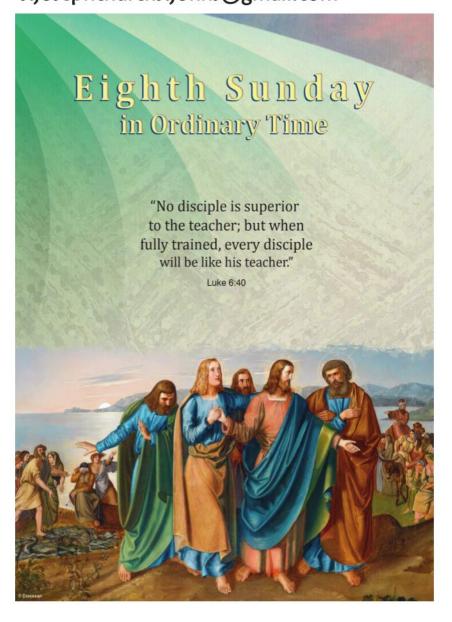
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#### ALL ARE WELCOME!

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 28

**Blessed Daniel Brottier** 

1 Peter 1:3-9 | Mark 10:17-27

No Mass

Tuesday • March 1

Saint David of Wales

1 Peter 1:10-16 | Mark 10:28-31 7:00 p.m. **†Sharon Jorae** 

By: Mom

Wednesday ● March 2 ~ Ash Wednesday

Saint Agnes of Bohemia

Joel 2:12-18 | 2 Corinthians 5:20--6:2 | Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

8:30 a.m. Prayer Service with ashes being distributed

12:05 p.m. †Mark & Margaret Schrauben

By: Linda Schafer

6:30 p.m. †Jerome Joseph Schafer

By: Chris & Brenda DeLiso

7:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Thursday ● March 3
Saint Katharine Drexel

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 | Luke 9:22-25

8:30 a.m. †Bill & Cindy Horman

By: Neighbors

Friday • March 4

Saint Casimir

Isaiah 58:1-9a | Matthew 9:14-15

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory 11:00 a.m. George Ball Memorial Mass

Saturday ● March 5
Saint John Joseph of the Cross

Isaiah 58:9b-14 | Luke 5:27-32

8:30 a.m. For an end to abortion 5:00 p.m. †Terrence Organek

Living and Deceased family members

By: Colleen Organek

Sunday • March 6

Saint Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes

First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 | Romans 10:8-13 | Luke 4:1-13

8:00 a.m. †Diane Eiseler

By: Brennen & Lisa Falor

10:00 a.m. †Dave Schroeder

By: Susie & Kids

12:00 p.m. People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Intention: †Sr. Marcella Oloarte

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: March 4/5

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration from March 4th after the Friday 8:30 a.m. Mass through March 5th prior to 8:30 a.m. Mass. If you have

not come to Exposition before, Lent is a great time to get started.

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

March 4th: 10 a.m., noon, 2, and 6 p.m. March 5th: midnight, 1, 4, 5, and 6 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 to make Exposition possible.

On Friday, March 4th, beginning at 5 p.m., a Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed for an end to abortion and for our Supreme Court justices. Please join us! For more information, see a "Call to Prayer for Life."

#### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM FEBRUARY 27TH - MARCH 5TH

In Memory of

Kay Eisler

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 Beverly Danial Blair Dan Boak Bob

Joan Bozung
Carol Burgtorf
Joseph Caudy
Rhonda Chamberlain
Roger Dershem
Jacob Epling
Friend
Alan Gove
Dora Mae Linman
Sally Lorenc
Mary

Matthew

Myah
Noah
Danielle P.
Patricia
Jenny Pytlowanyj
Jerry Schafer
Donna Smith
Jason Thelen
Jeff Wadell
Brad Walker
Renate Ward
Stan & Millie Wassa

Our parishioners in the service, especially:

Alex Detloff
William Hess
Jake Hoskins
Joseph Larsen
Jacob Longoria
Eric Martin
Jessica Mitchell
Colby Munger
Adam Novak

Alex Rojas
David Seperic
Noel Smith II
Grace Szpont
Joshua Szpont
Jordan Van Amburg
Jacob Wells

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)

# A TIME FOR REFLECTION

Every day, most of us look in the mirror and see our reflection. We may be shaving, putting on make -up or combing our hair, but we all need to see ourselves in the mirror to make sure everything is "just right." That takes care of our exterior. But what about our interior - our souls? If we could see a reflection of what's on our souls, what would we see? Would we see that everything is "just right"? Well, the Church gives us Lent every year to correct whatever may not be right with our inner beings.

