St. Foseph Catholic Church

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> In the Catholic school, subjects do not present only knowledge to be attained but also values to be acquired and truths to be discovered.

> > The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium



#### **JANUARY 30, 2022**

#### **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

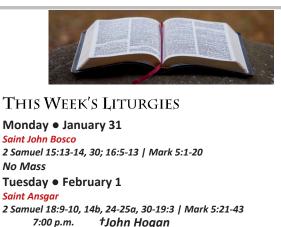
**Regular Mass Schedule** Saturday • 5:00 pm Sunday • 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 PM (Holy Days • Consult the bulletin.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday • 4:00 pm Tuesday • 6:30 pm

**Prayer Tree** Parish Office: (989)-224-8994

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** Mondays at Noon for the following weekend. Send to stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



By: Family Wednesday • February 2 Presentation of the Lord ~ Feast Malachi 3:1-4 | Hebrews 2:14-18 | Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 12:05 p.m. †Carl & Laurene Thelen By: The Family

Thursday • February 3 Saint Blaise

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 | Mark 6:7-13 8:30 a.m. †Doris M. Orson By: Family

Friday • February 4 Saint Joseph of Leonissa

Sirach 47:2-11 | Mark 6:14-29 8:30 a.m. **†Sylvia McKay** 

By: Chuck & Linda Biewer Saturday • February 5

Saint Agatha

1 Kings 3:4-13 | Mark 6:30-34 8:30 a.m. For an End to Abortion 5:00 p.m. †Leon E. Thelen By: Bertine Thelen

#### Sunday • February 6 Saint Paul Miki and Companions

Stanta Van Anna Charles (Section 2016) Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11or 15:3-8, 11 | Luke 5:1-11

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish 10:00 a.m. †Carolyn Spitzley By: Judy Childers 12:00 p.m. †Bob & Mary Zuker By: Ed & Cease Canfield 1:00 p.m. Baptisms 6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Intension *†Sr. Marcella Oloarte* 

#### 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 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.



#### First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: February 4th-5th

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration from February 4th @ 9 a.m. through February 5th prior to 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to stop in for prayer & adoration of Our Lord.

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

February 4th: 10 a.m., 2 & 6 p.m. February 5th: midnight, 1, 4, & 5 a.m.

Please text or call Rebecca 989-292-2072 if you will attend at one of these hours. It is not necessary to have an assigned hour, however, it does help make Exposition possible.

On Friday, February 4th, at 5 p.m., a Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet will be led for an end to abortion & for our Supreme Court justices. For more information, see a "Call to Prayer for Life"

#### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM JANUARY 30TH - FEBRUARY 5TH

In Memory of Deceased members of the Blair family

#### 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.

Jake Hoskins

Our parishioners in the service, especially:

Adam Novak

Alex Detloff

Alex Rojas

Colby Munger

David Seperic

Eric Martin

Jacob Longoria

Jacob Wells

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.

THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED

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# WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

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

## A SHORT MAN STANDS TALL

We haven't heard from our old friend G. K. Chesterton in a while so let's hear what he has to say about love, forgiveness, faith and hope:

"To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.

The Lord has recently taken home a man who lived by that Chesterton quote. Walt was not a tall man in stature, but many taller people looked up to him. He was looked up to because he was a man of true faith who loved well and exemplified hope to an extreme. And anyone who lives the theological virtues of faith, hope and love can't help but be forgiving along the way.

I say all this despite knowing Walt only two years while bringing the Eucharist to him and his wife Jennie at their home. What I know is not as much from him. but about him, with information from his wife, from his children and from a grandson at a recent funeral vigil. They paint a picture of how much his faith was an essential part of his life. It is perhaps tragic irony that his death came after he took a bad fall while doing his daily morning prayer. Last Sunday, we heard from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians about the many parts of the body dependent on the others, but if being one could be "all heart" it was Walt.

