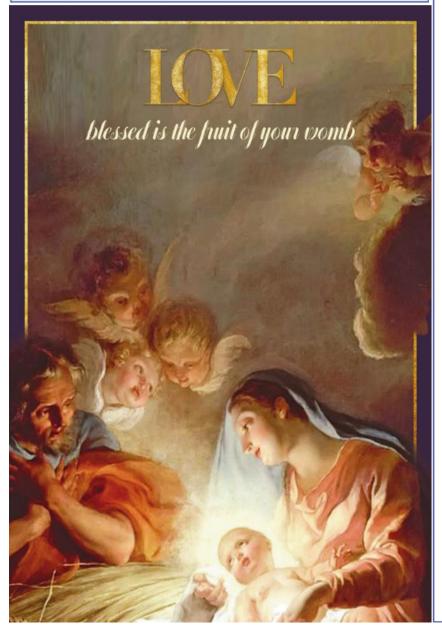
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St. Foseph Catholic Church



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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*

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Walter & Jennie

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Brad Walker

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Friend

Roger Dershem

Carol Burgtorf

Alan Gove

Eucharístic Adoration

"And the Word became Flesh and made His dwelling among us..." John 1:14

God did not choose to come to earth as a conquering King, but as a helpless Baby. To continue to remain close to us, He now veils Himself in the form of Bread & Wine.

It is the fourth Sunday of Advent; now is the time to stop by our Church to spend time with Our Lord, who made His dwelling among us.

If you are interested in becoming a part of our adoration team, text/call Rebecca 989-292-2072

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

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

In Memory of: Beloved Husband Robert A. Petty, 2019

The Parish office hours: Week of 12/19/21

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

Friday ~ Closed in observance of Christmas

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.

THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

Stan & Millie Wassa,

Dan Boak

Daniel Blair

Jeff & Charles Wadell



WE ARE ALL Evangelizers

(and whatever else is on Deacon Eric's mind)

I WANNA BE LIKE JOE

In the 1990s, the Chicago Bulls won six championships in eight years. Of course, most of us are aware that they were led by the incomparable Michael Jordan. Sports fans may argue whether he is the great basketball player of all time, but there was no denying he dominated the NBA in that decade.

After the Bulls won their first championship in 1991, Jordan made what still is considered his most popular TV ad built around the theme "I Wanna Be Like Mike." If you watched any TV in the early 1990s, you saw this Gatorade commercial of kids trying to be "Like Mike." lťs somewhat ironic that the ad referred to him as Mike, when the whole world called him Michael. The writers of the ad wanted him to come across as an average Joe - hence Mike over Michael.

He proved to be anything but average on the basketball court, and his outside-of-the-game lifestyle and persona would never be confused with that of an Average Joe.

I bring this up because the "Year of St. Joseph" in the Church just ended last week and, consistent with St. Joseph's life, it ended without fanfare. If ever there was a person of honor who could be considered an Average Joe, it would be St. Joseph. He was chosen by God to raise Jesus - a responsibility one could argue the Father would only give to the greatest saint, let alone an The concept of average one. Joseph as average could be attributed to his low-key presence in the Gospel. He is not quoted anywhere in Scripture, and in this liturgical cycle doesn't even get mentioned until Christmas Eve. Yet there is no question of his areatness.

In a recent National Catholic Register article* reflecting on the end of St. Joe's year, Robert Tunmire of the Catholic Men's Leadership Alliance said:

"He is the role model for the man, whether married or single. St. Joseph was a just man, very humble. He followed God; protected Mary; protected Jesus. Joseph portrays what we all can be and should be as men. You can look at him from any angle and go, 'Wow, that's the model!""

In the same article, a lay minister from Minnesota had similar praise:

"For me, St. Joseph is about being present, "He was present to Christ. He was present to his wife. He was present to the voice of God. By being present, he could virtuously act...(and) he was obedient."

Guys, look again at the qualities of St. Joseph as just stated. "I wanna be like Joe." How about you?

*Praising the Masculine Virtues of St. Joseph as His Jubilee Draws to a Close, NCR 12/5/21

Deacon Eric

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



Time for Confession?

