#### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

# 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**

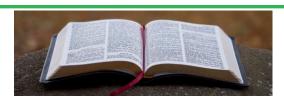
Saturday • 4:00 pm Tuesday • 6:30 pm

# **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** 



# This Week's Liturgies

Monday ● January 3

**Most Holy Name of Jesus** 

1 John 3:22-4:6 | Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

No Mass

Tuesday ● January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 John 4:7-10 | Mark 6:34-44

7:00 p.m. †Dennis Fox

5th Anniversary of Death

By: Millie Fox

Wednesday ● January 5

Saint John Neumann

1 John 4:11-18 | Mark 6:45-52

12:05 p.m. †Bill Asher

9th Anniversary of Death

By: Kathy Randolph

Thursday • January 6

Saint Andrè Bessette

1 John 4:19-5:4 | Luke 4:14-22a

8:30 a.m. † Kay Eisler

By: Donna Eisler

Friday • January 7

Saint Raymond of Peñafort

1 John 5:5-13 | Luke 5:12-16

8:30 a.m. † Neil Hafner

By: Margaret Klein & Family Saturday • January 8

Saint Angela of Foligno

1 John 5:14-21 | John 3:22-30

People of the Parish 5:00 p.m.

Sunday • January 9

Saint Adrian of Canterbury

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 | Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 | Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

8:00 a.m. †Ronald Cuthbert

By: Jeff Cuthbert

10:00 a.m. †Betty & Barry Bauer 12:00 p.m. †Nathan Murphy-DuBay

By: The Rehmann Family

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass



First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fanuary 7th & 8th

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a Son, and they shall name Him Emmanuel," which means "God with us." Matthew 1:23

God is with us in many ways, but in a very personal way in the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration on January 7th & 8th.

We are in need of a second adorer at the following times:

January 7th:

10 a.m., 2 & 6 p.m.

January 8th:

Midnight, 1, 2, 4, & 5 a.m.

Please text/call Rebecca 989-292-2072 if you will attend at one of these hours.

# THE SANCTUARY LAMP

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM JANUARY 2ND - JANUARY 8TH

In Memory of:

Janice Parker

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 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, Adam Jason Thelen Jacob Epling Rhonda Chamberlain Friend Roger Dershem Carol Burgtorf Alan Gove Renate Ward Danielle P.

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 WALK DOWN ANOTHER STREET

Autobiography in five short chapters (by Portia Nelson)

I walk down the street
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I fall in.
I am lost...I am helpless.
It isn't my fault.
It takes me forever to find a way out.

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I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I pretend I don't see it.
I fall in again.
I can't believe I am in the same place
But, it isn't my fault
It still takes a long time to get out.

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I walk down the same street.
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.
I see it is there.
I still fall in...it's a habit.
My eyes are open

I know where I am. It is my fault. I get out immediately.

#### IV

I walk down the same street. There is a deep hole in the sidewalk. I walk around it.

V
I walk down another street.

Those who have read Matthew Kelly's new book "Life is Messy," (there may still be some free copies in the back of church), remember this introspective poem. Kelly himself says this book is all about finding that other street to walk down. I find the poem to be especially timely.

First of all, we are at the beginning of a new year and many of us have already come up with New Year's Resolutions. Some of us will start thinking about those resolutions right after today's football games. Either way, it is a good time for us to ponder whether we are on the right street, especially when it comes to our faith. When we look at this poem from a spiritual perspective, we can look at the deep hole as sin. Most of us can relate to chapter III: our eyes are open, we see the sin, we know

where we're at, but we fall in anyway. It's a habit. It's daring the devil.

The second reason this poem is timely is that we will be holding a special prayer/anointing service at St. Joe's on Thursday January 13<sup>th</sup>. The idea behind the service sprang from the leadership of our parish Knights of Columbus who observed some of the illness and hurt within the K-C family, and realized that it is likely the same across the parish. It's important to note that this service will be for all who are hurting - all who are in a deep hole of some sort. That could be from post-holiday blues, to a recent loss of a family member, to financial hardships, to those seriously ill or afflicted. Anointing will be limited to the latter, but the prayers will be for all who are hurting. (More on this next week. Until then, watch your step.)

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

# Secular Franciscans

Do you feel drawn to the spirituality of St. Francis or St. Clare? Do you want to be a better Catholic? Draw nearer to God? Become more Christ-like? Then you may have a vocation to the Secular Franciscan Order. We are an association of men and women - married and singles - who live and work in the world. We follow a way of life that is faithful to the original Rule and make promises to live in the way of St. Francis. Admission to the order is open to men and women, single or married, those not already members of another order, and at least 18 years of age. The Secular Franciscan Order was established by St. Francis of Assisi more than 800 years ago. Our purpose is to bring the Gospel to life where we live and where we work. We look for ways to embrace the Gospel in our lives and try to help others to do likewise.

