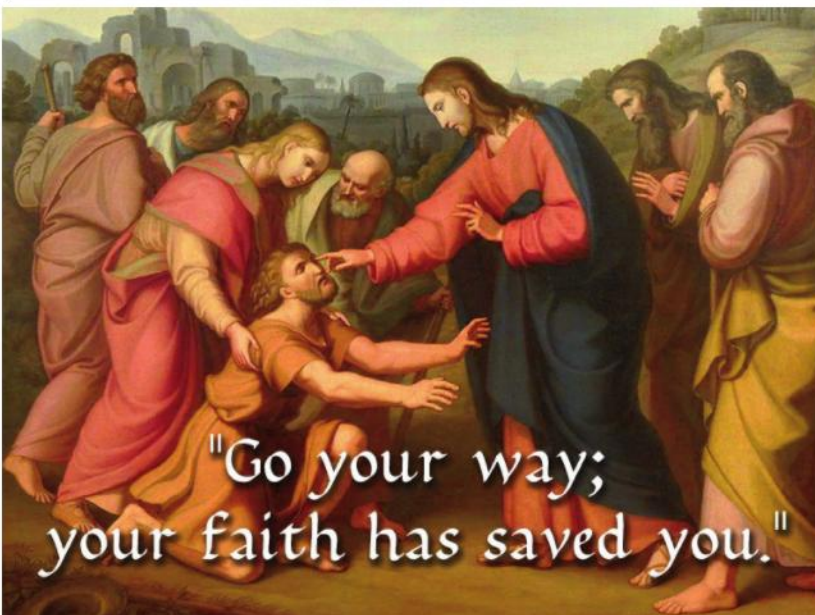


# St. Joseph Catholic Church



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"Go your way;  
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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.

## 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](mailto:stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com)



## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

### Monday • October 25

*Saint Antonio de Sant'Anna Galvao*

Romans 8:12-17 | Luke 13:10-17

No Mass

### Tuesday • October 26

*Saint Peter of Alcantara*

Romans 8:18-25 | Luke 13:18-21

7:00 p.m. †**Francis & Viola Fedewa**  
By: Francis Fedewa Family

### Wednesday • October 27

*Blessed Bartholomew of Vicenza*

Romans 8:26-30 | Luke 13:22-30

12:05 p.m. In Honor of: **Todd & Monica Howard**  
By: The Rehmann Family

### Thursday • October 28

*Saints Simon and Jude*

Ephesians 2:19-22 | Luke 6:12-16

8:30 a.m. †**Bernard Jorae**  
By: Joyce Karber

### Friday • October 29

*Saint Narcissus of Jersusalem*

Romans 9:1-5 | Luke 14:1-6

8:30 a.m. †**Howard Blasen**  
By: Jim & Kathy Voisinnet

### Saturday • October 30

*Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez*

Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 | Luke 14:1, 7-11

5:00 p.m. **People of the Parish**

### Sunday • October 31

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Saint Wolfgang of Regensburg*

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 | Hebrews 7:23-28 | Mark 12:28b-34

8:00 a.m. †**Edgar Conley**  
By: The Conley Family

10:00 a.m. †**Brandon Chunko**  
By: The Schroeder Family

12:00 p.m. †**Herb & Marion Armbrustmacher**  
By: The Family

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



## Eucharistic Adoration

"The Christian life needs to be nourished by attentive listening to God's word and, above all, by the cultivation of a personal relationship with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, the privileged "place" for our encounter with God"

Pope Francis, Message.  
27th November 2016

November 5th-6th the Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration.

We are in need of subs at the following times:

Friday, Nov. 5th: 10 a.m., 2 & 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 6th: midnight, 1, 4, & 5 a.m.

Please call/text Rebecca 989-292-2072 with questions or if you would like to help cover one of these hours.

