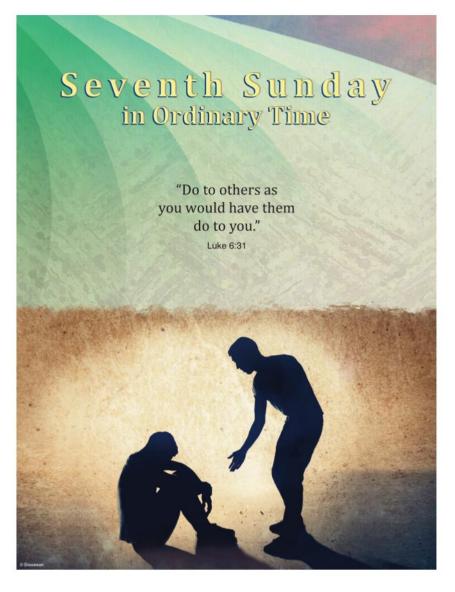
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#### ALL ARE WELCOME!

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 21

Saint Peter Damian

James 3:13-18 | Mark 9:14-29

No Mass

Tuesday ● February 22 ~

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Boyea (please note the start time of 6:30 p.m.)

Chair of Saint Peter

1 Peter 5:1-4 | Matthew 16:13-19

\*\*6:30 p.m.\*\*

†Sharon Ruby By: The DeLiso's

Wednesday ● February 23

Saint Polycarp

James 4:13-17 | Mark 9:38-40

12:05 p.m. †Roman Arens

By: Bernadette Arens

Thursday ● February 24 Blessed Luke Belludi

James 5:1-6 | Mark 9:41-50

8:30 a.m. †Peggy Fox

By: Lisa & Charlie Wieber

Friday • February 25

Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio

James 5:9-12 | Mark 10:1-12

8:30 a.m. †Richard & Doris Andrews

By: Kevin & Sharon Conley and Family

Saturday ● February 26 Saint Maria Bertilla Boscardin

James 5:13-20 | Mark 10:13-16

†Charles Wieser 5:00 p.m.

By: Family

Sunday ● February 27

Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

Sirach 27:4-7 | 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 | Luke 6:39-45

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. †John Schafer

By: Rick & Denise Lewandowski

12:00 p.m. †Angel Baby

By: Sherry Wade

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Intention †Sr. Marcella Oloarte

Soin our Adoration Leam

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 the opportunity for First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament possible:

- 1. Commit to one hour of prayer per month. We are particularly in need during the night time 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 for individuals when needed.
- 3. Watch the bulletin and St. Joseph's Facebook page prior to First Friday for hours that are in need of an adorer.
- 4. Invite someone to come with you to adoration family, friends, someone who has no idea what Exposition is like.
- 5. Pray for the return of respect for & 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 FEBRUARY 20TH - FEBRUARY 26TH

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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:

> Adam Alan Gove Beverly Bob **Brad Walker**

Brian Ritter Carol Burgtorf Dan Boak Danial Blair Danielle P. Donna Smith Friend Jacob Epling Jason Thelen Jeff Wadell Jenny Pytlowanyj

Joan Bozung Joseph Caudy Mary Matthew Myah Noah Patricia Renate Ward Rhonda Chamberlain Roger Dershem Sally Lorenc Stan & Millie Wassa Our parishioners in the service, especially:

> Adam Novak Alex Detloff Alex Roias 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

THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED

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.

Jerry Schafer



WE ARE ALL
EVANGELIZERS
(and whatever else is on
Deacon Eric's mind)

#### LOVE IS NOT BLIND

"Love is not blind; That is the last thing it is. Love is bound; And the more it is bound, The less it is blind." G. K. Chesterton

Well here it is again, St.
Valentine's Day and again I will
defer to the experts in talking
about love, not because I haven't
experienced it, but because more
gifted writers than I have written
so well about it over the
centuries. Chesterton's quote
gives us a little different
perspective, and regular readers
have probably noticed by now
that I like different, especially
when it stimulates more thought.

The term "Love is blind" can be traced back in literature to Chaucer's *Merchant's Tale* some 600 years ago. But it didn't really take root until William

Shakespeare started using it quite regularly in his plays in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century. It shows up in *Henry V, Two Gentlemen of Verona,* and *The Merchant of Venice.* When "The Bard" liked a line, he really liked it.

Staying in the British Isles, (the most romantic country in Europe, or so the locals say), we find that a 2004 study supported the concept of "blind love." A research study by University College London found that feelings of love suppressed the activity of the areas of the brain that control critical thought. Now, it's quite possible that the love mentioned by the study was as much infatuation as love. And I bet if I asked for a show of hands from those of us who did or said something in the name of love while young and foolish (or old and foolish, or maybe just foolish), I would see a lot of hands. So take that study at face value.

But Chesteron (who was also British, by the way), wants us to look a bit deeper. In saying that "Love is not blind...love is bound" he is looking at love in the same way as St. Thomas Aquinas did when he said "love is willing the best for others." This gets us past all the tingly feelings and gets us to the heart. Love binds one heart to another.

Nowhere is it more visible than in God's love for us. If I asked again for a show of hands, I would get a 100 percent response if I asked the question: "Who of us has sinned?" Yet the Lord loves us even when we reject him, because his love is binding.

Certainly love takes on different forms (i.e. we love a spouse differently than a child), but true love is the same - it binds. And as Chesterton concludes, "the more love is bound the less it is blind."
Underneath that bind is forgiveness. The more we love, the more we forgive. We need to follow the Lord in love and mercy.

