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REDEDICATE YOURSELF



#### **SEPTEMBER 19, 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* 

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## This Week's Liturgies

Monday • September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions Ezra 1:1-6 | Luke 8:16-18

No Mass

Tuesday • September 21

Saint Matthew Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 | Matthew 9:9-13 7:00 p.m. +Jeanette Schomisch By: Husband

#### Wednesday • September 22

Saint Lorenzo Ruiz and Companions Ezra 9:5-9 | Luke 9:1-6

12:05 p.m. **†**Arnold & Irmna Thelen **Deceased Family Members** Bv: Verena DeBoer

Thursday • September 23

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina Haggai 1:1-8 | Luke 9:7-9 8:30 a.m. *†Max Feldpausch* By: Knights of Columbus #3281

#### Friday • September 24

Saint John Henry Newman Haggai 2:1-9 | Luke 9:18-22 8:30 a.m. **Education Trust Fund** 

By: Education Trust Fund Saturday • September 25

#### Saints Louis Martin and Zelie Guerin

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a | Luke 9:43b-45

5:00 p.m. **†Lawrence & Marie Warnke** By: Family

#### Sunday • September 26

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Saint Paul VI Numbers 11:25-29 | James 5:1-6 | Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish **†Brandon Chunko** 10:00 a.m. By: Joe DeLiso 12:00 p.m. **†Bernard & Lorie Feldpausch** 

By: Family

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 Bernard Jorae



"Kneel down and render the tribute of your presence and devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Confide all your needs to Him, along with those of others. Speak to Him with filial abandonment, give free rein to

Eucharistic Adoration

your heart, and give Him complete freedom to work in you as He thinks best."

St. Padre Pio (Memorial October 23)

We are in need of regularly scheduled adorers on First Fridays/Saturdays. These are the times that we are looking for a second adorer (only one hour commitment per month):

First Friday: 2 & 3 p.m. Saturday: midnight, 1, 4 & 5 a.m.

We are also in need of subs. If you are interested in being a part of this beautiful prayer ministry, please call/text Rebecca at 989-292-2072.

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM SEPTEMBER 19TH - SEPTEMBER 25TH

In Memory of:

Míck Bíshop

#### 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 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

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)

### WELCOME BACK - AGAIN!

(Please read Deacon Marv's insightful follow-up in the bulletin to my column last week on home caregivers. With his "legal eyes" he looks at the caregiver situation from an insightful perspective.)

Welcome to "Welcome Back Sunday." "Wait a minute," you say, "didn't we have a Welcome Back Sunday at Pentecost? And didn't we have one last summer? Let's get this party started!" Well, the answer to the questions are "Yes and Yes," we at St. Joe's have celebrated the return of parishioners a couple times in the past year, but today's welcoming, with name tags and ice cream, is part of a diocesan effort to help people feel as close to "normal" at church as they have been since the pandemic started in March 2020.

Last summer, we welcomed anyone who wanted to come

back after the church had been on lockdown for three months, but there was no Sunday On Pentecost this obligation. year, the Sunday obligation was re-instated and we welcomed people with vard signs and devotional candles. Liturgically, we made all the pews in the nave of the church open, while leaving social-distance tape on pews in the addition. We brought back the opening and closing processions and put songbooks back in the pews. Now (in Welcome Back - Part Three) we will have an Offertory procession again and, in a couple weeks, altar servers will also return. We are almost completely back. It's time to fully embrace our liturgy once again.

NOTE: Part of welcoming back means getting more involved in the parish. That not only means signing up to be a Eucharistic Minister or a lector, but, as Fr. Mike noted last week, it means letting us know if you have special skills that sometimes may be needed for the parish, or for a parishioner. Fr. Mike used the example of someone with painting skills who might be needed every couple of years.

Please prayerfully consider filling out the "Time and Talent" form that was in last week's bulletin. It's important for the long-term strength of the parish to have a base ministerial broader of support than we currently have. A small group of people currently fill multiple needs, and as a group are getting up in age. We certainly could use some younger volunteers to pick up the slack.

And one additional note: Parents of former altar servers who are now in middle or high school, please encourage them to come back and serve one more year. I will be training servers this week, but we have essentially lost two years of training for servers due to the pandemic. It would certainly help the new servers, as well as the parish as a whole, to be able to pair our new servers with experienced ones.

Deacon Eric

<u>deaconeric@hotmail.com</u>

## Calling all Prayer Warriors

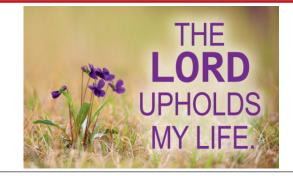
Prayer is as essential to the life of the Church as breathing is to each human life. These chaotic and troubled times call for us to ocme together as a Diocese in prayer. In the spirit of faith, hope and love with the Blessing of Bishop Earl Boyea we are invited to participate in a weeklong Rosary Congress 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

### The 30th annual Lansing area Life Chain will be Sunday, Oct. 3rd.

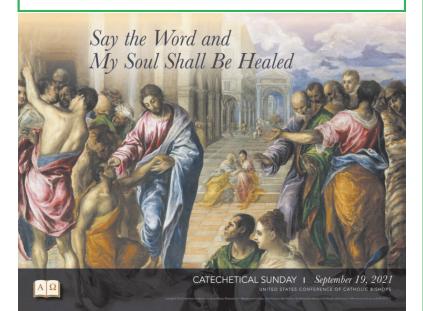
We invite you, your family, your friends and neighbors to join this public statement promoting the sanctity of all human life. This is not a political event; it is a prayerful, peaceful witness for life. Please mark your calendar and join us at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 3rd. For further information, call Mary Beth at 989-227-0088.



