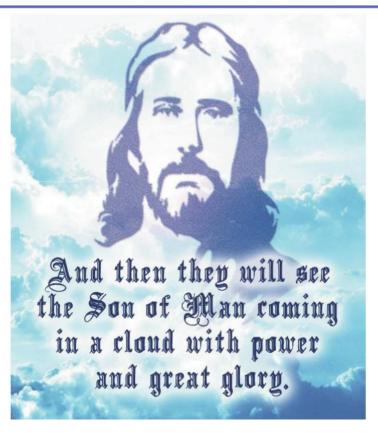
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First Sunday of Advent



#### 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* 

#### THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday ● November 29

Saint Clement

Isaiah 2:1-5 | Matthew 8:5-11

No Mass

**Tuesday ● November 30** 

Saint Andrew

Romans 10:9-18 | Matthew 4:18-22

7:00 p.m. †Michael Doerr By: Family

Wednesday 

● December 1

Blessed Charles de Foucauld

Isaiah 25:6-10a | Matthew 15:29-37

12:05 p.m. †Doris & Herbert Wieber

By: Lisa & Charlie Wieber

Thursday ● December 2

Blessed Rafal Chylinski

Isaiah 26:1-6 | Matthew 7:21, 24-27

8:30 a.m. †Karen Tomczyk

By: St. Vincent de Paul, Tuesday Volunteers

Friday • December 3

Saint Francis Xavier

Isaiah 29:17-24 | Matthew 9:27-31

8:30 a.m. †Dan Sandahl

By: Family

Saturday • December 4

Saint John Damascene

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 | Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

8:00 a.m. For an end to abortion

5:00 p.m. †Donna Kus

By: Lee & Dori Smith and Family

Sunday • December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

Saint Sabas

Baruch 5:1-9 | Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 | Luke 3:1-6

8:00 a.m. Deceased Fedewa family members

By: Ken & Mary Jane Fedewa

10:00 a.m. †Donald Goerge

By: Lee & Ann Parker

12:00 p.m. People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

December First Friday/First Saturday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

December 3rd, following 8:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration until Benediction & Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 4th.

What better way to spend some time with Our Lord as we prepare our hearts for His coming. All are welcome!

It is not necessary to have a scheduled time; however, we must have someone present at all times that the Blessed Sacrament is present on the altar.

We are in need of subs at the following times:

Friday, Dec. 3rd: 10 a.m., 2 & 5 p.m.

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

Please text/call Rebecca 989-292-2072 with questions or if you would like to spend time with Our Lord at one of these hours.

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM NOVEMBER 28TH - DECEMBER 4TH

In Honor of: Mary Schmitt

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:

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
Carol Burgtorf

#### 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 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.



WE ARE ALL Evangelizers (and whatever else is on Deacon Eric's mind)

## I WAS HUNGRY, AND YOU GAVE ME TO EAT

We all saw the news footage last August, transport planes taking off from Kabul, Afghanistan carrying refugees and evacuees prior to the U.S. pulling out of that country. Some of the video was heart-wrenching with people hanging on to airplane wheel housings as they took off; people being crushed against the airport gates trying to get on a flight out of Afghanistan - now ruled by the Taliban. Their hopes were to get to the United States.

After being vetted by the federal government, these Afghans. many who assisted the U.S. against the Taliban, are here. And by here, I mean Lansing. Area deacons met last week with Judi Harris, Director of Refugee Services for St. Vincent Catholic

Charities. She told us that 300 will be settled in Lansing and will have many needs going forward. We will keep you posted as to specifics.

The first need is to feed the 100 or so who are being housed in motels at the moment, prior to getting permanent housing. They need to be fed. Harris says the need, perhaps surprisingly, is not for food or money. They need people to cook meals for two hours a day at the Cristo Rev Center on High Street in Lansing. You can sign-up for any day you are available. Five-man teams cook Afghan food (recipes are already there). To sign-up for what would be a great Advent project, go to ELcatholics.org. There's a link at the bottom of the homepage that takes you directly to a sign-up page.

#### **VOCATIONS**

These are the last paragraphs of my column on the last Sunday of November and I have yet to

mention the fact that November is Vocations Awareness month. St. Joseph has always had a strong, faithful parishioner base, but unfortunately it has not produced a priest since Fr. Doug Osborne in 1969. We all know the number of priests in the diocese has been steadily declining. We need to help stop that trend by first, encouraging our young people to consider calls to the religious life; and secondly, by praying for vocations

God doesn't have a calendar, so he will hear our prayers in any month, not just November. Take the Traveling Chalice home and pray for vocations regularly that we may see an increase in priests, sisters and deacons. And men, take it from me, the Lord can call you at any time for the diaconate. Don't leave your spiritual phone on silent.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

## Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. on December 1st, the Supreme Court of the United States will hear oral arguments in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. In the case, the court will be determining whether Mississippi can ban elective abortions America could finally see the end to after 15 weeks gestation. Some of the the needless destruction of children questions the Justices will be considering strike right at the core of Roe v. Wade—which legalized abortion in 1973—signifying that they may overturn Roe and return the power of abortion regulation to the people.



The decision is expected next summer and after 48 years and over 61 million babies lost to abortion, in the womb. Please join us as we pray for the witnesses defending life in the oral arguments as well as the Supreme Court Justices who will be deciding whether or not the unborn will be allowed their God-given right to life.

