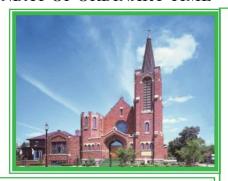
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"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Mark 10:25-27

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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Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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Confirmation • Jen Nelson
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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

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday ● October 11

Saint John Paul XXIII

Romans 1:1-7 | Luke 11:29-32

No Mass

Tuesday ● October 12

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Romans 1:16-25 | Luke 11:37-41

7:00 p.m. **†Fr. Timothy J. Dombrowski**

Wednesday • October 13
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

Romans 2:1-11 | Luke 11:42-46 12:05 p.m. †Janet Smith By: Dick Smith

Thursday • October 14

Saint Callistus I

Romans 3:21-30 | Luke 11:47-54

8:30 a.m. †Phillip McGuire

By: Ken Kramer

Friday • October 15

Saint Teresa of Avila

Romans 4:1-8 | Luke 12:1-7

8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the

Simon - Martin Families

By: Roy & JoAnn Simon

Saturday ● October 16

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

Romans 4:13, 16-18 | Luke 12:8-12

1:00 p.m. Gillespie - Sochor Nuptials

5:00 p.m. †Richard Rehmann

Sunday • October 17

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Isaiah 53:10-11 | Hebrews 4:14-16 | Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

8:00 a.m. †Alice Schneider

By: The Robert Nurenberg family

10:00 a.m. †Kenneth L. Price

By: Price family

12:00 p.m. People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sucharistic Adoration



"When we pray before the Blessed Sacrament, we should often take time to think about how much Jesus loves us and suffered for us, Jesus' holy passion and death should fill us with joy and wisdom to help us love as He did."

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (Memorial October 16th)

We are in need of regular adorers during monthly First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a one hour per month commitment with eternal benefits. Currently we have one person at each of these hours, but we are looking for a second. These are the hours that are available.

First Fridays: 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. Saturday: midnight, 1, 4 & 5 a.m.

Please call/text Rebecca 989-292-2072 if you are interested or have questions.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM OCTOBER 10TH - OCTOBER 16TH

In Memory of: Deceased members of The Knights of Columbus

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.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

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Matthew Joseph Caudy Bob Jason Thelen Jacob Epling Rhonda Chamberlain Adam Friend Roger Dershem

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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

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*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)

A SLIVER OF HOPE

"His face fell and he went away sad, for he had many possessions."

Who among us has not had an experience whereby high expectations came crashing down in an instant. We were left speechless and all we could do was walk away - sad

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Maybe we didn't make the final cut
for an athletic team our heart was
set on, or were passed over for a
job promotion we thought was a
lock. We can probably think of
many scenarios whereby an
anticipated "high" drops us to a
deep low in a second.

The rich man in today's gospel from Mark was mentally checking off commandments identified by Jesus "Thou shall not commit Adultery, thou shall not steal, thou shall not bear false witness." He was confident he was inheriting eternal life when Jesus said "you

are only lacking one thing." His hopes were rising until Jesus concluded with "sell all you own and give the proceeds to the poor." That's when he walks away sad.

The gospel focuses not just on wealth, but on the "attachment" to riches as a barrier in our efforts to achieve eternal life. It tells us that when the pursuit of material wealth is placed ahead of our pursuit of eternal happiness, then we have placed an obstruction between us and the grace of God. To that end, any attachment we have to a particular sin (pride, selfishness, jealousy and so on) is an impediment to basking in the glory of God.

We may be clinging to these sins the way the rich man clings to his possessions. It could be that our sins possess us and not the other way around. Fortunately, we have the sacrament of Reconciliation to gain absolution from our sins and the attachment to them.

The thought of reconciliation gives me a sliver of hope for the young, rich man in today's gospel. (He is not described as "young" in Mark's gospel, but is so identified by Matthew.) Most commentaries write him off - implying that his rejection of Jesus was final. I think there are clues in the reading that provide a basis for hope.

First, the man was not cornered by Jesus, but ran up ahead of a crowd with a burning desire to "know the way." He knelt before Jesus in reverence. He thought he was on the right path, he just wanted to know more. And Mark tells us "Jesus, looking at him, loved him." It's this love that stimulates my hope for the man, who may have just been so stunned by Jesus' directive to sell all his possessions, that all he could do was walk away. I believe he walked away with Jesus' "look of love" burned into his heart - an indelible mark that could lead him to dispose of his riches in due time and follow Jesus validating the "sliver of hope" with which he departed the Lord.

Don't we all want that "sliver of hope" that God's mercy will cover all the times we have turned and walked away from him?

Deacon Eric

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Women of Hope Retreat!

Participants in the 2020 day of Reflection and Hope Retreat gave the following feedback: "my spiritual life really needed the talks"; "I needed this day so much"; "I have so many ideas to think about and put into practice in my spiritual life." These thoughts reflect just some of the spiritual gifts that can be received from a day of reflection. St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary is giving this opportunity to the women of the parish again this year at the Women of Hope Retreat. The day retreat will be held on October 23rd, at the St. Francis Retreat Center from 9:00 am 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 to enjoy a day to hear a great speaker - Bert Schomberger - who will help guide your reflections and give your "spiritual life what it really needs." For more information call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088.

St. Joseph School Parent School Council

Will be selling raffle tickets, after each Mass by each entrance until the end of October.