## **Religious Formation/Confirmation News**

#### 2nd Grade First Reconciliation and First Communion Parent + Child meeting

Is scheduled for *both* the school and parish religion formation families on September 26th at 1:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Please bring your child's Baptism certificate to this meeting. For questions please contact Jen Nelson at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com or call 224-8537



"This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 19, 2021 under the theme of "Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed." On this day, catechists are acknowledged for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith."



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## Attention Altar Servers and Boys and Girls who want to be Altar Servers.

We will be reinstating the ministry of Acolyte

(Altar Servers) at all Masses by the end of September. If you are interested in serving at Mass and are otherwise regularly attending Mass, I invite you to attend a brief training session at the Church on Thursday, September 23 at 4:00 p.m. The training will be taught by Deacon Eric Elstro. ~ Fr. Mike

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS September 25/26

## Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 PM	Colleen Sutherland & Millie Wassa
8:00 AM	Linda Karek, Bob Puralewski,
	and John & Judi Thelen
10:00 AM	Mary Beth Elstro & Janet McKeown
12:00 PM	Dan Snyder, Debbie Thiede,
	Millie Fox and Dawn Lawless
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Beth Swears
Trevor Hollis
Tori Steingreaber
Ed & Cease Canfield

#### Ushers

5:00 PM	Jay Henning and Group 5A
8:00 AM	Robert Karek and Group 8A
10:00 AM	Lisa Suidgeest and Group 10B
12:00 PM	Pat Thiede and Group 12B

Counting Collections September 20 • Group 4

#### Sanctuary Cleaners

September 25th • Ramona Smith & Leona Thayer

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

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

For the week of September 20, 2021

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

Tues: Chicken fettuccini, bread sticks, carrots, pears & milk.

Wed: Mac. & Cheese, broccoli, mixed fruit & milk.

Thurs: Hot dog on a bun, french fries, fruit & milk.

Fri: Shrimp poppers, green beans, peaches & milk.

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

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# BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



## Take Care By Deacon Marv

Deacon Eric's excellent column of September 12 presented us with a heartfelt call

to care for the disabled, and to appreciate the heroic efforts of their caregivers. A common theme running through much of Scripture may be summarized thus: Protect those least able to protect themselves.

Michigan law contains the Estates and Protected Individuals Code. This law provides a means of providing protection for those suffering from physical and/or mental disabilities or deficits. The number of people falling under this class has greatly increased over the years due to increasing lifespans. For example, one born in 1900 had an average lifespan of 47 years. A doctor recently told me that recent advances in heart medication and cardiac procedures have dramatically increased the average U.S. lifespan. The downside of a long life for many is the increased inability to adequately care for oneself.

Much of my work life as a probate judge was to provide legal oversight for protected individuals. The court would schedule hearings to determine whether an individual would need a guardian to care for the person and/or a conservator to manage property and financial matters. I join with Deacon Eric's shout-out to caregivers, also recognizing the additional care given by guardians and conservators.

Another shout-out is deserved by adult protective service workers. There are currently numerous reports of seniors being scammed out of their savings. If you reasonably

suspect that a vulnerable adult may be subject to abuse, neglect, or exploitation of any kind, you should make an immediate report to the agency hotline: 855-444-3911.

As we join in in giving thanks to those who care for the vulnerable, we should keep our own spiritual eyes open to recognize those in need among us. If we meet their

needs according to our ability as God may direct us, we may hear on that Final Day:

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

#### 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. Mike



Sarah Sochor & Tyler Gillespie

# STEWARDSHIP

#### For the week ending September 12, 2021

Adults (240) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$17,122.08	
(Including automated debits, online giving, and a stock		
donation )		
Loose Cash:	\$419.56	
Total:	\$17,541.64	

#### **Other Envelopes Received**

Education Trust Fund:	\$245.00
Building Fund:	\$197.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$172.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$21,913.11 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.* 



## 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 5PM mass on September 25<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

# Rest In Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of: Cynthia Nunn

FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

# Help Spread the Faith Appeal is Sunday, September 26

This benefits FAITH magazine, The Diocesan Outreach Mass, and national media programming. Envelopes are found in your FAITH magazine, there are some extra envelopes in the parish office. These envelopes <u>DO NOT</u> directly cover your automatic subscription to FAITH through the parish. Each year it costs the parish over \$7,500 for each family to receive the magazine at no cost to them. If you would like to help the parish cover this cost, you can by paying your discounted subscription rate through the parish of \$6.00 by dropping an envelope marked "FAITH subscription" into the collection **OR** you can contact the office and request that you no longer get a subscription through the parish and subscribe yourself by calling 517-853-7600.



# UPCOMING PARISH AND AREA EVENTS

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# St. Joseph Church Senior Appreciation Mass and Lunch

## Wednesday, September 29 at Columbian (K of C) Hall, 1108 N. US-127

We will start with Mass at 12:05 p.m. followed by lunch and a sharing by Sr. Maria Rosario from the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor.

All seniors of the parish and those who care for them are invited!

No cost for attending. If you need extra help getting to this event, please let us know!

#### Attention Parishioners!

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2021** 

The Mass on Wednesday, September 29 will be at the Columbian Hall at 12:05 p.m. The Senior Appreciation Lunch will follow Mass.



Contact the parish office, if you are interested in donating your time or a homemade pie for the Senior Appreciation Lunch.







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