St. Foseph Catholic Church

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Almsgiving Praying Fasting



MARCH 20, 2022

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

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Join Our Adoration Team

"The time you pass devoutly before our Eucharistic Lord will prove the most meritorious for you in this life; and it will be the greatest consolation for you at the hour of death and for all eternity." St. Alphonsus Liguori

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 one of 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 at 989-292-2072 if you are interested or have questions.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

WILL BURN FROM MARCH 20TH - MARCH 26TH

> In Memory of Carl Hufnagel

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

> 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Danial Blair Dan Boak Bob Joan Bozung Dora Mae Linman Mary Matthew Myah

Brad Walker Renate Ward Stan & Millie Wassa Fr. Don Wieber

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 praver 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)

ROMANTIC NOVEL vs. REAL LIFE

British humor has always been "hit and miss" for me. I enjoy a well-turned phrase or a clever double entendre, and the British are pretty good at that. But their physical humor usually leaves me wanting. "The Benny Hill Show" was a prime example of that. But there was a British TV show entitled "Monty Python's Flying Circus" that ran from 1969 to 1974. It combined humor featuring plays on words with some physical humor. Some episodes had more misses than hits, and some sketches were so stupid that you had to laugh. The show was not for everybody, but in my youth, I think I enjoyed it because it was something very different than the usual TV fare.

At this point you may be wondering how my column title

fits with British humor. Well, there was a transitional line (later a movie title) spoken frequently by my favorite MPFC player John Cleese to indicate a change in the show's direction. The line was *"And now for something completely different,"* which leads me to this:

"I wish we could sometimes love the characters in real life as we love the characters in romances. There are a great many human souls whom we should accept more kindly, and even appreciate more clearly, if we simply thought of them as people in a story." *G.K. Chesterton*

How's that for different? It's a bit sad, really, to think Chesterton was correct; and one could make the case that he is off base on his observation. I hesitate to comment on romance novels and their characters since I've never read one. But, from Chesterton's perspective, these characters are one- or two-dimensional, yet are loved by romance novel enthusiasts. The characters' faults are forgiven by readers who, Chesterton believed, do not extend the same courtesy to people in their own lives.

Though these words were written a century ago I think we can agree with Chesterton that there are people in our lives who deserved more kindness. We have become so fragmented in our culture, that one ill-advised statement or even a misquote can make someone a pariah. Forgiveness is a rare commodity nowadays, but it is right up God's alley. And Lent is the perfect opportunity to not only forgive, but to be forgiven in the confessional. As David wrote in Psalm 51. "A humble and contrite heart, Lord, you will not spurn."

Romance novels are not real life, nor is Monty Python. Characters in novels are no more real than characters in Monty Python's "Dead Parrot" sketch. Characters in real life need love and kindness and basic human dignity. Almsgiving anyone?

Deacon Eric

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

St. Joseph Funeral Luncheon Ministry

St. Joseph Parish will be resuming our funeral luncheon ministry for the families of our deceased parishioners.

The funeral luncheon ministry is looking for volunteers to do the following Set up the hall the day of the luncheon

Serve on the day of the luncheon

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Call parishioners to ask for food donations

Provide salads and desserts

If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please contact either Mary Beth Elstro at 989-227-0088 or Cease Canfield at 517-420-7340.



Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. The programs and services funded by DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families, and to parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies. "Love and good works" of the Church occur through dozens of on-

going ministries made possible by our contributions to DSA.

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, We invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal. Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

In our first weekend we reached 3.4% of our DSA goal of \$96,425.00 from only 9 families. We are grateful for these contributions and invite others to join together to push us over goal for the benefit of our parish and the wider church.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL Lunch Menu

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

For the week of March 21, 2022

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

- Mon: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, applesauce, and milk.
- Tues: Chicken noodle soup w/crackers, blueberry muffins, pears, and milk.
- Wed: Pigs in a blanket, tator tots, peaches, and milk.
- Thurs: Hamburger on a bun w/cheese, fried chips, fresh fruit, and milk.
- Fri: Mac. & cheese, pretzel, broccoli, mixed fruit, and milk.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 26/27

Altar Servers

5:00 PM	Group 1	
8:00 AM	Volunteers	
10:00 AM	Volunteers	
12:00 PM	Group 1	
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	Diane A.	
8:00 AM	Trevor H.	
10:00 AM	Stu F.	
12:00 PM	Colleen S.	

Ushers

5:00 PM	Dave P. and Group 5C
8:00 AM	Tom C. and Group 8B
10:00 AM	Steve S and Group 10D
12:00 PM	Tom W and Group 12C

Counting Collections

March 21, 2022 • Group 3

Sanctuary Cleaners

March 26th • Sue F. & Millie W..



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

<u>The Menu</u>

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

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Do you have special needs that are not being met?

Contact the parish office at 989-224-8994. Ask for Susan, and let her know how the parish can help meet your special needs.

When was the last time, you felt renewed by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation? It is so easy to celebrate Reconciliation with Fr. Mike. St. Joe has scheduled times of Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. If you can not make one of these times, contact the parish office to schedule an appointment; it can be very confidential and you don't have to give your name. Just call to schedule a time and meet Fr. Mike by the confessional.

St Monica Ladies Auxiliary Soup Suppers

Where: Columbian Hall (K of C Hall)

- When: 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 Hannah House.

Come and share a simple Lenten meal with friends and family.

Learn how Hannah House supports unwed mothers.

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 <u>cmalansing@gmail.com</u>.

STEWARDSHIP

For the week ending March 13, 2022

Adults (261) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$19,250.48	
(Including automated debits and online giving)		
Loose Cash:	\$767.00	
Total:	\$20,017.48	

Other Envelopes Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$170.00
Building Fund:	\$482.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$296.00

Ukrainian Collection:.....\$4,516.91

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$21,146.42 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



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.

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.

FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

Volunteers Needed for Holy Week

If you are interested in volunteering at one or more of the following times, please contact the parish office.

Thursday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass

- Lector
- Altar Servers (need 2)
- Eucharistic Ministers (need 2)
- Ushers (need 5 or 6)

Friday, April 15th at 1:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

- Lector
- Altar Servers (need 2)
- Eucharistic Ministers (need 2)
- Ushers (need 5 or 6)

Saturday, April 16th at 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

- Lector
- Altar Servers (need 2)
- Eucharistic Ministers (need 2)
- Ushers (need 5 or 6)

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 St. 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.



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

Fr Dwight Ezop served the parish of St Joseph as a seminarian in 1995 and as a transitional deacon in 1997.

Mark your calendar **now** and save the date of **June 12** to join in celebrating Fr. Dwight's 25th Anniversary of priesthood.

The celebration will take place at St Mary Church in Charlotte, MI. Watch St. Mary's bulletin for more information as the date gets closer.



EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

If you are interested in doing a flower dedication this Easter, please fill out the form below, place it in your pink Easter Flowers, Decorations & Other Liturgy Expenses envelope, and drop it in the collection basket or send to the parish office.

Please Print Clearly:

In Memory of those who are deceased

In Honor of those who are alive

From:

Return this form to the parish office no later than Sunday, April 9th

IMPORTANT INFORMATION SHARED

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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.

The last session is: Wednesday March 23 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. in the Church Basement

The 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!







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