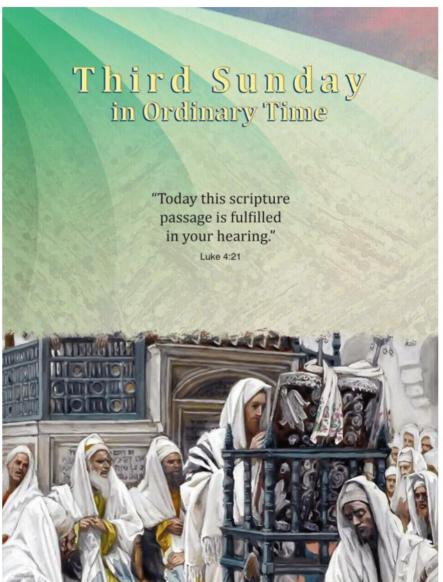
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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St. Joseph School • Chris Wells
Religious Education • Jen Nelson
Confirmation • Jen Nelson
Youth Group • Nancy Poff
Adult Faith Formation • Nancy Joseph
Evangelization • Nancy Joseph
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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

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 24

Saint Francis de Sales

2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10 | Mark 3:22-30

No Mass

Tuesday ● January 25

Conversion of Saint Paul

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 | Mark 16:15-18

7:00 p.m. †Max Feldpausch

By: Terry & Sue Brya

Wednesday • January 26

Saint Timothy and Titus

2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5 | Mark 4:1-20

12:05 p.m. †Brenda Hogan

By: Harry & Dianne Goerge

Thursday ● January 27 Saint Angela Merici

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 | Mark 4:21-25

8:30 a.m. In Honor of: Bill & Elaine Stevens

40th Wedding Anniversary

By: Anne Wieser

Friday • January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas

2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 | Mark 4:26-34

8:30 a.m. †Charles Wadell

By: Knights of Columbus

Saturday ● January 29

Servant of God Brother Juniper

2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17 | Mark 4:35-41

5:00 p.m. †Jerry & Virgene Henning

By: Jay & Donna Henning

Sunday ● January 30

Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 | 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 or 1 Corinthians 13:4-

13 | Luke 4:21-30

8:00 a.m. †Jim Clark

Bv: Lu Anne Cuthbert

10:00 a.m. †Dave Schroeder

By: Susie & Kids

12:00 p.m. People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Intention: †Juvencia Melendez

Join our Adoration Team

We are always looking for people who would like to join our adoration team. There are a number of ways that you can help make First Friday Exposition of

the Blessed Sacrament possible:

 Commit to one hour of prayer per month. We are particularly in need during the nighttime hours. An hour of scheduled adoration is an indescribable gift.

2. Join our sub list. This is a very important help and allows for greater flexibility

when needed.

Watch the bulletin and St. Joseph's Facebook page prior to First Friday for hours that are in need of an adorer. Invite someone to come with you to adoration...family, friends, someone who has no idea what Exposition is like. Pray for the return of respect for and belief in Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. If you are interested or have questions, text/call Rebecca 989-292-2072.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM JANUARY 23RD - JANUARY 29TH

In Memory of: Jím Cleaver

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:

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Patricia
Jennie Pytlowanyj
Myah
Sally Lorenc

Brad Walker

Matthew

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

Joseph Caudy

Bob

Our parishioners in the service, especially:

Adam Novak Alex Detloff Alex Rojas Colby Munger David Seperic Eric Martin Jacob Longoria Jacob Wells Jake Hoskins Jessica Mitchell Jordan Van Amburg Joseph Larsen Joshua Szpont Noel Smith II William Hess 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)

HEAR YE, HEAR YE

Listen up everybody, St. Luke has something to say. For all the Sundays leading up to Lent, we will be hearing from St. Luke's gospel, and today we start from the very beginning of his account. He writes a prologue in the form of a letter to his friend Theophilus. (Luke also mentions Theophilus, which means "friend of God," at the beginning of the second New Testament book he authored - the Acts of the Apostles.)

Outside of his Scriptural work, Luke is best known historically as a physician. And in his opening words, we can see that Luke takes a scientific as well as journalistic approach to his writing - "investigating everything accurately" and writing it down in an orderly fashion "so you may realize the certainty of the writings you have received." To some, it may appear that Luke is taking a poke at his fellow synoptic evangelists, implying that something they've written is lacking. If so, then some scholars believe it is not in the factual accounts (88 percent of Mark's accounts show up in Luke), but perhaps more in Luke's belief that Matthew and Mark could have had a broader interpretation of the events specifically to show the link between Jesus' life and the writings of the Old Testament prophets. (NOTE: John's gospel was written after the three synoptics.)

