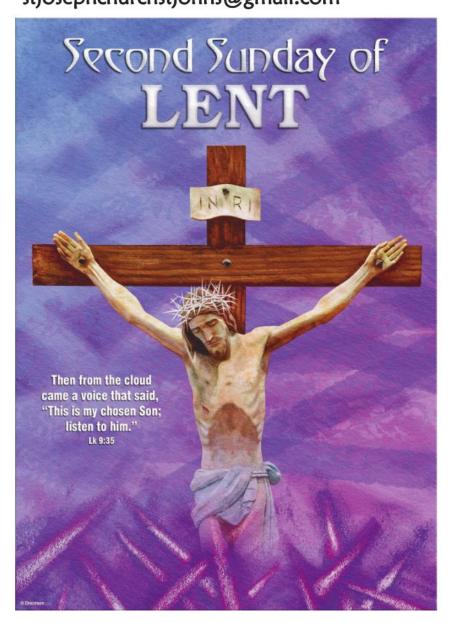
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Confirmation • Jen Nelson
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Evangelization • Nancy Joseph
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Regular Mass Schedule

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 • March 14

Saint Maximilian

Daniel 9:4b-10 | Luke 6:36-38

No Mass

Tuesday ● March 15
Rite of Enrollment Mass

Saint Louise de Marillac

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 | Matthew 23:1-12 7:00 p.m. †Hope Hoskins

By: Dad

Wednesday • March 16

Saint Clement Mary Hofbauer

Jeremiah 18:18-20 | Matthew 20:17-28 12:05 p.m. †Cynthia Nunn

By: The Carol Chapman Family

Thursday • March 17

Saint Patrick

Jeremiah 17:5-10 | Luke 16:19-31

8:30 a.m. †Cathy Chambers

By: Harry & Dianne Goerge

Friday • March 18

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a | Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

8:30 a.m. The deceased members of the conference

By: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday ● March 19
Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 | Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 | Matthew 1:16,

18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

5:00 p.m. People of St. Joseph Parish

Sunday • March 20
Saint Salvator of Horta

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 | 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 | Luke 13:1-9

8:00 a.m. †Richard Kerr

By: Friends

10:00 a.m. †Marie, Urban, and Ken Weber

By: Janet McKeown

12:00 p.m. †Howard Blasen

By: Jim & Kathy Voisinet

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Intention: †Maltilde Moreno

Eucharistic Adoration



"To adore God is to acknowledge Him as God, as Creator and Savior, the Lord and Master of everything that exists, as infinite and merciful Love" (Catechism, 2096).

Join our Adoration Team! We are in need of regular monthly adorers and subs. A monthly adorer makes a commitment of just one hour a month. You are needed at the following times: First Friday at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m.; Saturday at midnight, 4 a.m., and 5 a.m. We attempt to schedule two people at each hour. Call Rebecca 989-292-2072 if you are interested or have questions.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

WILL BURN FROM MARCH 13TH - MARCH 19TH

> In Memory of Hope Hoskins

Rest In Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of

Sally Lorenc

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

Korine
Dora Mae Linman
Mary
Matthew

Myah

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

Our parishioners in the service, especially:

Bryce Bongard
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.

THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED



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

PRAYERS FOR PUTIN

In a conversation with a priest recently, I was lamenting the tragedy of the war in Ukraine and mentioned continuing my struggle with praying for my enemies - specifically, Russian President Vladimir Putin. And the priest replied that it might be easier if I approached this prayer dilemma by focusing "not on the person, but on the person's troubled soul." It's not hard to imagine how troubled the soul is of a man who is responsible for so much death, destruction, and displacement of families such as Putin has inflicted on Ukrainian people. In other words, forget the face, focus not on the person, but on his soul.

