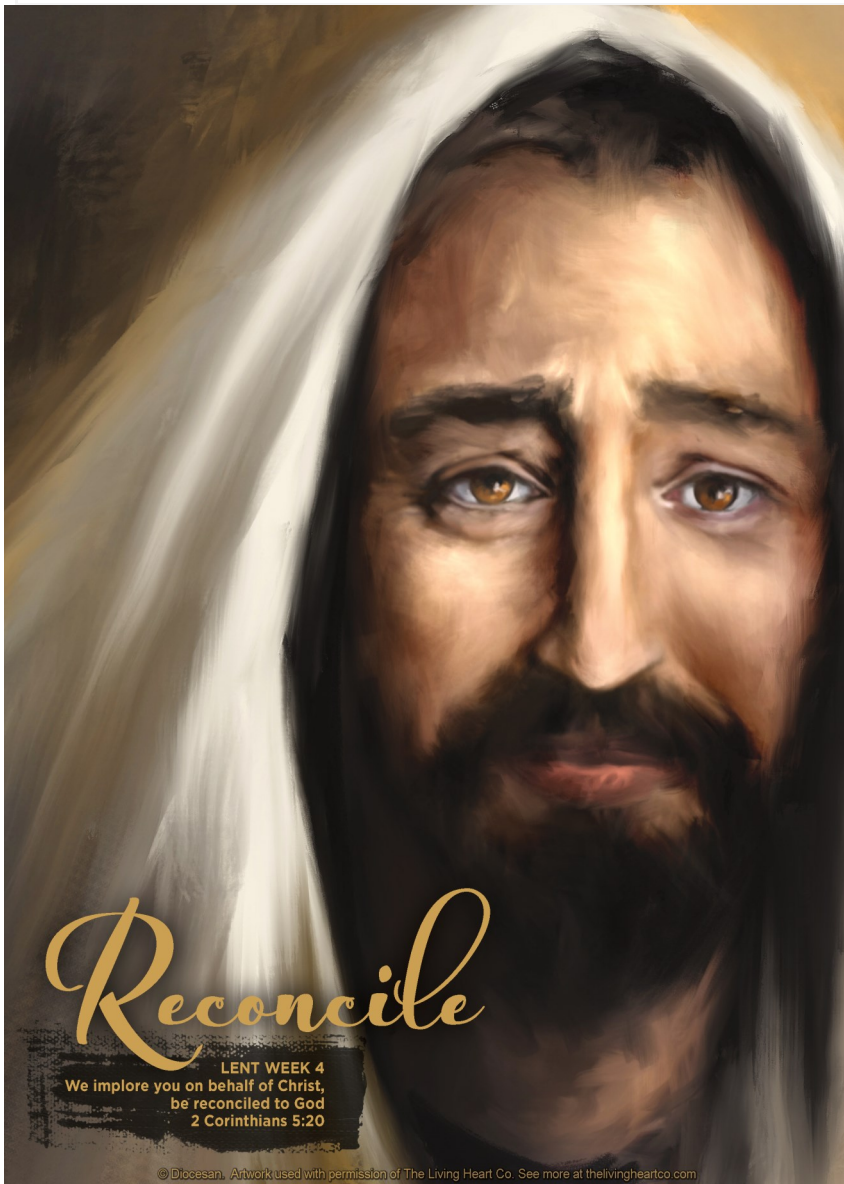


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ALL ARE WELCOME!

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 • March 28*Saint Catharine of Bologna**Isaiah 65:17-21 | John 4:43-54**No Mass***Tuesday • March 29***Saint Ludovico of Casoria**Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 | John 5:1-16*

7:00 p.m.

†**Jackie Moore**

By: Kate Mullen

Wednesday • March 30*Saint Peter Regalado**Isaiah 49:8-15 | John 5:17-30*

12:05 p.m.