This look at today's gospel is a bit of a follow-up of my homily last week when I went into some theological depth on the Wedding Feast at Cana. It's my attempt to show just how deep the gospels can get theologically. It not only shows why bible scholars spend their lives digging into symbolism and archetyping, but that there is plenty for us to discover by investing in study bibles, commentaries, and devotions, as

well as the time necessary to benefit from them.

I noted at the beginning that Luke had something to say. The second half of today's gospel picks up Jesus at the beginning of his ministry. Jesus also has something to say. He's teaching in the synagogue and today's concluding line is: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Taking time to listen, let's ask ourselves "what did I hear?"

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com

POSTSCRIPT: Thanks again to the Knights of Columbus for the idea, Jeff Richards for the music, and Anne Thelen for her cantering which made last week's prayer service at St. Joe's so wonderful. I've heard from several people who were moved by the Holy Spirit that evening. Thank you for making the evening a success for so many people in our parish who were hurting.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

This life is a journey. It's a pilgrimage. A pilgrimage from God to God. We are each pilgrims on that narrow path. It's not an easy journey. We all know that. However, if we co-operate with God's grace we can make it and, even better, we can make it together.

Who, though, can teach us the way? The answer, of course, is Jesus Christ. Indeed, in the Holy Gospels, Our Blessed Lord identifies himself as "the way". Meanwhile, the early Christians often referred to their new life as disciples of Jesus Christ as "the Way" (e.f., Acts 9:2). We too are his chosen. That is why I invite you to join me as **Disciples Together on the Way.**

Across the coming year, starting January 2022, we will then attempt to acquire a different good habit each week in order to help us develop four key areas of discipleship; prayer, catechesis, community and apostolate.

So, do you want to take up the Disciples Together on the Way challenge? If so, simply pick up your cellphone and text **ONTHEWAY to 84576.** or go to www.dioceseoflansing.org/on-the-way

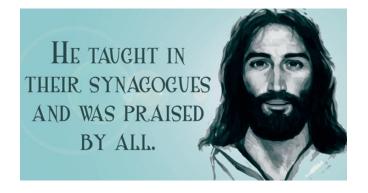


Religious Formation/ Confirmation News

Please pray for all the **2nd Graders** in the school and parish who will be celebrating their First Reconciliation this month.

Please also include prayers for the 9th Grade Confirmation Candidates that are attending their retreat soon and celebrating Confirmation here in February.

Pray that they all may continue to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the Sacraments. Prayers for their parents and catechists who are leading them to Christ. Thank you!



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

For the week of January 24, 2022

Mon: Tortilla chips w/cheese & meat sauce, corn, pears

& milk.

Tues: Lasagna, bread sticks, green beans, mixed fruit &

milk.

Wed: Ham, scalloped potatoes, peaches & milk.

Thurs: Sloppy joe on a bun, french fries, fresh fruit &

milk.

Fri: No School

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 29/30

Altar Servers

5:00 PM Group 1

8:00 AM Volunteers Needed

10:00 AM Group 2 12:00 PM Group 1

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 PM Group 1 8:00 AM Group 1 10:00 AM Group 1 12:00 PM Group 1

Lectors

5:00 PM Diane Armbrustmacher 8:00 AM Lu Anne Cuthbert 10:00 AM Karen Densmore

12:00 PM Ed/Cecilia Canfield

Ushers

5:00 PM Jay H. and Group 5A 8:00 AM Mike H. and Group 8D 10:00 AM John T. and Group 10D 12:00 PM Mike S. and Group 12A

Counting Collections

January 24, 2022 • Group 3

Sanctuary Cleaners

Jan. 29th • Mary Beth E. and Jan V.



St. Joseph Men's retreat February 11 - 13 Topic: Rediscovering Jesus

If you are interested in attending the Men's retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt MI, please contact Henry Burkhardt at 989-224-7540 or Roger Dershem at 989-640-1313.



The Rosary is prayed every Sunday morning 1/2 hour before Mass at the 8 a.m, 10 a.m, and Noon Mass

Rest In Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of:

Dorís Andrews, Ethel Kuhns, and Walter Pytlowanjy



Important!! Online Giving Donors & Online Tuition Payers

The software company that administers our online giving program has moved us to their

updated software called ParishSOFT Giving.

