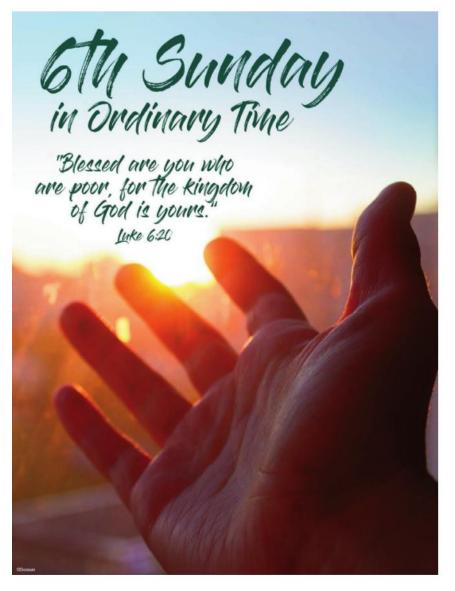
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#### ALL ARE WELCOME!

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**

Parish Office: (989)-224-8994

#### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

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



#### THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday ● February 14

Saint Cyril and Methodius

James 1:1-11 | Mark 8:11-13

No Mass

Tuesday ● February 15

Saint Claude de la Colombiere

James 1:12-18 | Mark 8:14-21

7:00 p.m. †Jeanette Schomisch

By: Husband

Wednesday ● February 16

Saint Gilbert of Sempringham

James 1:19-27 | Mark 8:22-26

12:05 p.m. †Joseph & Mary Miller

By: Margaret Sweeney

Thursday ● February 17
Seven Founders of the Servite Order

James 2:1-9 | Mark 8:27-33

8:30 a.m. †Fr. Harry Sikorski

By: Pat & Pam Walsh

Friday ● February 18

Blessed John of Fiesole

James 2:14-24, 26 | Mark 8:34-9:1

8:30 a.m. †Alvin Booms

By: Lisa & Charlie Wieber

Saturday ● February 19
Saint Conrad of Piacenza

James 3:1-10 | Mark 9:2-13

5:00 p.m. †James Jorae

By: family

Sunday ● February 20

Saint Jacinta and Francisco Marto

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 | 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 | Luke 6:27-38

8:00 a.m. †Dian Volmering & Debra Geiger

By: Chris & Kathy George

10:00 a.m. †Alice & Donald Schneider

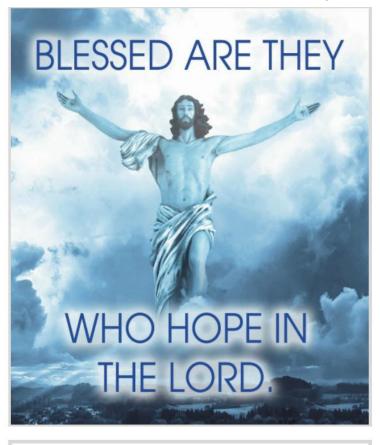
Living & Deceased Family Members

By: Helen Schneider

12:00 p.m. People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Intention †Sr. Marcella Oloarte



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM FEBRUARY 13TH - FEBRUARY 19TH

In Memory of Robert Cardosa & Sílvano Alvarado

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

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.
Jerry Schafer

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
Grace 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)

#### POPE on HOPE 2.0

Last week, we examined the theological virtue of hope as a virtue of confident expectation. Today we will look at the flip-side, when, among other hurdles, we will see overconfidence in our expectation as one of a variety of sins against hope. As I did last week, I will again lean on the writings of Msgr. Charles Pope, a nationally-known Catholic priest and author.

Pope notes that St. Thomas Aquinas and the Catechism are quite clear about our need to guard against two sins against hope - despair and presumption. The catechism's definition of despair is when one "ceases to hope for his personal salvation from God, for help in attaining it or for the forgiveness of sins. Despair is contrary to God's goodness." (CCC 2091) The sin is in our rejection of the Lord's graces and not, for example, in a deep sadness we may feel when

dealing with grief.

Despair, Pope says, "is common today when we too easily conclude that it is not possible to live the holy life to which God summons us...(and) because it denies that God's grace can equip us...to live holy lives." He says that "confident expectation" we talked about last week "pertains to things that are difficult, but not impossible." Taking care of the poor, as St. Luke emphasizes in today's gospel, can be difficult, yet as Christians we are expected to do so. Certainly we are aware that following Christ presents challenges, yet the reward that hope gives us through his graces allows us the opportunity to join him in eternal life. Aquinas lists the sin of sloth as an offshoot of despair, because some people believe it is just too hard to live the life God expects from us. Sadly for them, the great reward we see is not worth their effort.

The second sin against hope is that of presumption - which the catechism breaks into two categories: one in which man presumes he can get himself to heaven without God's help, and

the other is when he presumes God's mercy is so great that his sins will be forgiven no matter lives he his (Paraphrased from CCC 2092). The second, which we can call "over-confident expectation" is quite common. "At too many funerals," Pope says, 'canonizations' take place." This attitude is summed up in the Book of Sirach: "Of forgiveness be not overconfident, adding sin upon sin. Say not: 'great is his mercy: my many sins he will forgive.' "(Sir 5:5-6)

We must remember that our God is a God of mercy, but that mercy comes from our confession of our sins and our true desire to avoid them in the future. But our God is also a God of justice. If we put all of our eggs in the mercy basket without seeking the Lord's forgiveness and graces, we may be presuming our basket doesn't have a big hole in the bottom. I, for one, choose not to make that presumption.

