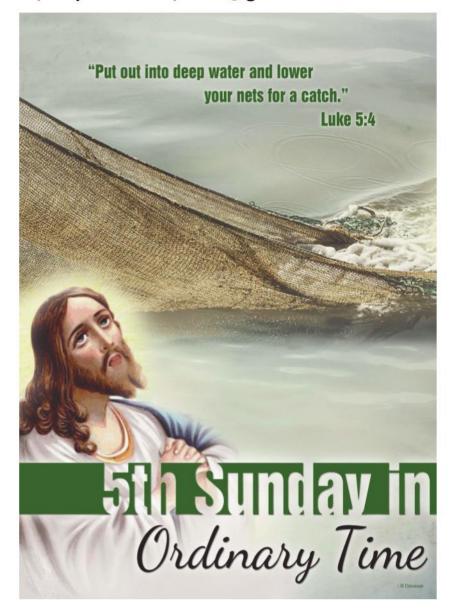
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#### **Pastoral Care**

Fr. Michael Williams
Deacon Marv Robertson (retired)
Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

#### Worship

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Marriage Preparation • Fr. Michael Williams
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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
Please call the parish office for more
information on our Family Ministries.

Medical Emergencies requiring an Anointing of the Sick: (989) 227-1244

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#### **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 7

Saint Colette

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 | Mark 6:53-56

**Tuesday ● February 8** 

Saint Josephine Bakhita

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 | Mark 7:1-13

7:00 p.m. †Bernard Jorae By: Knights of Columbus

Wednesday ● February 9

Saint Jerome Emiliani

1 Kings 10:1-10 | Mark 7:14-23

**†Fr. David Hudgins** 12:05 p.m.

Thursday ● February 10 Saint Scholastica

1 Kings 11:4-13 | Mark 7:24-30

8:30 a.m. †Peter & Louise Darin

By: The Sandahl Family

Friday ● February 11

**Our Lady of Lourdes** 

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 | Mark 7:31-37

8:30 a.m. †Garet & Josephine Gruner

By: Margaret Sweeney

Saturday ● February 12

Saint Apollonia

1 Kings 12:26-32: 13:33-34 | Mark 8:1-10

5:00 p.m. †Jackie Moore

By: Family

Sunday ● February 13

Saint Giles Mary of Saint Joseph

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8 | I Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 | Luke 6:17, 20-23

8:00 a.m. †Alphonse & Agnes Caudy

By: Margaret Jorae

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. †Robert Cardosa & Silvano Alvarado

By: Susan

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Intention †Sr. Marcella Oloarte

#### Eucharistic Adoration



"If then my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and

seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

We have so much to pray about. Have we taken time to humble ourselves, sought the face of God who humbled Himself to be present to us in the Blessed Sacrament, and sought His forgiveness? Stop by our church for a visit with Our Lord.

If you are interested in joining our Adoration team, text/call Rebecca 989-292-2072.

#### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM FEBRUARY 6TH - FEBRUARY 12TH

In Memory of Ieanette Schomisch

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

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 Roias 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)

# POPE (not Francis) on HOPE (not Bob)

The title "Pope on Hope" is not a recently discovered Dr. Seuss book. It actually references Msgr. Charles Pope discussing the theological virtue of hope. The Monsignor is a pastor at a Washington D.C. church, who also posts a weekly blog on matters of faith. I recently became aware of his posts from 2017 tackling the issue of hope-separating its secular understanding from its theological understanding.

Hope, Pope says, is generally considered a vague wish, as in "I hope it doesn't rain tomorrow," or as a substitute for "maybe" as in "I hope I can come to the party." Theological "hope," however, is, in Pope's words, "confident expectation." This comes from our Catechism definition of hope: "The theological virtue by which we desire and expect from God both eternal life and the grace we need to attain it." (CCC 1817). Wow! There are a couple of powerful phrases in that

sentence.

The first is that we both "desire and expect" something from God. Think about that a second something we desire from God we can also expect we will receive. And what is that something that we both desire and expect? Well, it's in that second powerful phrase - "eternal life AND the grace we need to attain it." That's where the Monsignor draws the expression "confident expectation." Hope gives us the confidence we need that we will be given the grace necessary to achieve the goal to which all Christians desire eternal life.

My reflection on Pope's hope writings come at a great time in the Church calendar, dovetailing (sneaky Holy Spirit link) perfectly with a time when several saints with links to hope have been celebrated. Just in the last two weeks we have celebrated the conversion of St. Paul and the feasts of Timothy and Titus, Thomas Aquinas, John Bosco and The Presentation of Our Lord.

