto 'Goodness. Discipline and Knowledge."

There are a lot of people who never go to class reunions, but I enjoy them. As much as I like talking to the guys with whom I've kept touch over the years, it's equally enjoyable to learn about the lives of those I never knew then. *"Thank you Jesus for putting so many loyal friends into my life."*

Saturday morning's planned reunion event got canceled, so my wife and I went to our great niece's softball game. An unexpected cancellation turned into a chance to visit family. *"Thank you Lord, for my nieces and nephews."*

After that was a quick stop in Brighton with some more high school friends for a tour of great classic cars - part of The Lingenfelter Collection. Then it was on to Mass and a quick trip to Racine, via St. Joseph. *"Thank you Jesus for keeping us safe on our journey this weekend."*

There we were able to catch a couple soccer games for an 11-

year-old grandson and a 5-year old granddaughter. If you've never seen a soccer game plaved 5-year-olds, you by haven't lived. Some people refer to those games as "amoeba ball" because you mostly see a clump of players who move around like an amoeba under a microscope. Unfortunately, the ball often squirted free, and our team started playing "follow the leader" - chasing the other team as they followed the ball, which often found its way into the back of our net. Nobody on our team seemed upset about that fact. And everybody was happy with their after-game snacks. "Thank you Jesus for the people you've put in my life, whether I've known them for five years or for 50 +. Thank you Lord for a week-end free of angst, anger and TV news - and thank you for 5-year-olds who just enjoy chasing a ball around for a half hour because it's fun."

Deacon Eric

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Calling all Prayer Warriors

Prayer is as essential to the life of the Church as breathing is to each human life. These chaotic and troubled times call for us to come together as a Diocese in prayer. In the spirit of faith, hope and love ,with the Blessing of Bishop Earl Boyea we are invited to participate in a weeklong Rosary Congress to join in prayer for our Church and our world. The 3rd annual Lansing Diocese Rosary Congress will be held from Noon Sunday, October 3rd to Noon Sunday, October 10th. St. Michael Parish in Grand Ledge will open the Congress with 11:00 a.m. Mass on October 3rd and close with 11 a.m. Mass on October 10th.

During the week there will be 24-hour Perpetual Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. We will recite the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at the beginning of each hour. St. Joe's have been signed up to provide prayer warriors for Tuesday, October 5th from 6:00 a.m. until Noon. We need volunteers to cover each of these hours at St. Michael's. Please call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088 to schedule a time.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

Today is LIFE CHAIN Sunday 2021

Hope you will join us on Grand River at Brookfield Plaza in East Lansing at 2:30 p.m. There is no better way to commemorate Respect Life Sunday! Be courageous and counter cultural - be a witness for life - join us in prayer! If you have questions, call Mary Beth at 989-227-0088. Let's make our 30th annual Life Chain a huge success!



Religious Formation/Confirmation News

<u>A 8th Grade Confirmation Teen + Parent Meeting</u> is scheduled for October 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria, following the Noon Mass. Important info and details of the program will be shared and sign-up opportunities will also be available.

For questions please contact. Jen Nelson at 224-8537 or email at <u>dre.stjoseph@gmail.com</u>.



October Dresser Ministry For Baby Pantry in St. Johns

Beginning Oct. 1 the dresser will be back up in the new section of the Church Bring in items to share with the Moms and Babies at *Baby Pantry*. The dresser will be up until the end of October.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL Lunch Menu

For the week of October 4, 2021

Mon: Mini pancakes w/ syrup, sausage, hash browns, fresh oranges & milk.

Tues: Chili w/crackers, cinnamon rolls, warm apples w/cinn. & milk.

Wed: Lasagna, bread sticks, carrots, pears & milk. Thurs: Hot dog on a bun, french fries, fresh fruit & milk.

Fri: Cheese stuffed breadsticks w/dipping sauce, peas, fresh fruit & milk.