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



## Exploring "The Chosen"

Please join Deacon Eric as he takes a deep look at the popular streaming program "The Chosen." The first part of the eight-week session will start on Thursday evening March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Church library. Length of each session will vary from week to week, but plan on 75 to 90 minutes.

"The Chosen" takes a look at the life of Jesus, with each week highlighting an event or parable in the gospel. It is highly professional and offers considerable room for conversation and interpretation after the viewing of the episodes. This program can stimulate better understanding of Jesus and his disciples as well as a desire to study the bible at home.

If there is significant interest in a Thursday or Friday morning session, that may be added. All of those interested in the morning or evening sessions, please contact the parish office.

## Mass on Tuesday, February 22 will be at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions <u>will not</u> take place before Mass on the 22nd.

You are welcome to attend this Mass as we celebrate this night with our Confirmation Candidates and their families.

Please also keep them in your prayers. For questions contact Jen Nelson

at <u>dre.stjoseph@gmail.com</u> or call (989) 224-8537.

#### **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 February 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### February 19/20

#### Altar Servers

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

10:00 AM Group 2

12:00 PM Volunteers Needed

#### **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 Ann Parker 8:00 AM Trevor Hollis 10:00 AM Tori Steingreaber 12:00 PM Dawn Lawless

#### Ushers

5:00 PM Jay H. and Group 5A 8:00 AM Tom C. and Group 8B 10:00 AM Henry B. and Group 10C 12:00 PM Ron D. and Group 12A

#### Counting Collections

February 14, 2022 • Group 2

#### Sanctuary Cleaners

Feb.19th • Pam E. & Karen F.

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

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

For the week of February 14, 2022

Mon: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes. w/gravy, corn,

applesauce & milk.

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

Wed: Chicken noodle soup w/crackers, blueberry muffins,

fruit & milk.

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

Fri: Pigs in a blanket, tator tots, fruit & milk.

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

Parents with one or more students attending Lansing Catholic High School may apply for a parish subsidy grant from St. Joseph Church to help with tuition costs. There are basic requirements to apply and forms are available through the parish office or on our website: stjoecatholic.com/forms/

Application deadline is March 31, 2022 for the 2022-23 school year.



## March 2nd is Ash Wednesday NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION!

Schedule of services for Ash distribution will be:

8:30 a.m. (A prayer service, not a Mass. St. Joe School will be in attendance.)

12:05 p.m. (Mass) 6:00 p.m. (Mass)



## Madison Ruth Weber

Was Baptized on Sunday, February 6, 2022. She is the daughter of Nicholas Weber & Bryanna (Lehman) Weber



## Morgan Beverly Weber

Was Baptized on Sunday, February 6, 2022. She is the daughter of Nicholas Weber & Bryanna (Lehman) Weber



## Samuel Douglas Witt

Was Baptized on Sunday, February 6, 2022. He is the son of Douglas Witt Jr. & Heather Simon



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 February 6, 2022

 Adults (315) Envelopes/Gifts:
 \$23,581.16

 (Including automated debits and online giving)

 Loose Cash:
 \$433.00

 Total:
 \$24,014.16

#### Other Envelopes Received

Education Trust Fund:.....\$604.94
Building Fund:.....\$88.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:....\$165.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$21,045.18 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:

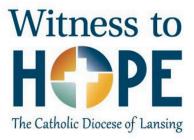
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#### **NEW POSITION OPENING:**

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 <a href="www.stjoecatholic.com/forms/">www.stjoecatholic.com/forms/</a> 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 <a href="www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers">www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers</a> 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.



Our five-year Witness to Hope campaign is in its final months. We have reached the tier where 100% of our parishioners' donations are returned to St. Joe's for our projects.

Thank you to all who have supported the Witness to Hope campaign.

Below is the list of our capital projects; four are done but we have some big-ticket items left.

#### Our Witness to Hope Projects

- East parking lot
- Sound system in church
- School roof ✓
- North parking lot ✓

- Church interior—planning in progress for 2022
- Organ refurbishing—planned for 2022
- School windows—to be scheduled

 $\checkmark$  = completed

It would be tremendously helpful as we look at budgeting for these upgrades if all unpaid pledges could be fulfilled in the coming months.

Do you want to support these projects but you missed the Witness to Hope campaign? You can make donations to our Building Fund through Online Giving or by using the gray envelope in your packet.

## St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary

Monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 14th at Columbian Hall, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend. We will be finalizing plans for the Lenten Soup Suppers during March. Your input on these events will be appreciated. (Further details on the suppers coming in future bulletins.)

As always, there will be time for Faith sharing and fellowship. Since the meeting is being held on Valentine's Day, there will be sweet treats in abundance to share. Please call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088 if you have any questions or are in need of assistance to attend the meeting.



### 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

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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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/St.josephfeastandraffle99">https://www.facebook.com/St.josephfeastandraffle99</a>



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