†**Walter Pytlowanyj**

By: Pearl & Nyk Bartkiw

Thursday • March 31*Saint Stephen of Mar Saba**Exodus 32:7-14 | John 5:31-47*

8:30 a.m.

†**Margaret Thelen**

By: Deborah Leveque

Friday • April 1*Saint Hugh of Grenoble**Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 | John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30*

8:30 a.m.

†**Kay Eisler**

By: Kay & Ron Atkinson

Saturday • April 2*Saint Francis of Paola**Jeremiah 11:18-20 | John 7:40-53*

8:30 a.m.

For an end to abortion

5:00 p.m.

†**Leon E. Thelen**

By: Bertine Thelen

Sunday • April 3*Saint Benedict the African**Fifth Sunday of Lent**Isaiah 43:16-21 | Philippians 3:8-14 | John 8:1-11*

8:00 a.m.

People of the Parish

10:00 a.m.

†**Kenneth J. Price**

By: Price Family

12:00 p.m.

In Honor of**The Tom and Barb Thelen Family**

6:00 p.m.

Spanish Mass*First Friday Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament: April 1st/2nd*

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration from April 1st after the Friday 8:30 a.m. Mass through April 2nd prior to 8:30 a.m. Mass. If you have not come to Exposition before, Lent is a great time to come.

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

April 1st: 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m.

April 2nd: midnight, 1 a.m., 4 a.m., and 5 a.m.

Please text/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 of the Blessed Sacrament possible.

Friday, April, 1st 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" on page 5 of the bulletin.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6 p.m.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

WILL BURN FROM

MARCH 27TH - APRIL 2ND

*In Memory of
Darrell Lane and
Henry Goerge*



*Stations of the Cross prayed
each Friday of Lent at 6 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
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
Stjosephchurchst-
johns@gmail.com

***Please note: only
immediate family
members may add
names to the bulle-
tin prayer lists.**



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

LIGHT CONQUERS THE DARKNESS

"Then God said: Let there be light, and there was light. God saw that the light was good. God then separated the light from the darkness. God called the light 'day,' and the darkness he called 'night.' Evening came, and morning followed—the first day." (Gen 1:3-5)

How important is light? Pretty important I guess, since God decided to start with it on the first day of creation. St. John was equally aware of the need for light, as he writes at the beginning of his gospel:

"All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this

life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. (Jn 1:3-7)

When God created the world, he brought order out of chaos and the first order of business was light. When Jesus came into the world as the "light," as John references from the beginning, a new order and the fulfillment of the Mosaic Law came to be. Light has been on my mind of late because it is a major theme in the gospel of John, which is what we have been studying over the past four weeks in Catholic Biblical School. Jesus goes through a series of "I am" self-descriptions in John's gospel (i.e. I am the Good Shepherd...the Bread of Life), one of which is: "Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk

in darkness, but will have the light of life." (Jn 8:12)

So Jesus says in his own words what John stated at the beginning of his gospel, that Jesus is the light, a light that cannot be overcome by darkness. That's why, when we get ourselves into a spiritual dark hole, it's important to turn to Jesus because he can penetrate even the darkest of the dark. There's a demonstration some guides give at Mammoth Caves. Deep into a cave they have the artificial lights turned off momentarily and it is literally pitch black. Then the guide lights a single match, and it fills thousands of cubic feet of the cave. Just think of the power of the light of Christ when we are in what St. John of the Cross calls "the dark night of the soul," remembering "*the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*"

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com



A Call to Prayer

Please continue praying for the US Supreme Court as the Justices deliberate on the Dobbs v Jackson Case from Mississippi. This case could lead to the overturning of Roe v Wade and thus return the power of abortion regulation to the states. This could end abortion in Michigan since voters have already said no to abortion by enacting and upholding a law to ban all abortions. Unfortunately, there is a petition circulating to put a proposal on the November ballot to effectively end all our state's abortion limiting legislation. We need continued prayers that the Supreme Court will make the lifesaving decision, and that the petition drive in Michigan will not be successful. There will be a special hour of prayer on First Friday, April 1st, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00pm. Prayers, the Rosary, and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said. Please join us for this hour of prayer



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.