I have noticed in recent years that God often sends me a reminder shortly after he has delivered a message to me. The day after my conversation with the priest, I was reflecting on the Mass readings for the day and the "Verse Before The Gospel" (which takes the place of the Alleluia in Lent) was this: "I take no pleasure in the death of a wicked man, says the Lord, but rather in his conversion, that he may live." (Ezekiel 33:11). God doesn't want Putin and his followers (or any of us, actually) to die in the state of serious sin. He wants the conversion of souls. That's a great Lenten lesson for all of us--the Lord wants us to repent and change our ways, especially those of us in serious There is no sin he can't sin. forgive.

This idea of loving your enemies, and thus by extension praying for their souls, should not be a surprise to any of us. Jesus says it ever-so-clearly in the gospel of Matthew: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate vour enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust." (Mt 5:43-45) So, intellectually I know what the right thing to do is, but I still have trouble following through on such prayer.

This is my personal prayer challenge for Lent: to pray for the souls of Putin and others like him --including priests guilty sexually assaulting children and all the politicians proclaiming their publicly Catholicism promoting anti-Catholic practices. It will be hard, but my mother always said: "What's worth having is worth working for." Let's work together this Lent to forget faces and save souls through prayer.

NOTE: You can still join me in viewing and discussing the video series "The Chosen" even if you've missed the first two episodes. Each week is a self-contained lesson. The series is presented both Thursday mornings and evenings--with an early p.m. start this week only at 6:15.

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com

The Diocese of Lansing's 24th Annual Rose Mass for Catholic Health Care Workers

The Mass will be held at 5:00pm on March 26th at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Brighton, MI. Bishop Earl Boyea will be the principal celebrant. A buffet dinner will follow in the Parish Life Center. The dinner program will include a panel discussion on "Conscience Protection," in addition to presentation of the St. Camillus Award to Dr. Philip Fleming, honoring his 42 years of service to women and their babies. Tickets are \$75 per person (\$25 for students, residents, and clergy). Tickets can be purchased by Zelle or check by March 21st. For more information, please contact the Lansing Guild of the Catholic Medical Association by email at cmalansing@gmail.com.



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 March 26th 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.



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



This weekend is our Diocesan Services Appeal Commitment Weekend. We invite all members of our parish community to join in support of our annual appeal. Our parish goal is \$96,425.

No gift is too small... every dollar donated helps those in our parish and in our unified efforts in the wider church. Further, one-half of all paid contributions received, over and

above our parish goal, will be returned to our parish for our local use here at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

You can submit your DSA pledge envelope during Mass this weekend--or take your DSA envelope home to prayerfully consider your gift decision. Those paying by cash or check are invited to return your completed pledge form, in the DSA envelope, to our parish office. Those who wish to pay by credit card or electronic funds transfer may enter your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal. We encourage every one of our parish households to reflect on the many blessings we have received from the Lord and share these blessings through a generous gift to our DSA.

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.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

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

For the week of March 14, 2022

Mon: No School- Diocese Professional Dev. Day

Tues: Ham, scalloped potatoes, strawberry shortcake,

and milk.

Wed: Chili w/crackers, cinnamon rolls, fruit, and milk.

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

Cheese stuffed breadsticks with dipping sauce, Fri:

peas, apple crisp, and milk.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 19/20

Altar Servers

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

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	Ann Parker
8:00 AM	Bob Puralewski
10:00 AM	Karen Densmore
12:00 PM	Debbie Thiede

Ushers

5:00 PM	Kevin B. and Group 5B
8:00 AM	Bruce P. and Group 8A
10:00 AM	Henry B. and Group 10C
12:00 PM	Dennis P. and Group 12B

Counting Collections

March 14, 2022 ● Group 2

Sanctuary Cleaners

March 19th • Kate M. & Kari S.



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

Baked fish with a baked potato, green beans, cole slaw, applesauce, and a dinner roll

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.

St Monica Ladies Auxiliary Soup Suppers

Where: Columbian Hall (K of C Hall)

When: Wednesday, March 16th

Featured Group: St. Joseph Youth Group

Wednesday, March 30th

Featured Group: Hannah House

Time: Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Soup and Bread are served at 5:30 p.m.