The tickets are: \$5.00 each And the prizes are: 1st prize ~ \$1,000.00 2nd prize ~ \$500.00 3rd - 7th prizes of \$100.00

The proceeds will go to help the Parent School Council contribute financial support to the school for such items as student assemblies and events, technology costs such as school speak and computer maintenance, playground supervision, classroom supplies, as well as teacher/staff development.

St. Joseph School is looking for the following:

Deep Freezer (2) Chest or Upright, size range between 17 and 25 cubic feet, good/clean working condition. For the school lunch program.

Please contact the school office at 989-224-2421, if you have one to donate.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL **LUNCH MENU**

For the week of October 11, 2021

Mon: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, applesauce & milk.

Tues: Pigs in a blanket, taor tots, apple crisp & milk. Wed: Chicken noodle soup w/crackers, blueberry muffin, mixed fruit & milk.

Thurs: Hamburger on a bun w/cheese, fried chips, fresh fruit & milk.

Fri: NO SCHOOL

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

October 16/17

Altar Servers

5:00 PM Volunteers Needed 8:00 AM Volunteers Needed 10:00 AM Team 2

Volunteers Needed 12:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 PM Colleen Sutherland & Millie Wassa 8:00 AM Linda Karek, Bob Puralewski, and John & Judi Thelen

Mary Beth Elstro & Janet McKeown

12:00 PM Dan Synder, Debbie Thiede, Millie Fox and Dawn Lawless

Lectors

10:00 AM

5:00 PM Rita Ackerman 8:00 AM Lu Anne Cuthbert 10:00 AM Jane Miller 12:00 PM Colleen Smith

Ushers

5:00 PM Jay Henning and Group 5A 8:00 AM Mike Huhn and Group 8D 10:00 AM Ken Frechen and Group 10A 12:00 PM Pat Thiede and Group 12B

Counting Collections

October 18 • Group 4

Sanctuary Cleaners

October 23th • Pam Ervin & Karen Feldpausch

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 40daysforlifelansing.com to view the time schedule. Prayers to end abortion at any time and any place are always needed.



Sarah Sochor & Tyler Gillespie



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.

The Ursula Klein Memorial

WHO: A group of Alumni is creating an amazing new program for the area Catholic middle school students and to honor their former performing arts teacher, Miss Ursula Klein. No one can measure how many lives were impacted by her, her talent, and her modeling as one of God's disciples.

STEWARDSHIP

For the week ending October 3, 2021

Adults (332) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$25,741.05	
(Including automated debits and online giving)		
Loose Cash:	\$396.50	
Total:	\$26,137.55	

Other Envelopes Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$863.00
Building Fund:	\$228.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$181.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$21,523.10 If we continue to keep this average we will meet our budgeted goal.

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THE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

The Children's Collection will be donated to:

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

WHAT: The Ursula Klein Junior Cougar Performing Arts Program is a powerful gift empowering middle school students for all partner schools, area parishes' faith formation, and home school programs in our region to have the opportunity to develop their vocal talent and performance skills while developing lifelong friendships.

WHEN: This new middle school program is planned to debut in 2022.

WHERE: The home of the Ursula Klein Junior Cougar Music Program will be Lansing catholic High School's auditorium, Cougar Stadium, and St. Johns Paul the Great Chapel.

HOW TO DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT? This enriching new program can be made possible only through your financial support. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 to build and sustain this tremendous program. A matching gift has been secured for all gifts received prior to December 31, 2021, up to \$40,000.

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

Question: Does the Pope have special power and Is the Pope able to make new rules for the Church?

Answer: The special "power" (authority and responsibility would be a better term) which the Pope has is called the "power of the keys". If Jesus hadn't given Peter this authority and responsibility, Peter and his successors would not have been able to make any rules or make any application of the Holy Scriptures to our daily lives. As explained in the answer to the first question in this section, the authority to bind and loose was given first to Peter, along with the keys to the kingdom of Heaven (his badge of office, so to speak), and then later to the Apostles as a group. When acting together, the bishops (successors of the Apostles) make rules which are binding on the universal (meaning Catholic) Church; provided the Pope (successor of Peter) approves the rules using the authority and responsibility given him by the "power of the keys".

The Pope can also exercise the "power of keys" in making what is called an infallible pronouncement which is binding on the universal (Catholic) Church. There have been two such pronouncements in modern times: the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Pope Pius IX in 1854, and the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin by Pope Pius XII in 1950. Individual bishops also exercise their authority to bind and loose as they lead their respective dioceses on a daily basis.

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

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary

The monthly meeting will be held on Monday, October 11th at the Columbian Hall. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend for Faith, Fellowship and Food. Please call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088 if you need more information, or need some assistance in order to attend.

Many Special Thanks

The St. Joe Senior Luncheon was full of conversation, laughter, good food, and a wonderful speaker. St. Joe parish wishes to Thank every-

one that came to the luncheon, those that volunteered your time, those that baked homemade pies, and Sr. Maria Rosario for speaking after the luncheon. The afternoon was a blessing for our seniors.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 10, 2021



Grief Support Workshop 2021

Grieving with Great HOPE is a weekend grief support workshop series that offers a prayerful, practical, and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters include Dcn. Elstro and John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement apostolate.

Visit www.goodmourningministry.net for registration details and registration form or call Colleen at 989-640-5780 or Jackie at 517-449-2928. Please register by November 10.

Friday November 19, 2021 7-9pm and Saturday November 20, 2021 10am-4pm with light breakfast options available at 9:30am.

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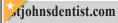


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