As of March 20 we have reached 26.7% of our DSA goal of \$96,425.00. We are grateful for these contributions from 84 of our families and invite others to join together to push us over goal. Fifty percent of the pledges over our goal will be returned to us to use in our parish's ministries.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

April 2/3

Altar Servers

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

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Lectors

5:00 PM	Rita A.
8:00 AM	Dean H.
10:00 AM	Steve M.
12:00 PM	Dawn L.

Ushers

5:00 PM	Jay H. and Group 5A
8:00 AM	Tom K. and Group 8C
10:00 AM	Jim S. and Group 10A
12:00 PM	Ron D. and Group 12A

Counting Collections

March 28, 2022 • Group 4

Sanctuary Cleaners

April 2nd • Pat S. and Mary H.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

For the week of March 28, 2022

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

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

SPRING BREAK!!!

Students and Staff of St. Joe School, have a wonderful spring break!!

See you the following week.



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

Lenten 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.

Everyone is invited to share a simple Lenten meal with friends and family and learn how Hannah House supports unwed mothers.

A free will offering will be donated to Hannah House.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT week-end retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI on April 22-24, 2022. Take a chance and get involved - you won't regret it!

Cost is \$200 for meals and a single room.

Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com,

E-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com or

call (586) 770-1772 for details.

**Large-Print Living Faith
Daily Devotionals**

A parishioner recently donated about 10 large print Living Faith daily devotionals. They are in the book rack by the Cry Room. Enjoy!



Rest In Peace
*Our prayers and
sympathies to the family
and friends of
Stella Karek*

STEWARDSHIP**For the week ending March 20, 2022**

Adults (261) Envelopes/Gifts:.....\$14,284.43
(Including automated debits and online giving)

Loose Cash:.....\$516.01

Total:.....\$14,800.44

Other Envelopes Received

Education Trust Fund:.....\$130.00

Building Fund:.....\$295.00

Tuition Scholarship Fund:.....\$180.00

Ukrainian Collection:.....\$4,616.91

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$20,979.42 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

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. Monica Ladies Auxiliary
is hosting

Ladies Spring Tea
Saturday, April 30, 2022
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

at
Columbian Hall

Volunteers Needed for Holy Week

Thank you to the parishioners who have stepped up to help with our Holy Week services. We still need volunteers to fill the following spots. Please prayerfully consider giving your talent during this holy time. Contact the parish office at (989) 224-8994 or email at stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com.

Thank You!

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

- ♦ Altar Servers (need 2)
- ♦ Ushers (need 4 or 5)

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

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

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

- ♦ Lector
- ♦ Altar Servers (need 2)
- ♦ Ushers (need 4 or 5)

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.



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

Feast and Raffle

Thank you to all of our parishioners and sponsors throughout the community who supported last weekend's Feast and Raffle online event.

We are still calculating the numbers, but it looks like we'll have over \$130,000 to help the school.

Kudos to the committee who spent many hours to make this a successful event!

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

The Hands of Mary Rosary Makers will hold a Gift Fund-raiser at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish on April 2nd and 3rd after all Masses. Mass times are Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

They will be selling beautiful Easter gifts of all kinds, specialty rosaries, Holy Land crosses and gifts, 1st Communion and other Sacrament gifts, books and gifts for every occasion. All profit supports their rosary making mission.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is located at 3815 S Cedar St. in Lansing.

Why Be Registered?

Are you registered as a
St. Joseph parishioner?

Often people will attend Mass at our parish for years, but never officially register. Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the St. Joseph parish community.

Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for baptisms, weddings, Faith Formation registrations, baptismal or confirmation sponsorship and even funerals. To register, fill out the form on the right and put it in the Sunday collection or visit

www.stjoecatholic.com/register

Last Name: _____

Head of Household: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____