St. Foseph Catholic Church

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> Return to me with your whole heart. Joel 2:12

# Lent 40 Days

#### **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

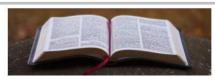
**Regular Mass Schedule** Saturday • 5:00 pm Sunday • 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 PM (Holy Days • Consult the bulletin.)

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

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



#### THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES Monday March 7 Saints Perpetua & Felicity Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 | Matthew 25:31-46 No Mass Tuesday March 8 Saint John of God Isaiah 55:10-11 | Matthew 6:7-15 7:00 p.m. *†Carl Hufnaael* By: Kay & Ron Atkinson Wednesday March 9 Saint Frances of Rome Jonah 3:1-10 | Luke 11:29-32 12:05 p.m. *†Linus & Vedesta Arens* Including deceased family members Bv: Family Thursday March 10 Saint Dominic Savio Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 | Matthew 7:7-12 8:30 a.m. \*Kenneth Yahn By: Pam & Pat Walsh Friday March 11 Saint John Oailvie Ezekiel 18:21-28 | Matthew 5:20-26 8:30 a.m. *†James Cleaver* By: Ann Boynton Saturday • March 12 **Blessed Angela Salawa** Deuteronomy 26: 16-19 | Matthew 5:43-48 5:00 p.m. *†Ann Schafer* By: Brennan & Lisa Falor Sunday March 13 Saint Leander of Seville Second Sunday of Lent Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 | Philippians 3:17--4:1 or 3:20--4:1 | Luke 9:28b-36 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish In Honor of, The Pope 10:00 a.m. By: Society of St Vincent de Paul 12:00 p.m. In Honor of, Sr. Melissa Jones and Vocation for Presentation Sisters By: Ken & Mary Beth Baese 6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass †Sr. Marcella Oloarte Intention:

#### 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



#### **Rest In Peace**

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of

Stephan Joseph



#### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

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

In Memory of

Justín Fox

The Parish office hours: Monday - Thursday ~

Friday ~

Fr. Don Wieber 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

9 a.m. to Noon and

1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

9 a.m. to Noon and

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com \*Please note: only immediate family members may add names to the bulle-

tin prayer lists.

THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED



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

#### 400, WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The number 400 is a nice round number, but what does it mean, if anything at all? If one were a baseball player who batted .400 for a season\*, he would be lauded for his achievement because the last time it was accomplished was 1941. (\*Minimum of 502 plate appearances to qualify.) But if a team in any major professional sports league only wins at a .400 clip (4 of each 10 games), the managers/coaches of those teams will be looking for new employment after about three years. So, for batters, .400 means millions of dollars, while for managers it means "Nice know'n ya."

But what prompts me to look today at the meaning of the number 400? Well, it's a minimilestone of sorts for me because this is the 400<sup>th</sup> column I've written for the church bulletin under the heading *WE ARE ALL*  EVANGELIZERS. But the question remains "What does it mean?" Well, for one thing, it means our parish secretaries over the past eight years didn't have to find material for one-half of a page in each week's bulletin. (Although I would be remiss if I didn't note that my tendency to send in my column very close to the weekly deadline hasn't caused some occasional consternation.) But more importantly, it means the Holy Spirit has consistently provided me with great material with which to work over that time, plus the gift necessary to present it in a mostly coherent manner. Four hundred columns also means that I enjoy what I do; that by writing them I have grown spiritually; and that there are a handful of parishioners who actually say they look forward to them. Thanks to all of you for that.

Well, I certainly hope that I bat better than .400 in columnwriting, but even if that is the case, that means that the message of the Holy Spirit has reached its target 160 weeks in the last eight years. And being a conduit for the word of the Lord is my goal. Actually, being a conduit in both word and deed is the role of the deacon and though,like all sinners, some days I succeed and some days I fail. When I fail, I ask the Lord's forgiveness and carry on. In perseverance then, I hope I will have the opportunity to ask in 2024: *"500, what does it mean?"* 

NOTE ONE: We have six weeks until Easter. It would be really great if six people chose a week each to take the Traveling Chalice home for a week during Lent. Praying for vocations would be a great way to add focus to your Lenten goal of increasing prayer, fasting and alms-giving.