If you feel called to explore this way of life, please contact Michelle Bryk, OFS, 616-361-8489, michellebofs@gmail.com.

A special prayer service at St. Joseph Catholic Church, in St. Johns, MI on Thursday, January 13th, @ 6:00 p.m.

"Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive". (Matthew 21:22)

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite the parishioners of St. Joe's and their friends to a prayer service for healing. Come spend some time with our Lord, give him your illness, your anxieties, your restlessness, and your fears. The service will include scripture reading, reflection on the readings, presentation of intentions, and an anointing. The service will take place Thursday, January 13th, at 6 PM in the main body of the Church.

# Religious Formation/Confirmation News

# 8th Grade Confirmation Session

The next 8th grade Confirmation session is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 9th at 1:00 - 2:15 pm in the school cafeteria following the Noon Mass. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please bring your textbook with you to the session. For questions contact Jen Nelson at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com or call 989-224-8537.

# 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.



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 lectored before, please call the parish office and schedule a training time.

# LITURGICAL MINISTERS

# January 8/9

# Altar Servers

5:00 PM Volunteers Needed 8:00 AM Volunteers Needed

10:00 AM Group 2 12:00 PM Group 2 Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 PM Mark Fedewa & Ed Thelen 8:00 AM Richard Hollis, Pat Brya, and

Lu Anne Cuthbert

10:00 AM Amber Carn, Sue Fox and

Bridgette Voisinet

12:00 PM Ed Canfield. Ron Dershem and

Tom Wenzlick

Lectors

5:00 PM Rita Ackerman 8:00 AM Bob Puralewski 10:00 AM Ted Suidgeest 12:00 PM Dawn Lawless

Ushers

5:00 PM Dennis Koenigsknecht \* Grp 5C

8:00 AM Roy Simon \* Grp 8E 10:00 AM John Thayer \* Grp 10D 12:00 PM Glenn Voisin \* Grp 12C

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January 10, 2022 • Group 1

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# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

For the week of January 3, 2022

Mon & Tues: Virtual Days Only

Wed: French toast w/syrup, sausage, hash browns, fruit & milk.

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

milk

Fri: Pizza, carrots, fruit & milk

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# 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 19, 2021

Adults (243) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$17,194.10	
(Including automated debits and online giving)		
Loose Cash:	\$471.00	
Total:	\$17.665.10	

#### **Other Envelopes Received**

Education Trust Fund:	\$110.00
Building Fund:	\$395.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$220.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$20,566.88 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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St. John Vianney Parish, Flint MI 485004



# 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.

# LORD, every nation on earth WILL ADORE YOU.

# A Call to Prayer for Life:

Please continue prayers for the U.S. Supreme Court Justices as they continue to consider the Dobbs v Jackson case. This case could lead to the overturning of the Roe v Wade decision to legalize abortion. Please pray that the Justices are blessed with the Holy Spirit's gifts of wisdom, knowledge and courage as they consider the facts of this case.

We will have a special hour of devotion and prayers from 5 to 6 PM during First Friday adoration on January 7th. Prayers during this hour will be offered specifically for the Supreme Court Justices and the end of abortion. We invite everyone to join in this special hour of prayer.



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.

# A Special Thank you!!

Veronica Rozen, Jane Randolph, Kate Mullen, Rose Rennells, and Sue Fox

These ladies took time from their day and came in to give the Church a good cleaning before Christmas.

# 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 are cooked at Cristo Rey Center on High Street in Lansing.

This is a great way to begin the giving season.

Deacon Eric Elstro

# Receiving Holy Eucharist on the tongue.

For those of you who wish to partake of Holy Communion on the tongue, Fr. Mike will be distributing the Eucharist both ways (by hand and on the tongue). If you wish to receive on the tongue, please only go to Fr. Mike as he is the only one distributing the Eucharist both ways.

Thank-You

# Why Be Registered?

Are you registered as a St. Joseph parishioner?

Often people will attend Mass at our parish for years, but never officially register. Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the St.

Joseph parish community.

Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for baptisms, weddings, Faith Formation registrations, baptismal or confirmation sponsorship and even funerals. To register, fill out the form on the right and put it in the Sunday collection or visit

www.stjoecatholic.com/register

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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 5months.

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

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