Ash Wednesday is only three days away, so it's time to get in that prayer-fasting-almsgiving-reflective mindset that accompanies the Lenten season.

The Church gives us readings today that put us into that mode of thinking. Our first reading from Sirach gives us a series of reflective statements for us to ponder, primarily guarding against sins that are spoken. (This is another reading using synthetic parallelism, as I spoke of in my last homily). And Jesus provides us a series of thoughts to reflect on in our gospel selection from Luke.

Jesus uses a lot of Q & A to get his points across. For example: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" This is a great rhetorical technique which we can see gives us an opportunity to reflect on both parties. If we are going to lead, we need to lead people in the light of Jesus. Conversely, if we are to follow, we must follow one who leads in the light of Christ. Both teacher and student must be in the light. Those of us in leadership roles, as parents, teachers, and business and community leaders, should use

Lent to re-evaluate how we lead-making sure that we stay in the light.

After all, when we look in the mirror in the morning we can only see what we look like. Lent gives us a better opportunity to see who we are.

NOTE: We haven't run an adult faith formation series in almost two years due to Covid, but we will get back into the swing of things this week as I host viewings of the popular streaming series *The Chosen,* followed by group discussion. I will hold morning and evening sessions in the church basement beginning this Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> and running through April 28<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost for this program. Please sign up through the parish office.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

#### For a different Lenten experience choose "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 March 3<sup>rd</sup> with a choice of two time choices, morning starting at 9:00 a.m. or evening starting at 6:30 p.m. The program and discussion will be in the Coffee and

Donuts room in the Church basement. 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.

\*\*Please note a Thursday morning session has been added starting 03/03 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.\*\*

#### EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

When: Fridays of March and April 1st and 8th.

**Time:** 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$12.00 per meal

The dinners will be served drive-through only at the Columbian Hall with payment by cash or check.

#### PHONE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

#### The Menu

Fried Fish with French Fries, green beans, cole slaw, applesauce, and a dinner roll

or

Baked Fish with a Baked Potato, green beans, cole slaw, applesauce, and a dinner roll

## Rest In Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of:

Brian Ritter



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

### ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

LUNCH MENU

For the week of February 28, 2022

Mon: Pancakes w/syrup, sausage, hash browns, fruit,

and milk.

Tues: Chicken legs, baked potato w/cheese, fruit, and

milk.

Wed: Ash Wednesday- Shrimp poppers, peas, fruit,

and milk.

Thurs: Sloppy joe on a bun, fried chips, fruit, and milk.

Fri: Pizza, corn, fruit, and milk.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### March 5/6

#### Altar Servers

5:00 PM Volunteers 8:00 AM Volunteers 10:00 AM Group 1 12:00 PM Group 2

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 PM Group 3 8:00 AM Group 3 10:00 AM Group 3 12:00 PM Group 3

Lectors

5:00 PM Rita A.
 8:00 AM Lu Anne C.
 10:00 AM Joe T.
 12:00 PM Linda S.

#### Ushers

5:00 PM Dave P. and group 5C 8:00 AM John T. and group 8D 10:00 AM Jim S. and group 10A 12:00 PM Tom W. and group 12C

#### **Counting Collections**

February 28, 2022 • Group 4

#### Sanctuary Cleaners

March 5th • Christine B. and Mary Jane B.

#### SAVE THE DATE!!

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary is hosting

Lenten Soup Suppers

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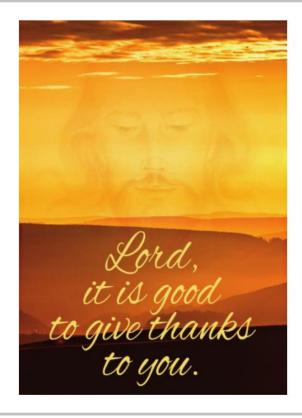
Wednesday, March 16th and Wednesday, March 30th.