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM  
OCTOBER 24TH - OCTOBER 30TH

*In Memory of:*  
*Justin Fox*

## 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  
Karen Tomczyk

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  
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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)

### A DASH, A PINCH AND A SMIDGEN

*(Every now and then I have a thought that is worthwhile to mention, but it doesn't warrant a full column. When I have two or three, I like to combine them. Today is such a day.)*

"Good Grief." We are all familiar with its general meaning - "frustration or irritation." It's perhaps best known from the "Peanuts" comic strip, when Lucy says "Good grief, Charlie Brown" after one of his numerous pratfalls. It's a paradox with a seeming contradiction - "good" is a positive, while "grief" is usually viewed as a negative. But more importantly, grief is a reality and dealing with it is good.

Next month, the St. Joe grief ministry team is sponsoring a grief workshop. It is designed to help all of us dealing with (or perhaps avoiding) the grief that is present after the loss of a loved one. It will be facilitated by a married couple

from Good Mourning Ministry, a faith-based grief support organization.

So, if you're dealing with grief, or know someone who is, this workshop will help provide you with the tools you need to mourn properly. The cost is only 10 dollars per person, which includes a light breakfast and lunch. Registration forms are available at the parish office. The workshop will be held on Nov. 19th/20<sup>th</sup>, Friday evening and all-day Saturday.

Yesterday, my wife and I were praying outside the Planned Parenthood clinic at Frandor in Lansing. A car pulled out of the parking lot and a young female passenger yelled "My body, my choice" as the driver sped westbound across Clippert Street, which happens to be a one-way "eastbound" street. I thought of the irony of the situation, she was yelling at us as we prayed to end abortion, was while she heading the wrong way on a one-way street. I would never wish for a collision, of course, but if there had been a police car at the end of that block, I might have smiled.

A couple of weeks ago, I was listening to a Catholic radio show and the topic was the reality of hell

and whether priests and deacons preach enough on the topic. I really don't know whether it's preached enough or not, but the gospels do speak clearly of it. And the church teaches the reality of hell for those who die in the state of mortal sin (CCC1033 - 1037). In one of her visions, St. Faustina was shown hell and she noted:

*"That most of the souls there are those who disbelieved that there is a hell." We know that God is merciful, but we also know he is just.*

I know that the previous paragraph is heavy material with which to conclude, so instead, let's end on a lighter note. The title of this piece is probably self-explanatory, but for the cooks and bakers in the audience the "unofficial" measurement scale for dash is 1/8 of a teaspoon, for a pinch, 1/16 tsp and a smidgen is half that at 1/32 tsp. Never use a dash of a spice when the recipe calls for a smidgen - that's four times as much - enough to change a "voila" response to your dish into a "yuck." (You can't get that information from just any church bulletin.)

Deacon Eric

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

### Homebound Eucharistic Ministers

This is a reminder for all homebound Eucharistic Ministers, including those taking Jesus home to a loved one or neighbor. We have a sign-up sheet in the sacristy and everyone who takes a host from the tabernacle should record it on that sheet.

Also, especially for those unable to attend our recent EM training, here is a reminder on the proper procedure for homebound visits:

1. Always go directly to the location where you are going to distribute the host - no stopping for gas or a quick trip to the store.
2. Make your visit a mini-Communion Service, preferably with a penitential rite (i.e. Lord have mercy...), a couple prayers and maybe a short Gospel reading. (There are pamphlets available in the Church safe to use if you would like guidance.)
3. Make sure a clean cloth of some sort (i.e. purificator, cloth napkin...) is on the table before you set your pyx on it. A pyx with the Eucharist should never be set on a bare surface.
4. After you've distributed the host, purify your pyx so there are no particles left over. If you are staying or going home after this service you need to purify your pyx by putting a little bit of water in it, then drinking it. If you are returning the pyx to the sacristy you can follow that procedure or rinse the pyx out in the sacrarium (special sink in back of the sacristy.)
5. If you are using a pyx from the Church, please return it to the safe right away. You may purchase a personal pyx at any Catholic gift store or on-line. Please have it blessed by Fr. Mike or one of the deacons before using.

One final note - anyone who might be interested in being a Homebound EM, please contact the parish office.