No charge for your meal. Please consider making a donation to the group we are featuring.

Come and share a simple Lenten meal with friends and

family.

Learn how our St. Joseph Youth Group puts their faith into service and how Hannah House supports unwed mothers.

St Monica Ladies Auxiliary March Meeting

Will be held on Monday, March 14th at the Columbian Hall at 6:30 pm. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. The final details for the soup supper will be completed. Planning for the Ladies Tea will continue. All input is beneficial in making these events enjoyable for all. As the old maxim says, "many hands make light work." Please call the parish office if you need transportation.

STEWARDSHIP

For the week ending March 6, 2022

Adults (339) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$26,573.98	
(Including automated debits and online giving)		
Loose Cash:	\$472.00	
Total:	\$27,045.98	

Other Envelopes Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$441.00
Building Fund:	\$488.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$70.00

Ukrainian Collection:.....\$4,346.91

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$21,177.78 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 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,

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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.

Our Witness to Hope Projects

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

- Church interior Summer 2022
- Organ refurbishing planned for 2022
- School windows to be scheduled

✓ = completed

Our remaining projects are big-ticket items, and it will help us as we budget if all unpaid pledges could be fulfilled in the coming months. Please contact the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Lansing or the parish office if you would like more time to pay your balance.

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.



Families of St. Joseph Parish, we are 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 grandparenting 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 will 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.

We will have two options available to fit your schedule:

Saturday March 19th 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. or Wednesday March 23 6:30 p.m.- 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!

Clinton County Right to Life Oratory Contest

This event is for high school students, and it involves researching, writing, and presenting a speech on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, stem cell research, or cloning. The contest will be held on March 26th here at \$t. Joseph Church. The prizes are \$100, \$75, and \$50 for first, second, and third place. Our local winner will qualify for the state contest in May. For an application or more information please contact Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088 or elstrombe@hotmail.com.

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It's almost time for the 2022 St. Joseph Feast and Raffle!

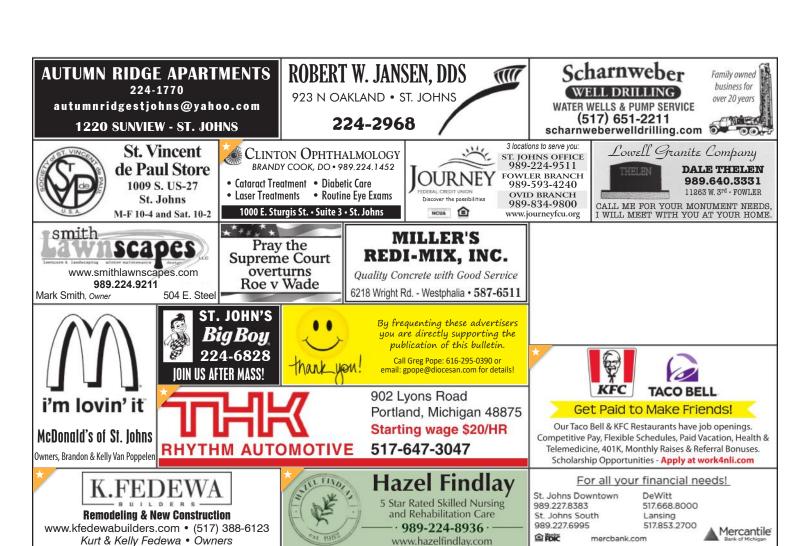
Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 19 (the feast day of St. Joseph), and plan to bid online on auction items or to make a donation to the school's Fund-A-Need to help buy Smart boards for the classrooms.

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- ~ Donate to the Fund-A-Need
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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 call Rachel at 517-331-3242 or go to their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/St.josephfeastandraffle99



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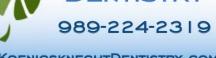
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