Please Note Lunch Price has changed. Student's \$3.00 (includes milk) Milk Only \$0.50 (The price for milk <u>cannot</u> be deducted from the lunch price)

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

October 9/10

Altar Servers		
5:00 PM	Volunteers Needed	
8:00 AM	Volunteers Needed	
10:00 AM	Team 1	
12:00 PM	Team 1	
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	Ann Parker	
8:00 AM	Kathy Weller	
10:00 AM	Joe Tomczyk	
12:00 PM	Dawn Lawless	
Ushers		
5:00 PM	Dennis Koenigsknecht and Group 5C	
8:00 AM	Tom Wiersma and Group 8C	
10:00 AM	John Thayer and Group 10D	
12:00 PM	Mike Stoddard and Group 12A	

Counting Collections

October 11 ● Group 3 Sanctuary Cleaners

October 16th • Laurie Hunt & Tammy Zuker

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

40 Days for Life

This peaceful and prayerful vigil is being held outside abortion facilities across the world from September 22nd through October 31st. The prayers at these vigils are being said to end abortion. In Lansing, the 40 Days vigil is being held in the public grassy area near the Planned Parenthood in Frandor daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. You can go to the vigil site and pray at any time, but to sign up for a specific time, go to <u>40daysforlifelansing.com</u> to view the time schedule. Prayers to end abortion at any time and any place are always needed.

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

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Wedding Banns

Sarah Sochor & Tyler Gillespie

Attention, all Eucharistic Ministers and those who are interested in being Eucharistic Ministers

We will have a brief meeting on Thursday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. If you are a Eucharistic Minister during Mass to the homebound or in the nursing homes and you would like to continue being a Eucharistic Minister please come to this meeting. If you are not a Eucharistic Minister and are interested in becoming one I also invite you to attend the meeting on Oct. 7. We are in desperate need of Eucharistic Ministers for all areas. Please consider participating in this very important ministry. ~ Fr. Mtke

Altar Servers Needed!!

Training was completed on Thursday, September 23 for our experienced Altar Servers as well as our new Altar Servers. We are still in need of Altar Servers for the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 8 a.m. Sunday Mass times.

The schedule is out for the Altar Servers, if you are still interested in being an Altar Server, please contact the parish office to be added to the schedule.

Rest In Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of:

Bernard Jorae

STEWARDSHIP

For the week ending September 26, 2021

Adults (244) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$17,777.00	
(Including automated debits and online giving)		
Loose Cash:	\$412.00	
Total:	\$18,189.00	

Other Envelopes Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$196.00
Building Fund:	\$445.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$216.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$21,168.14 If we continue to keep this average we will meet our budgeted goal.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HAITI

Total:	\$4722.	00
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THE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

The Children's Collection will be donated to:

ANGELS OUTREACH MINISTRIES St. John Vianney Parish, Flint MI 485004

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



<u>The Food Box</u>

Donations help families in our community

through the *Emergency Food Assistance Program at Beacon of Hope* (First Baptist Church). 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.

I'm Glad You Asked That!: Questions From Parishioners, By: Fr. John Noone

Question: Please explain the Pope as the successor of Peter?

Answer: This is the way Jesus set it up. The office of Peter, the visible head of the Church on earth, was created by Jesus and given the promise that the gates of Hades would not prevail against it. This means that the office will remain, even after the occupant has gone to his eternal reward. The Lord Jesus is the one who gave His Apostles the responsibility to bind and loose and is also the one who does the building. In this action He endowed His community with a structure that is to remain until the Kingdom is full achieved. The Apostles recognized this because they elected the successor for Judas (Acts 1:15-26). If there were no visible head (successor of Peter) and bishops (successors of the Apostles) to support him, anarchy and chaos would result. Without the visible and physical presence of the successors of Peter and the Apostles to continually interpret and apply what Jesus left us, we would not be of one faith (Ephesians 4:5). If there were no visible leadership, it would be like giving the people of the United States the Constitution and Bill of Rights and after President Washington dies saying, "you're on your own now: no president, no congress, and no supreme court; may the spirit of Jefferson be with you." As evidence of this, just look at the more than 34,000 Protestant denominations which currently exist without a commonality of faith.