St. Paul, especially in his letter to the Romans, tackles hope straight on: "affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint" (5:3-5). And "For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance." (8:24-5) Note, endurance is linked to hope in each passage - the second of which can be seen as a contradiction of the "once saved, always saved" mantra of some Protestant denominations. Similarly, Aguinas wrote of the need to continue seeking God's graces: "The hope of which we speak attains God by leaning on His help...we should hope from Him nothing less than Himself... the proper and principle object of hope is eternal happiness. (Summa Theologica II, Ilae, 17.2)

There is much more we could unpack here, but I think Pope's point is clear that the virtue of hope that we reference in faith always has God or the things of God as its object. The Monsignor had a second blog on sins against hope, which I hope (vague wish) to explore soon - maybe (I hope) even next week.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com



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.** 

During 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

## 8th Grade Confirmation Session

The next 8th grade Confirmation session is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 13th from 1:00-2:30 pm in the school cafeteria following the Noon Mass. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please bring your textbook with you to the session. For questions contact Jen Nelson at <a href="mailto:dre.stjoseph@gmail.com">dre.stjoseph@gmail.com</a> or call (989) 224-8537.



# Pop Can Drive for the Boy Scouts

To help send our Boy Scouts to summer camp, and other activi-

ties throughout the year.

It will be... Saturday, February 19th, 2022 1:00 pm -3:00 pm

@ The Knights of Columbus Hall (Columbia Hall)

\*\* During the week, they can be dropped off at the St. Joe School Office.

# LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### February 12/13

#### Altar Servers

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

10:00 AM Group 1

12:00 PM Volunteers Needed

#### **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 Lisa Wieber 8:00 AM Bob Puralewski 10:00 AM Steve Mahoney 12:00 PM Colleen Smith

#### Ushers

5:00 PM Dave P. and Group 5C 8:00 AM Bruce P. and Group 8A 10:00 AM Cindy C. and Group 10B 12:00 PM Tom W. and Group 12C

#### Counting Collections

February 7, 2022 ● Group 1

#### Sanctuary Cleaners

Feb.12th ● Laurie H. & Tammy Z.

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

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

#### For the week of February 6, 2022

Mon: French toast w/syrup, sausage, hash brown,

fruit & milk.

Tues: Turkey, mashed pot. w/gravy, corn, applesauce

& milk.

Wed: Chicken tenders, carrots, fruit & milk.

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

Fri: Cheese stuffed breadsticks w/dipping sauce,

peas, apple crisp & milk.

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



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.





# 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 30, 2022

Adults (229) Envelopes/Gifts:.....\$18,190.98 (Including automated debits and online giving)

Loose Cash:....\$422.50

Total:....\$18,613.48

#### **Other Envelopes Received**

Education Trust Fund: \$125.00
Building Fund: \$85.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$5.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$20,949.41 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="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: <u>business.stjoseph@gmail.com</u>.



### Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage - Sunday, February 13

There will be a special blessing for married couples at all Masses on the weekend of February 13! There are few things in our modern world that demand a lifelong commitment. We change jobs and even careers, move from place to place, take on different activities, and change many other parts of our lives as we live them. Against that background, "all the days of my life" is a startling promise. The vocation of marriage means sacrificing all for one's spouse. Imagine the joy that comes from that

type of commitment to someone else. Imagine the joy that comes from spending your life with someone who has made that commitment to you.

Gather and take some time this week with your wedding pictures. Make sure your children have copies. Spend some time remembering and sharing the events of your courtship, engagement and wedding day. Look for the spirit of the Lord in these events and how God has been working in your marriage.

One commitment of marriage vows is to help get our spouse to heaven. The very nature of marriage is to support our spouse as they grow in holiness, to be the person God is calling them to be. What have you done today to help your spouse in their spiritual journey?

#### Homebound Eucharistic Ministers

This is a reminder for all homebound Eucharistic Ministers including those taking Jesus home to a loved one or neighbor. We have a sign-up sheet in the sacristy and <u>everyone</u> who takes a host from the tabernacle should record it on that sheet.

Also, especially for those unable to attend our recent EM training, here is a reminder on the proper procedure for home-bound visits:

- 1. Always go directly to the location where you are going to distribute the Blessed Sacrament no stopping for gas or a quick trip to the store.
- 2. Make your visit a mini Communion Service, preferably with a penitential rite (i.e. Lord have mercy...), a a couple of prayers, and maybe a short Gospel reading. (There are pamphlets available in the Church safe to use if you would like guidance.)
- 3. Make sure a clean cloth of some sort (i.e. purificator, cloth napkin...) is on the table before you set your pyx on it. A pyx with the Eucharist should never be set on a bare surface.
- 4. After you've distributed the host, purify your pyx so that there are no particles left over. If you are staying or going home after this service you need to purify your pyx by putting a little bit of water in it, then drinking it. If you are returning the pyx to the sacristy you can follow that procedure or rinse the pyx out in the sacrarium (special sink in back of the sacristy.)
- 5. If you are using a pyx from the Church, please return it to the safe right away. You may purchase a personal pyx at any Catholic gift store or on-line. Please have it blessed by Fr. Mike or one of the deacons before using.

One final note - anyone who might be interested in being a Homebound EM, please contact the parish office.



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



### 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 event 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
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- ~ Participate in the online auction @ https://one.bidpal.net/stjoefeast2022

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