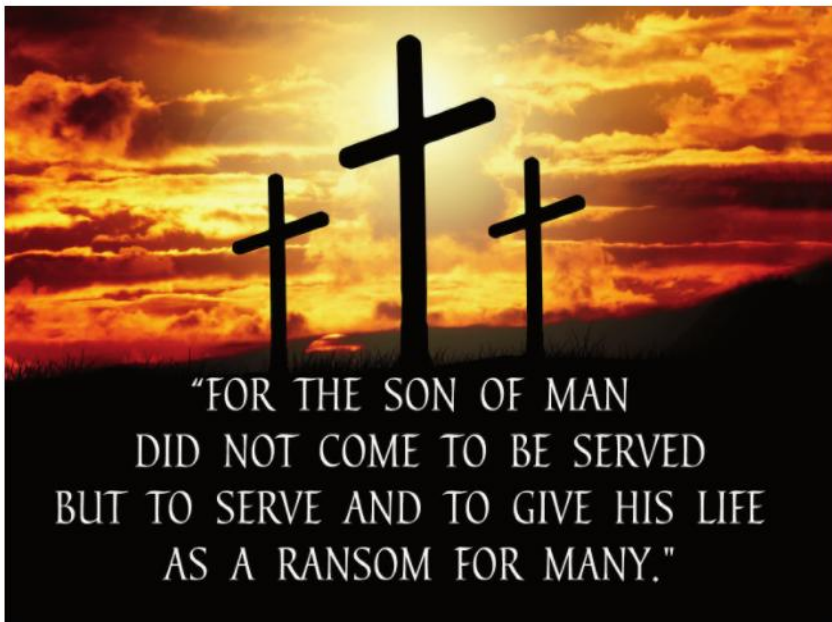


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**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
St. Joseph is a place of refreshment, peace and love, a place of ministry and renewal. We welcome you to be part of our faith community where the Word of God is proclaimed, friendship is offered and the Sacraments are celebrated.

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Deacon Jerry Fust  
Deacon Eric Elstro

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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**

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Mondays at Noon for the following weekend. Send to [stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com)



**THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES**

**Monday • October 18**

*Saint Luke*

2 Timothy 4:10-17b | Luke 10:1-9

No Mass

**Tuesday • October 19**

*Saint Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brebeuf, and Companions*

Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 | Luke 12:35-38

7:00 p.m. †**Marylou Moczulski**

By: Ann Smith

**Wednesday • October 20**

*Saint Paul of the Cross*

Romans 6:12-18 | Luke 12:39-48

12:05 p.m. †**Ron Schneider**

By: Family

**Thursday • October 21**

*Saint Hilarion*

Romans 6:19-23 | Luke 12:49-53

8:30 a.m. **Education Trust Fund**

**Friday • October 22**

*Saint John Paul II*

Romans 7:18-25a | Luke 12:54-59

8:30 a.m. †**Jerry Horan**

By: St. Vincent de Paul

**Saturday • October 23**

*Saint John of Capistrano*

Romans 8:1-11 | Luke 13:1-9

5:00 p.m. †**Cindy Lumbert**

By: Chuck & Linda Biewer,  
Chris & Brenda DeLiso  
Kevin & Rhonda Burns

**Sunday • October 24**

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Saint Anthony Mary Claret*

Jeremiah 31:7-9 | Hebrews 5:1-6 | Mark 10:46-52

8:00 a.m. †**Donna Kus**

By: Lee & Dori Smith and family

10:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**

12:00 p.m. †**Paul Voision**

By: Jim & Rita Ackerman

6:00 p.m. **Spanish Mass**



*Eucharistic Adoration*

“This is the wonderful truth my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist.”

Pope St. John Paul II  
(Memorial October 22nd)

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*

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on her 25th Anniversary of Death

**The Parish office hours:**

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

**Friday ~ 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:**

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

**Our parishioners in the service, especially:**  
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  
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Joshua Szpont

To add or remove a name from the bulletin prayer list,

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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)

**SIMPLICITY AND WISDOM**

*"I prayed and prudence was given to me;  
I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.  
I preferred her to scepter and throne,  
and deemed riches nothing in comparison to her."*  
(Wis 7:7-8)

*"Hail Queen Wisdom!  
May the Lord preserve you with your sister,  
Holy, pure Simplicity!"*  
(St. Francis of Assisi)

*"Pure, holy simplicity confounds  
All the wisdom of this world."*  
(St. Francis)

*"I found the simple life, ain't so simple."* (Van Halen)

Is anyone confused yet? Don't worry, I have no idea where this is

going either, pending a little infusion of Holy Spirit guidance. Let's find out together where this wisdom/simplicity train is headed.