Can't make the scheduled confession times?

Looking for a convenient

and confidential way to have Confession?

Call the parish office (989) 224-8994, let them know you are calling to make a confession appointment with Fr. Mike. You do not need to give your name. Meet Fr. Mike at the confessional at your scheduled time.



\$ MISCELLANEOUS MONEY MATTERS **\$**

Year End Contributions

Year-End Contribution Statements for 2021 will be mailed by the end of January. In compliance with the IRS, any donations postmarked after 12/31/21 or received in the office after 12/31/21 will be recorded as 2022 gifts. Your generosity this year toward the support of our parish has been appreciated!

Thinking about starting automatic contributions? Click on the Online Giving link at www.stjoecatholic.com/donate to get started.

Are you already using Online Giving? Sometimes we set up automatic systems and forget to check them to make sure everything is current. Please take a few minutes to make sure that your donation amount is correct and that your credit card or bank card hasn't expired.

IRA Required Minimum Distributions: If you're 70 1/2 years or older, donating your IRA required minimum distribution to the parish can be a way to pay less taxes. Contact your investment advisor and the parish office to make a direct transfer so that the distribution doesn't have to be claimed as income.

Donate stocks, bonds, or mutual funds: To avoid capital gains tax on appreciated securities, consider transferring them to St. Joe's as your donation. Contact your investment advisor and the parish office to make this transfer.



Beginning Sunday, January 2, 2022 Just before the Noon Mass, at about 11:30 a.m. the rosary will be prayed. This will happen every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. If you are interested in

leading the rosary, please contact the parish office.



Looking for Lectors in 2022

A new lector schedule will be coming out soon, if you are interested in becoming a Lector, please contact the parish office. If you are interested but

have never Lectured before, please call the parish office and schedule a training time.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 25/26 ~ Merry Christmas!

Altar Servers

Volunteers Needed	
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Team 3	
Volunteers Needed	
Eucharistic Ministers	
Mark Fedewa & Ed Thelen	
Cindy Coulter, Lana Hufnagel,	
Pam Feldpausch and	
Teri Gladden-Seperic	
Karen Wood & Sharon Conley	
Mike Stoddard and	
Stu & Sharon Fitzpatrick	
Lisa Wieber	
Lu Anne Cuthbert	
Steve Mahoney	
Debbie Thiede	
Ron McCarty and Group 5B	
Mike Huhn and Group 8D	
Jim Pontack and Group 10C	
Pat Thiede and Group 12B	
Counting Collections	

December 27 • Group 2

Sanctuary Cleaners

Dec. 25th • Becky Swender & Barb Longoria

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL Lunch Menu

For the week of December 20 & 27, 2021

Christmas Break, have a Merry Christmas to all the children and Staff.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

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

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BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Job Opening

Most Holy Trinity is looking for a business manager, the position is full time. This person must be a practicing Catholic with a strong work ethic. The candidate will work directly with the Pastor. They will also work with parish, school staff and various volunteer committee members.

The Business Manager will be responsible to assist the pastor to oversee the administer operational and business activities of the parish. In addition, this person will work with the bookkeeper to perform all accounting and bookkeeping records of the parish, including payroll, governmental reporting, and Diocesan reporting and record keeping.

Education

Associate Degree in Accounting. Preference for Bachelor degree in accounting or business management with accounting emphasis

If you are interested please submit your resume to: Fr. Dennis Howard, pastor Most Holy Trinity Parish 545 N Maple St Fowler MI 48835 989-593-2162

STEWARDSHIP

For the week ending December 12, 2021

Due to early due dates for the printer, the information is not available, it will be printed in next weeks bulletin.

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$20,447.47 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:

ANGELS OUTREACH MINISTRIES St. John Vianney Parish, Flint MI 485004

Volunteers needed for Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Masses, please see below. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to volunteer at one of these times. Mass times are as follows: Friday, December 24 @ 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., & 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 25 @ 9:00 a.m.

Lector ~ I need 1 Lector for the Friday, December 24 @ 10:00 p.m. Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers ~ 2 EM's are needed for each Mass, all Masses need volunteers.

Ushers ~ 6 Ushers are needed for each Mass, all Masses need volunteers.