## Religious Formation/Confirmation News

### Rite of Enrollment Mass for 9th Graders

The Rite of Enrollment Mass will be on Tuesday, Oct. 26th at 7:00 pm in the Church. **Please come to the school cafeteria at 6:30 pm for instructions.** This is for all current 9th graders (and Sponsors) that are preparing for Confirmation in Feb. 2022. For questions please contact Jen Nelson at 224-8537 or email at [dre.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:dre.stjoseph@gmail.com).

### 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 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 25, 2021*

Mon: Mini Pancakes w/syrup, sausage, hash brown, pears & milk.

Tues: Corn Dogs, green beans, peaches & milk.

Wed: Ziti, breadsticks, carrots, fruit & milk.

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

Fri: Pizza, peas, fresh fruit & milk.

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**October 30/31**

### Altar Servers

5:00 PM	Volunteers Needed
8:00 AM	Volunteers Needed
10:00 AM	Team 4
12:00 PM	Volunteers Needed

### 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 Voisin, and Sue Fox
12:00 PM	Ed Canfield, Ron Dershem, and Tom Wenzlick

### Lectors

5:00 PM	Beth Swears
8:00 AM	Bob Puralewski
10:00 AM	Stu Fitzpatrick
12:00 PM	Linda Scott

### Ushers

5:00 PM	Dennis Koenigsnecht and Group 5C
8:00 AM	Robert Karek and Group 8A
10:00 AM	Jim Pontack and Group 10C
12:00 PM	Mike Stoddard and Group 12A

### Counting Collections

November 1 • Group 2

### Sanctuary Cleaners

November 6th • Charlotte Voisin & Carol Keys

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

### Socktober ~ time to give NEW socks to those in need.

Don't forget October is also Socktober.

There is a bin located in the Church by the food bin. Please bring NEW socks only!

There are also bins at the school to drop off your sock donations.

These socks will be donated to various places who are in desperate need of these items. The bins will be up till the end of October.



Congratulations

Tyler & Sarah Gillespie

Who were married here at St. Joe on  
October 16, 2021.



### 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 17, 2021

Adults (219) Envelopes/Gifts:.....\$13,472.10  
(Including automated debits and online giving)  
Loose Cash:.....\$432.00  
Total:.....\$13,904.10

### Other Envelopes Received

Education Trust Fund:.....\$40.00  
Building Fund:.....\$215.00  
Tuition Scholarship Fund:.....\$270.00

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

### 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.

### \*\*Please Note\*\*

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

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

**Question:** Please explain the hierarchy of the Church as it relates to the authority for the following doctrine.

**Answer:** The doctrine of the Catholic Church comprises all those teachings in faith and morals entrusted to the Church by Christ through the Apostles and given to us for the sake of our salvation. As such, doctrine is interchangeable with the whole of revelation. Some doctrines (such as the Trinity) have resulted from definitions which have come from Councils and confirmed by papal authority while others have resulted from papal definitions (such as the Immaculate Conception). Most of these definitions have been formulated in response to heterodox challenges to a particular doctrine. Defined doctrines are not optional and are the authentic teachings of the Church.

The teaching office of the Church, called the magisterium, was established by Jesus the Christ when He promised: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever - the Spirit of truth, who the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14: 16-17, 26 NIV). The Magisterium rests with the Pope and the Bishops in communion with him.

**This is the final of the 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*



SAINT FRANCIS  
RETREAT CENTER

**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

**\*Just Added\* November 19-21** ~ Contemplative Retreat for Women

**November 19-21** ~ Confirmation Retreat

**December 3-5** ~ Married Couples Weekend

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

### INCLEMENT WEATHER

#### **Parish Office Closure**

**When St. Johns Public School closes for Inclement Weather, so does St. Joseph Catholic Church parish office. If there is a weekday Mass scheduled that day, the Mass will still take place. Please consider all precautions if you still plan on attending the weekday Mass. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the parish office.**

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 24, 2021

# 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 Dcn. 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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