The quote from the Book of Wisdom sounds familiar because it is from the first reading last Sunday and gives us a lesson in value - the wisdom of God is greater than any riches we can accumulate here on earth. The first St. Francis quote ties wisdom to her "sister", Simplicity, while the second one creates confusion by saying "simplicity confounds all the wisdom of this world." And the Van Halen lyric just strikes me as being very poignant. (I'm guessing this may be the first time a Van Halen lyric has been described as poignant, especially when it is taken totally out of context from a song entitled "Runnin' with the Devil." So, let's just take the lyric at its face value.)

First let's differentiate between the definitions of "wisdom" and "Wisdom." The secular definition is "the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make good decisions and judgments." While

the spiritual definition of Wisdom is the perfection of faith, *"Where faith is a simple knowledge of the articles of Christian belief, wisdom goes on to a certain divine penetration of the truths themselves."* It is a better understanding of God and his plan through contemplation. It is "wisdom," not "Wisdom" that St. Francis is referencing when he talks about simplicity confounding wisdom.

St. Francis is one of many great saints celebrated in October, which is why his quote on sister Simplicity came up on my flip calendar this month. He, of course, rejected the life of wealth to live a life of simplicity. Simplicity dovetails nicely with the prudence prayed for in the opening quote, which leads seamlessly into the spirit of Wisdom and knowing God better. May we all pray for prudence, simplicity and a better understanding of God.

Deacon Eric

[deaconeric@hotmail.com](mailto:deaconeric@hotmail.com)

**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.

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Did you know that a blue envelope donation goes to the Educational Trust Fund? The Educational Trust Fund supports education of our school students, religious education programs and RCIA. Please consider either donating to the Educational Trust Fund in the collection basket on Sunday or online at:

[www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?id=1479](http://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?id=1479)

*Religious Formation/Confirmation News*

**9th Grade Confirmation Preparation Session**

All 9th grade teens who are preparing for Confirmation this February 2022, will meet on Sunday Oct. 17th after the Noon Mass at 1 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please bring your textbooks with you. Snacks and drinks will be provided. For questions please contact Jen Nelson at 224-8537 or email [dre.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:dre.stjoseph@gmail.com).

**Registration for 1 - 7th Religious Formation and First Communion for Second Graders**

Registration for Wednesday's 6:30-7:30 pm Religious Formation classes are still available for all families with 1-7th graders. If you haven't already registered, you may go online at [stjoecatholic.com](http://stjoecatholic.com) website or forms are available in the Church entrance. Families with second graders (that are not in the school) are encouraged to sign up for Sacramental Preparation for First Communion that takes place in 2nd grade. You can find more information on the website under Religious Formation. Contact Jen Nelson for questions at 224-8537.

**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.

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
LUNCH MENU**

*For the week of October 18, 2021*

Mon: Tortilla chips w/cheese & meat sauce, carrots fruit & milk.

Tues: Loaded baked potato soup w/crackers, grilled cheese sandwich, fruit & milk.

Wed: Chicken fettuccini, bread sticks, green beans fruit & milk.

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

Fri: Shrimp poppers, peas, strawberry shortcake & milk.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Menu is subject to change, based on food availability from suppliers.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**October 23/24**

**Altar Servers**

5:00 PM Volunteers Needed  
 8:00 AM Volunteers Needed  
 10:00 AM Team 3  
 12:00 PM Team 1

**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 Wook & Sharon Conley  
 12:00 PM Mike Stoddard and Stu & Sharon Fitzpatrick

**Lectors**

5:00 PM Lisa Wieber  
 8:00 AM Rich Hollis  
 10:00 AM Karen Densmore  
 12:00 PM Mary Enneking

**Ushers**

5:00 PM Ron McCarty and Group 5B  
 8:00 AM Roy Simon and Group 8E  
 10:00 AM Lisa Suidgeest and Group 10B  
 12:00 PM Glenn Voisin and Group 12C