More details to come.

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.

#### A Call to Prayer for Life

Prayers continue for the U.S. Supreme Court as it ponders the Dobbs v Jackson case. We pray that this decision will lead to the overturning of Roe v Wade and put an end to federally legalized abortion. This will save many unborn babies from death. Prayers are also needed for our state so that plans for a petition drive to overturn Michigan's current bans on abortion will fail. Special prayers, including the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, will be said on First Friday March 4, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. All are invited to join in this prayer hour.





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

St. Francis Retreat Center invites women to a new type of retreat the 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 www.stfrancis.ws to register.

#### STEWARDSHIP

For the	week	ending	<b>February</b>	<i>i</i> 20.	2022
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 Adults (250) Envelopes/Gifts:
 \$26,021.43

 (Including automated debits and online giving)

 Loose Cash:
 \$391.25

 Total:
 \$26,412.68

#### **Other Envelopes Received**

Education Trust Fund:.....\$246.00
Building Fund:....\$325.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:...\$366.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$21,216.12 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, year-round. Full position description is available at <a href="https://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="https://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.

#### Asking for your help!

To help St. Joseph parish more faithfully serve all families in their spiritual journey, we need to know what you and your family need! All are invited, whether you are a Gen Z or a baby boomer, married or single, parenting or grand parenting any ages.

If you are thinking "I have something to share," let's hear it. If you are thinking "They aren't interested in my thoughts," -- wrong. If you are thinking "What spiritual life?", you are perfect for this. Your thoughts are exactly what we need to hear.

Deacon Jerry and Alice are going to be listeners in these feedback/focus group sessions. Your commitment is one hour of time and the openness to share your thoughts about your and your family's spiritual journey needs.

You will have three options available to fit your schedule: Saturday, March 12th 10 - 11 a.m. or Saturday, March 19th 10 - 11 a.m. or Wednesday, March 23 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Each session is limited to 12 people so we will need you to sign up as soon as possible at *families.stjosephchurch@gmail.com* or by calling the parish office at (989) 224-8994. You can use this same email for questions (or leave a message at the office) and Deacon Jerry or Alice will respond.

Please consider coming and sharing your time and energy for the spiritual growth of the parish!

#### 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

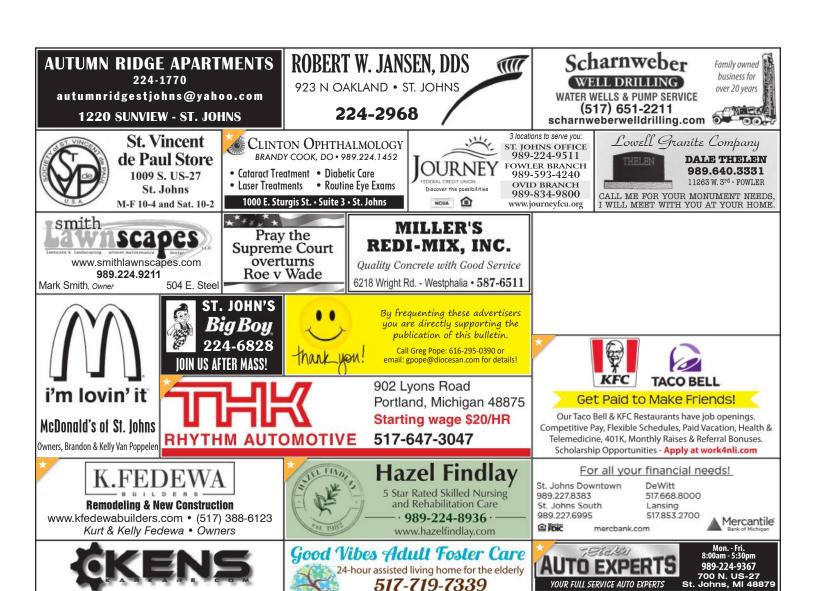
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Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Church or School Offices, or send the committee an email at stjoefeast@gmail.com. For more information go to their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/St.josephfeastandraffle99



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