If you had recurring gifts/payments set up in the old platform, your information was automatically converted to the new program and your gifts/payments will continue. When you log in for the first time, you'll have a couple of extra steps and will use an email address instead of your old user ID. It is important to use the same email address as your former online giving account and follow these setup steps:

- 1. Click "Register a New Account" on the new online giving login page.
- 2. Update any out-of-date information in your donor profile.

If you don't have a recurring gift/payment scheduled, you can create an account in ParishSOFT Giving by following the link from our parish's or school's website.

Despite the short lead time for us, they assure us that the new program allows for an easier experience for you, our parishioners. If you have any questions, contact Susan in the parish office at 989-224-8994.

STEWARDSHIP

For the week ending January 16, 2022

 Adults (226) Envelopes/Gifts:
 \$15,390.10

 (Including automated debits and online giving)

 Loose Cash:
 \$458.00

 Total:
 \$15,848.10

Other Envelopes Received

 Education Trust Fund:
 \$405.00

 Building Fund:
 \$620.00

 Tuition Scholarship Fund:
 \$330.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$21,216.20 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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NEW POSITION OPENING:

St. Joseph Church is accepting applications for a part-time Bookkeeper. The Bookkeeper will work closely with the Business Manager, maintain the accounting ledger using double-entry bookkeeping, process receivables and payables, and prepare payroll. Applicant must have an associate degree in accounting or equivalent experience, have familiarity with accounting software, and be proficient with Excel.

This position is 10-15 hours per week, year-round. Full position description is available at www.stjoecatholic.com/forms/ If you are someone who fully embraces the teachings and mission of the Catholic Church and are interested in working in this environment, apply online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers or send your resume, cover letter, and references to Susan Mahoney, St. Joseph Church, 109 Linden St., St. Johns, MI 48879.

email: <u>business.stjoseph@gmail.com</u>.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Today, January 23rd, is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. This day we need to pray for the over 60 million babies who have been aborted since the Roe ν Wade decision 49 years ago. Pray that this decision will be overturned and God's gift of life will no longer be ended by abortion. Please pray for the conversion of all those who participate in abortion either directly or by their acceptance of this act. Finally, pray for all those women who are troubled or pressured to consider what is offered as a solution to their trouble, that they may receive the support they need to choose life. On this day, remember the great gift of life that God has given to all and pray that it is treasured and protected.

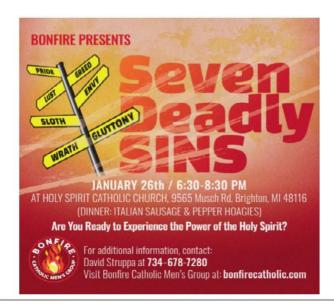


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We invite you to join Lansing Catholic High School at one of their upcoming evens. Curious about financial aid? Come to Financial Aid Night on Tuesday, January 25 @ 6 pm in our Library. Parents are invited to learn more about financial aid, review the process, and get their questions answered. Or stop by Prospective Family Night on Wednesday, February 2 from 6:30 -8:30 pm. Students and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and meet with faculty and administrations.

Visit lansingcatholic.org/admissions to learn more.





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 January 29th 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.

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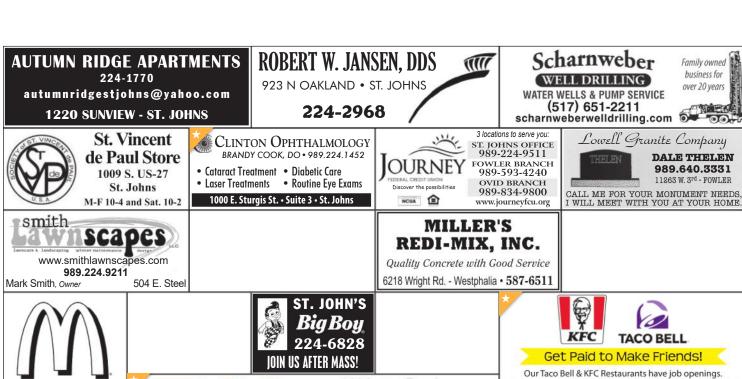


Mark your calendars! The 8th Annual Feast & Raffle Run for the Roses March 19, 2022

Dinner tickets are on sale now at https://one.bidpal.net/ stjoefeast2022/welcome. Your \$75.00 ticket includes food, drink, and entertainment.

The car raffle and 50/50 are back too, those tickets can be purchased at the Church or School Office, or send the committee an email at stjoefeast@gmail.com. For more information go to the Feast and Raffle Facebook page.









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