#### Members of the Court:

Chief Justice John Roberts, Justice Clarence Thomas, Justice Stephen G. Breyer, Justice Samuel A. Alito, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Justice Elana Kagan, Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh, Justice Amy Coney Barrett.

#### More Information:

To provide an opportunity for our prayers on December 1st, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 a.m. until Mass at Noon. A rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said during each hour. Join with fellow parishioners to pray for life.

# <u>St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary</u> presents:

St. Joseph Parish Women's Advent Celebration

Waiting for Joy with Sheri Wohlfert

Friday, December 3, 2021
Church Basement
Social Time: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Speaker & Dessert 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

\$10.00 per ticket Available at the parish office

Contact Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088

# St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary Start Collecting ~ Update

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary will be collaborating with Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties in gathering used, but clean, empty water bottles for those in need, including the homeless. These bottles are relabeled and filled with various soaps such as shampoo, laundry and dish soaps.

The bottles will be collected on Tuesday, December 14 in the morning, Dawn will be dropping off the water bottles in Owosso at 1:30 p.m.

If you are unable to have your water bottle here on Tuesday, Dec 16, please bring them to the parish office before Dec. 16.

If you have questions, please contact Dawn Lawless by calling or texting 517-282-7648, Thank you.



# Alexa Potos Jomet

Was Baptized on Saturday, November 21, 2021, she is the daughter of Bulmaro Pozos Gomez & Christina Villanueva Salvador

# LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### December 4/5

#### Altar Servers

5:00 PM Team 1

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 Wood & Sharon Conley

12:00 PM Mike Stoddard and

Stu & Sharon Fitzpatrick

#### Lectors

5:00 PM Ann Parker 8:00 AM Bob Puralewski 10:00 AM Jane Miller 12:00 PM Mary Enneking

#### Ushers

5:00 PM Ron McCarty and Group 5B 8:00 AM Robert Karek and Group 8A 10:00 AM John Thayer and Group 10D 12:00 PM Pat Thiede and Group 12B

## **Counting Collections**

December 6 • Group 3

#### Sanctuary Cleaners

Dec. 11th • Pat Snyder & Mary Harr

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

For the week of November 29, 2021

Mon & Tues: Virtual Days Only

Wed: Mini pancakes w/syrup, bacon, hash browns, fruit & milk.

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

Fri: Chili w/crackers, cinn. rolls, fresh fruit & milk.

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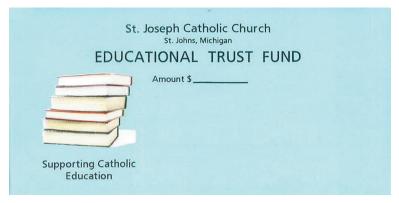
Menu is subject to change, based on food availability from suppliers.

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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?cid=1479

# STEWARDSHIP

For the week ending November 21, 2021

DUE TO EARLY THANKSGIVING DEADLINES, THE INFORMATION REGARDING OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21 IS NOT AVAILABLE. IT WILL BE POSTED NEXT WEEK, WITH NOVEMBER 28TH OFFERING INFORMATION.

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.

#### 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.



# Widows 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.

# Our Giving Tree is back

Beginning today, November 28th and ending on Monday, December 13th there will be baskets in the front corner of the addition.

Those baskets will have ornaments, with tags indicating a Christmas wish for someone in need. Grab as many ornaments as you wish.

Once you have purchased the special gift, please bring the gift back to the front corner of the addition, where they will be collected on Monday, December 13th.



Let us be Christmas Angels for those in Need!

The gifts will then be sorted according to the location, and delivered to some of God's children in need.

If you have and questions, please feel free to contact the parish office.

# Ihank-You!

Thank you St. Joseph parishioners for all your help with the donations to the Grand Rapids homes for Veterans. This is the first time I've done anything like this and it turned out better than I could have ever imagined! It's a great feeling to know that so many people support and honor our military veterans by these generous donations! This is something that hasn't been done in quite a while and it's nice to see that people still care. The veterans do appreciate it and so do I.

Riley Fry. 9th Grade

# St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt MI Upcoming Events

December 2 ~ Advent Retreat

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

2022

January 7-9 ~ Women's Weekend Retreat

Rediscovering Jesus

January 14-16 ~ Men's Weekend Retreat

Rediscovering Jesus

January 21-23 ~ Men's Weekend Retreat

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January 28-30 ~ Outpouring: DOL Confirmation Retreat

**February 11-13** ~ Men's Weekend Retreat

Rediscovering Jesus

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for more information or to register.

### ST. JOSEPH PARISH INTERIOR WORSHIP SPACE RENOVATIONS

We are seeking contractors, subcontractors and material suppliers who may have an interest in being part of the upcoming renovation of our worship space.

We invite anyone in the parish who is a general contractor, a sub contractor or a building material supplier to notify us of your interest in working on the project.

We intend to begin construction soon after Easter 2022 and complete the work within the following 4 to 5 months.

Work will be completed under the direction and contract of a general contractor.

If interested in working on this project or if you would like more information, please contact the architect, Dave Swanson by phone or email as follows:

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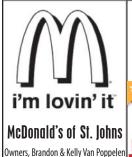


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