Walt's story began in Ukraine where he was born 97 years ago. His life journey could be described as an adventure movie, a profile in courage, a study in faith, a story about hope or a litany of love for God and family. It was all of the above. He grew up under Stalinist rule, fled his homeland during World War Two, and ended up in a displaced persons camp in Germany. He got an education, became a teacher, saw an opportunity to come to America and eventually ended up in Lansing working at Oldsmobile. Along the way, he learned five languages. He fell in love, got married and raised six children.

Through it all he faced hopeless situations, yet maintained hope. He had to believe in the unbelievable, which his faith allowed him to do, yet I'm told, he didn't talk about himself much. He worked at Olds for 35 years and tended his farm as well. He was open to God's plan at all times. He was well-loved because he loved well. Walt was short in stature, but he stood tall in front of all those who loved him.

Deacon Eric

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

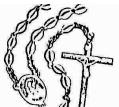


# Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage - Sunday, February 13

There will be a blessing for married couples at all Masses on the weekend of February 13. The vocation and sacrament of marriage is the basis for the family, the domestic church! In marriage vows, love and honor are used as verbs. Plan to celebrate your marriage on this weekend by having a date night, exchanging gifts, going out to breakfast, or just spending the day together. To help you in your journey, check out *www.foryourmarriage.org* 

Pull out your copy of the January/February Faith magazine and reread Fr. Tad's column "<u>What</u> <u>Young People Could Most Profit From Hearing About Marriage</u>". He talks about how marriage and raising a family are becoming revolutionary acts in today's world. Yet they are essential as something positive and hopeful about the future and a push back against fear and uncertainty.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Wídows 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.



# 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

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL Lunch Menu

#### For the week of January 31, 2022

Mon: Corn dogs, tator tots, mixed fruit & milk.

- Tues: Baked chicken, baked potato w/cheese, fruit & milk.
- Wed: Chicken fettuccini, bread sticks, green beans, pears & milk.
- Thurs: Hamburger on a bun w/cheese, fried chips, fresh Fruit & milk.
- Fri: Pizza, peas, strawberry shortcake & milk.

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

# LITURGICAL MINISTERS

## February 5/6

Altar Servers		
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5:00 PM	Volunteers Needed	
8:00 AM	Volunteers Needed	
10:00 AM	Group 3	
12:00 PM	Group 2	
Eucharistic Ministers		
5:00 PM	Group 2	
8:00 AM	Group 2	
10:00 AM	Group 2	
12:00 PM	Group 2	
Lectors		
5:00 PM	Rita Ackerman	
8:00 AM	Rich Hollis	
10:00 AM	Stu Fitzpatrick	
12:00 PM	Debbie Thiede	

#### Ushers

5:00 PM	Kevin B. and Group 5B
8:00 AM	Mike B. and Group 8E
10:00 AM	Jim S. and Group 10A
12:00 PM	Dennis P. and Group 12B

Counting Collections

January 31, 2022 • Group 4

#### Sanctuary Cleaners

Jan.29th • Mary Beth E. and Jan V.

Full schedules are available at www.stjoecathlic.com/schedules



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.

# BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

This institution is an equal

opportunity provider

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# **Rest In Peace**

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of:

Bertíne Thelen



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.



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

# STEWARDSHIP

#### For the week ending January 23, 2022

Adults (182) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$15,101.05	
(Including automated debits and online giving)		
Loose Cash:	\$447.25	
Total:	\$15,548.30	

#### **Other Envelopes Received**

Education Trust Fund:	\$160.00
Building Fund:	\$650.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$85.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$21,027.27 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:

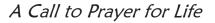
**ANGELS OUTREACH MINISTRIES** St. John Vianney Parish, Flint MI 485004

## 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, yearround. Full position description is available at <u>www.stjoecatholic.com/forms/</u> 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 <u>www.dioceseoflansing.org/</u> <u>human-resources/careers</u> or send your resume, cover letter, and references to Susan Mahoney, St. Joseph Church, 109 Linden St., St. Johns, MI 48879, email: business.stjoseph@gmail.com.

FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED



First Friday offers another opportunity for us to pray for the end to abortion. The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said during the 5:00pm to 6:00pm hour, on Friday, February 4. These prayers will be offered for the Supreme Court Justices so they have the wisdom, knowledge and fortitude of the Holy Spirit in their deliberations on the Dobb v Jackson case. Our prayer is that the deliberations will lead to the end of Roe v Wade. Prayers will also be offered for our state as petitions begin to circulate to overturn the law that bans abortion in Michigan. It is through prayer that abortion will end and God's precious gift of life will be preserved.

# **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.

# Do you need to update your information?

Use this form to update, clip it out and put it in the collection

basket on Saturday or Sunday.

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:



Lansing Catholic Corks + Cuisine! Jan. 29, 2022 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Lansing Catholic High School invites you to join them for a fabulous tasting event that showcases delicious food from local restaurants and sips of wine and beer

from area distributors and brewing companies. Gather for a relaxed, casual evening for our Catholic community to connect and socialize, but most importantly to have fun! Tickets: \$40 in advance. Must be 21+ to attend. Please visit our website at <u>www.lansingcatholic.org/cc</u> for event details, online ticket sales, and sponsorship opportunities. Contact Paula Wilcox, Director of Mission Advancement at <u>give@lansingcatholic.org</u> or 517-267-2121 for information.



Women of Spirit Retreat featuring Sheri Wohlfert: March 4-6, 2022

St. Francis Retreat Center invites women to a new type of retreat first weekend in Lent. Celebrate the many ways the Spirit moves in women's lives such as prayer, Adoration, fellowship, fun, and Mass. Friday will be a quiet evening; Saturday, however, will anticipate the Sunday resurrection feast, and we will celebrate with Sheri Wohlfert as our guest speaker for the entire day. Joyful fellowship Saturday evening includes wine tasting. \$170 for double occupancy, \$200 for single occupancy. Visit <u>www.stfrancis.ws</u> to register.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





# 2022 St. Joseph Feast and Raffle

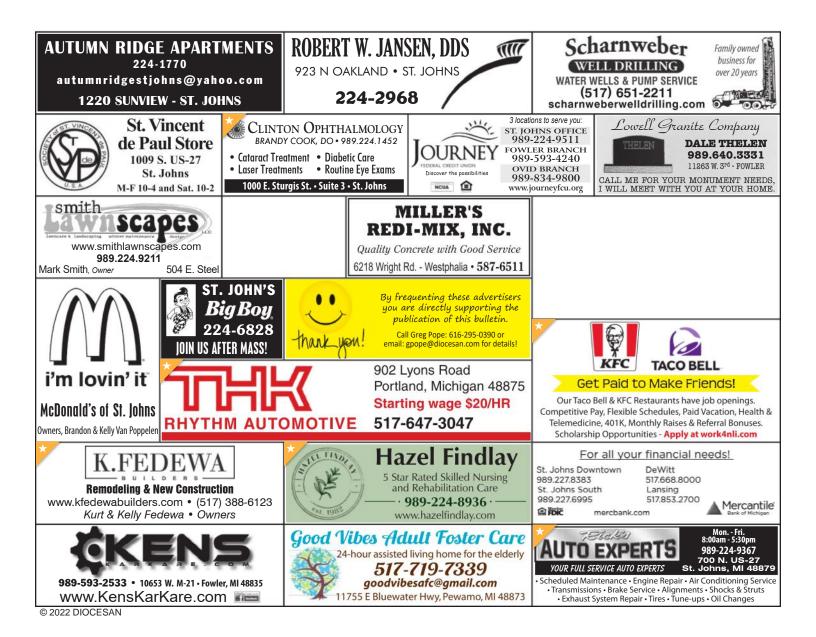
Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases, the very difficult decision has been made to transition the 2022 Feast and Raffle to a virtual even to take place on March 19, 2022. This safeguards our school community while ensuring that our annual fundraiser continues.

There are still 4 ways to support this event:

- ~ Purchase car raffle tickets
- ~ Purchase 50/50 tickets
- ~Donate to the auction
- ~Participate in the online auction @ https://one.bidpal.net/stjoefeast2022



Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Church or School Offices, or send the committee an email at **stjoefeast@gmail.com**. For more information go to their Facebook page at, <u>https://www.facebook.com/St.josephfeastandraffle99</u>







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