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com

#### 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 these young people in your prayers. For questions contact Jen Nelson at <a href="mailto:dre.stjoseph@gmail.com">dre.stjoseph@gmail.com</a> 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.

### ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LUNCH MENU

For the week of February 21, 2022

Mon: No School- Professional Development Day

Tues: Tortilla chips w/cheese and meat sauce, corn,

warm apples w/cinnamon, & milk.

Wed: Chicken poppers, green beans, strawberry

Shortcake, & milk.

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

milk.

Fri: Chicken fettuccini, bread sticks, carrots, fruit, &

milk.

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

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### February 26/27

#### Altar Servers

5:00 PM Group 1

8:00 AM Volunteers Needed

10:00 AM Group 3

12:00 PM Group 1

#### **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 Diane A.

8:00 AM Dean H.

10:00 AM Ted S.

12:00 PM Mary E.

#### Ushers

5:00 PM Kevin B. and Group 5B

8:00 AM Tom K. and Group 8C

10:00 AM Steve S. and Group 10D

12:00 PM Dennis P. and Group 12B

#### Counting Collections

February 21, 2022 • Group 3

#### Sanctuary Cleaners

February 26th ● Tori S. and Susie S.

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

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:

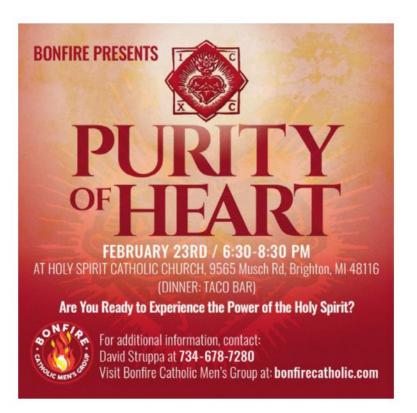
8:30 a.m. (A prayer service, not a Mass. St. Joe School will be in attendance.)

12:05 p.m. (Mass)

6:30 p.m. (Mass) \*\* Time Correction\*\*

#### Hosting International Students at LCHS

Host families are needed for international students who will attend Lansing Catholic High School next school year. Families who DOCENS host international students are also provided MODUM with a monthly stipend. If you are interested VENDI in hosting, please contact Lorrie at Ischartow@flag-intl.org or 517-303-9671.



#### STEWARDSHIP

#### For the week ending February 13, 2022

Adults (244) Envelopes/Gifts:.....\$21,153.53 (Including automated debits and online giving) Loose Cash:.....\$336.04 *Total*:.....\$21,489.57

#### Other Envelopes Received

Education Trust Fund:.....\$980.00 Building Fund:....\$202.00 Tuition Scholarship Fund:.....\$117.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$21,058.65 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:

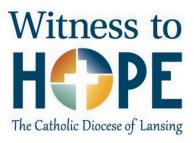
ANGELS OUTREACH MINISTRIES St. John Vianney Parish, Flint MI 485004

#### **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 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: 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.

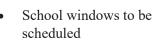
Below is the list of our capital projects; four are done but we have some big-ticket items left.

#### 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







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.

#### Position Opening: Custodian/General Maintenance Worker

We are seeking a full-time Custodian/General Maintenance Worker. This position assists the Maintenance Supervisor in maintaining a clean and safe physical environment of all St. Joseph buildings, equipment, and grounds. Duties include daily janitorial cleaning and routine maintenance tasks. Previous experience in a custodial or maintenance position is desirable. Physical demands include moving heavy loads, bending, squatting, and climbing ladders. 40 hours a week, afternoon/evening shift during the school year, day shift from June to August, possible weekend overtime in the winter months. This position earns insurance and leave time benefits. If you are someone who 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: business.stjoseph@gmail.com.



#### 2022 St. Joseph Feast and Raffle

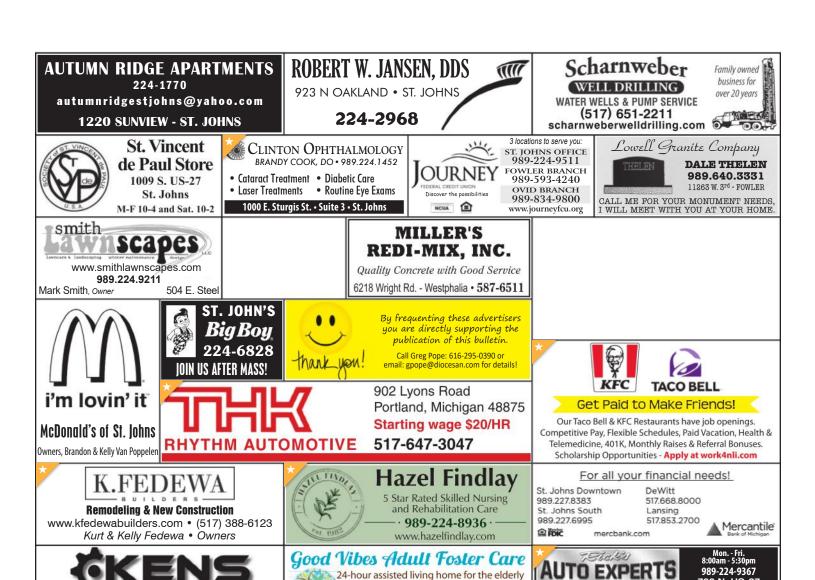
Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases, the very difficult decision has been made to transition the 2022 Feast and Raffle to a virtual even to take place on March 19, 2022. This safeguards our school community while ensuring that our annual fundraiser continues.

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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