This is the first of four questions that will appear here throughout the month of October. Permission from Fr. Noone was given to publish this in our bulletin.



Wídows Rosary Group St. Mary Cathedral 219 Seymour Lansing MI 48933

A prayer group, open strictly to women whose husbands have passed away. This prayer group, per the request of Pope Frances, gathers for Rosary and prayers to support the Catholic Church. Widows Group gathers the 2nd Monday of each month from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the Crypt. For more information regarding the Widow's Rosary Group, please contact Kathryn R. at 517-321-8259.

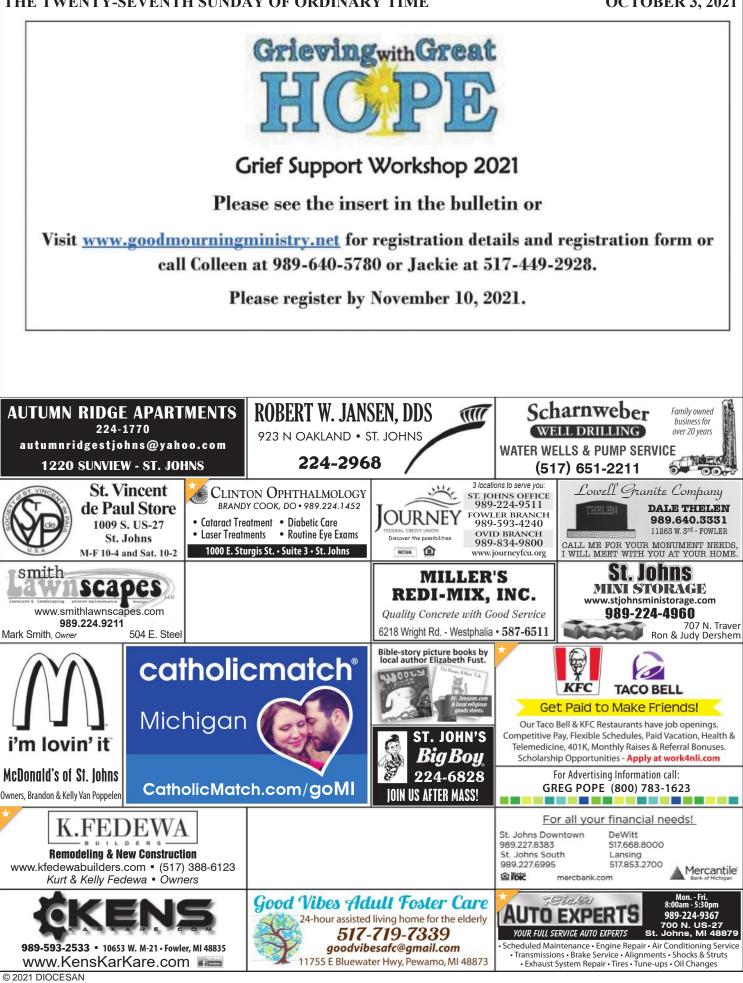


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Pray for all the people who have hurt you. They are hurting too.

Women of Hope Retreat!

A participant from the 2020 Day of Reflection and Hope stated "I sure needed this spiritual jump start". Could you use a spiritual jump start? St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary will be giving this opportunity to the women of our parish at the Women of Hope Retreat. The Retreat will be held on October 23, 2021 at the DeWitt Retreat Center from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. The cost for the day is \$40.00 which includes continental breakfast, lunch and snacks. (Covid safety procedures are in place.) Tickets are available at the parish office. Come for a day of Hope to jump start your spiritual life.







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