Altar Servers ~ 2 Altar Servers are needed for each Mass, all Masses need volunteers.



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



FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

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RETREAT CENTER

St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI Women's Retreat: January 7-9, 2022 Men's Retreat: January 14-16, 2022

We will be taking a closer look at Matthew Kelly's popular book "Rediscover Jesus" and rediscovering what we know about Jesus, who he is, who he said he was, and how that should impact our lives today. Check in on Friday begins at 5:30 pm, with Mass following at 6:30, then dinner. The retreat concludes on Sunday around 11:00am. The suggested donation for the weekend is \$185. For more information or to register, visit www.stfrancis.ws or call 517-669-8321.



The Food Box

Donations help families in our community through the *Emergency*

Food Assistance Program at Beacon of Hope (First Baptist Church). Donations can be placed in the wooden box in the back of church, next to the free resources rack.

If each family brought just one item for the Food Box with them on Sunday, we could fill that wooden box every week.

Calling All Middle and High School Students

As you have noticed altar servers are back again at Sunday Masses. But since we lost a couple years of server training due to Covid, we don't have enough servers to cover all the Masses.

If you have been a server in the past, please prayerfully consider helping us out and serving the Lord and your parish the rest of this school year. By then we should have another young group trained. Just contact the parish office.

Thank you

Deacon Eric Elstro



Time to clean the Church, before Christmas

We are looking for volunteers on

Monday, December 20 @ 6:00 p.m.

If you are interested in helping to clean the Church before our Christmas Masses, please be at the Church on Monday, December 20 @ 6:00 p.m.

A Call for Cooks St. Vincent Catholic Charities

St. Vincent Charities is looking for cooks to volunteer to make meals for Afghan refugees currently housed in motels around Lansing. You can sign up for one or more two-hour shifts at ELcatholics.org. Just scroll down the homepage and sign-up for any day you wish.

Meals ae cooked at Cristo Rey Center on High Street in Lansing.

This is a great way to begin the giving season.

Deacon Eric Elstro



Be vigilant at all times

IMPORTANT INFORMATION SHARED

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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.

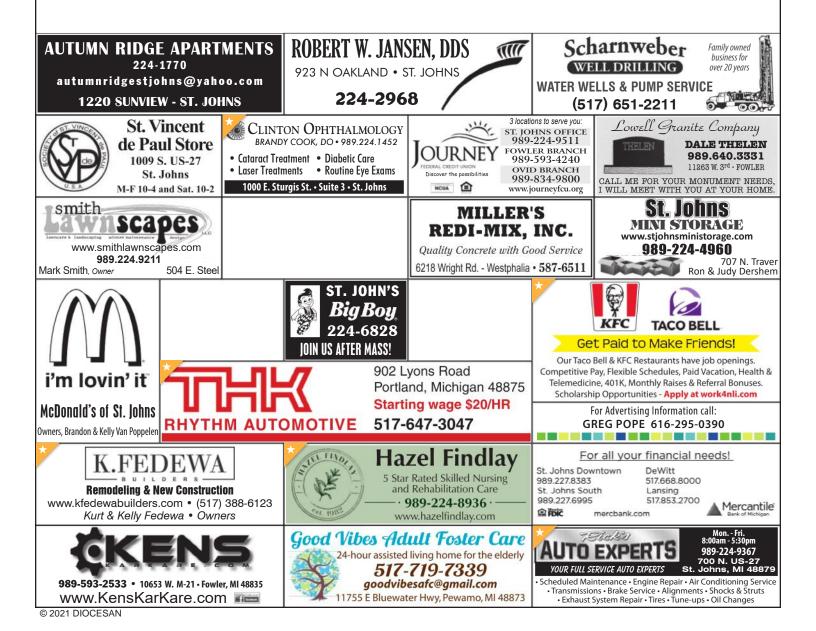
We invite anyone in the parish who is a general contractor, a sub contractor or a building material supplier to notify us of your interest in working on the project.

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:

Dave Swanson ~ Swanson Design Studios 329 E Grand River Ave Lansing MI 48906 Phone: 517-482-9039 or Email: dswanson@swansondesign.com







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