**Counting Collections**

October 25 • Group 1

**Sanctuary Cleaners**


October 30th • Tori Steingreaber & Susie Schroeder

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


**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.**



*Brycen Bruce DeLong*  
 Was Baptized on  
 Sunday, October 10, 2021,  
 he is the son of  
 Tyler Bryce DeLong &  
 Jenna Lyn (Weber) DeLong



**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.

**— Right to Life —**

Clinton County Right to Life has placed 600 crosses on the parish grounds in remembrance of all the babies who have lost their lives through abortion in the state of Michigan in 2020. Almost 30 thousand babies (49 per each cross) will not be able to fulfill the plans God had for their lives. The crosses provide a visual reminder to pray for the end of abortion and to pray for the mothers who felt they had to make this decision. The crosses are also a reminder to pray for conversion for those who work in the abortion industry. It is through prayer that this terrible scourge in our country will be ended.

**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](http://40daysforlifelansing.com) to view the time schedule. Prayers to end abortion at any time and any place are always needed.

## STEWARDSHIP

**For the week ending October 10, 2021**

Adults (253) Envelopes/Gifts:.....\$19,533.10  
 (Including automated debits and online giving)  
 Loose Cash:.....\$383.00  
 Total:.....\$19,916.10

**Other Envelopes Received**

Education Trust Fund:.....\$115.00  
 Building Fund:.....\$332.00  
 Tuition Scholarship Fund:.....\$182.00


Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$21,415.96 If we continue to keep this average we will meet our budgeted goal.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HAITI**

Total:.....\$4722.00

**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.*



**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 October 30<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.

Do you take the Eucharist on the tongue? Right now, Fr. Mike is the only one giving communion this way. Please go to Fr. Mike's when coming up for communion. Thank-you

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

**Question:** I don't understand the infallibility of the Pope and the Church dogma

**Answer:** The Pope can exercise the "power of the keys" in making what is called an infallible pronouncement which is binding on the universal (catholic) Church. Infallibility means that the Pope is preserved from error when, as supreme pastor and teacher of all the faithful, he proclaims by a definitive act a doctrine pertaining to faith and morals. Infallibility does not mean that the Pope cannot sin. The Holy Father goes to the Sacrament of Confession frequently and acknowledges his sinfulness at Mass when he says, "I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters ...", and again, when he washes his hands prior to the Eucharistic prayer while asking God to "wash away my iniquity, cleanse me from my sins." Likewise, infallibility does not mean that the Pope cannot make a mistake when he talks about mathematics, science, or some other nonreligious matter. To teach infallibly, the Pope must be teaching on faith or morals; he must speak with his full authority as the Successor of Peter and head of the universal Church on earth; he must make a final pronouncement on a doctrine at issue, and he must bind all the faithful to accept his teaching or fall away entirely from the divine and Catholic faith. Personal correspondence, even that in which a sensitive issue is addressed, is not infallible because it is not meant to bind all the faithful. That Jesus intended to preserve Peter and his successors from error can be found in Our Lord's statement to Peter:

*"Whatever you bind of earth will be [have been] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be [have been] loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16.19 NIV - brackets contain footnoted interpretations from NIV text).* Jesus would hardly give approval in heaven to bad decisions by Popes on earth, so He provided protection against this happening. And what was this protection? It can be found in Matthew 28:20 KJV, where Jesus promised that, *"I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."* And again, in John 14:16-17 NIV, where Our Lord says, *"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever - the Spirit of truth."*

This Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit, has been with the Catholic Church since Pentecost. History shows that during the past almost 2,000 years, no pope has ever made a false pronouncement on faith or morals. No dogma has ever been changed. Some have been refined to provide better definition, but the core thrust, and effect of the dogmatic statement has never changed.

**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. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt MI

#### Upcoming Events

**October 30th** ~ Continuing the Journey: Bringing the Light Out of Darkness

**November 12-14** ~ Women's Weekend Retreat

**November 12th** ~ All Saints and All Souls One Day Retreat

**November 13th** ~ One Day Marriage Retreat

Visit [www.stfrancis.we](http://www.stfrancis.we) or call 517-669-8321 for more information or to register.



# Grieving with Great HOPE

## 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 Den. Elstro and John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement apostolate.

Visit [www.goodmourningministry.net](http://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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Seating is limited to 40. Registration is \$10 and includes light breakfast and lunch.

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