NOTE TWO: You can join in our viewing of the streaming video series "The Chosen" at any time. This week (Thur. Mar. 10), we will only do a morning session, but the following Thursday we will resume with our morning and evening sessions.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

CHOSEN

#### 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 eightweek session started March 3. Every Thursday, with the exception of March 10 (see Deacon Eric's "Note Two" above), there's the option for you to join either the

morning session at 9:00 a.m. or the evening session 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.

#### **Religious Formation and Confirmation News**

#### 8th Grade Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor Session

The next **8th grade** Confirmation session is scheduled for Sunday, **March 13th** from 1:00 - 2:30 pm in the school cafeteria, following the Noon Mass. **8th grade students and their sponsors are asked to attend the session**. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please bring your textbook with you to the session.

• The Rite of Enrollment Mass is scheduled for March 15th at 7 pm for sponsors and candidates.

For questions contact Jen Nelson at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com or call 989-224-8537.

St. Joseph C	Catholic School	This institution is an equal opportunity provider
Lunch Menu		Menu is subject to change, based
For the week o	he week of March 7, 2022 on food availability from	
Mon:	Corn Dogs, tator tots milk.	, mixed fruit, and
Tues:	Loaded bake potato soup w/crackers, grilled cheese sandwich, applesauce, and milk.	
Wed:	Lasagna, bread sticks, green beans, pears, and milk.	
Thurs and Fri:	No Hot Lunch will be cold lunch, school dis	•



#### 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

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 12/13

#### Altar Servers

5:00 PM	Volunteers			
8:00 AM	Volunteers			
10:00 AM	Group 2			
12:00 PM	Volunteers			
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	Lisa Wieber			
8:00 AM	Rich Hollis			
10:00 AM	Jane Miller			
12:00 PM	Ed/Cecilia Canfield			

#### Ushers

5:00 PM	Jay H. and Group 5A
8:00 AM	Mike B. and Group 8E
10:00 AM	Cindy C. and Group 10B
12:00 PM	Ron D. and Group 12A

#### **Counting Collections**

March 7, 2022 • Group 1

#### Sanctuary Cleaners

March 12th • Jane R. and Veronica R.

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.





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

#### Position Opening: Custodian/General Maintenance Worker

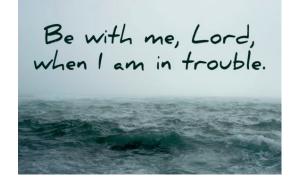
We are seeking a full-time Custodian/General Maintenance Worker. This position assists the Maintenance Supervisor in maintaining a clean and safe physical environment of all St. Joseph buildings, equipment, and grounds. Duties include daily janitorial cleaning and routine maintenance tasks. Previous 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

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring two Lenten soup suppers this month as a way to help us in our Lenten journey. The first supper is March 16th which will support the St. Joseph Youth Group in their service trips. Our March 30<sup>th</sup> supper will be in support of Hannah's House. The soup suppers will provide a simple light meal of soup and bread. The money saved by this light meal can then be donated to the organization that will be highlighted for the evening.

Several Youth Group members will be at the supper to provide an overview of their work. The supper will be held at the Columbian Hall with doors opening at 6:00 pm.

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary is also asking for soup and bread donations for the supper. There are sign-up sheets at the church doors. Thank you in advance for all your support.



### **S**TEWARDSHIP

#### For the week ending February 27, 2022

Adults (231) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$13,540.36		
(Including automated debits and online giving)			
Loose Cash:	\$465.61		
Total:	\$14,005.97		

#### **Other Envelopes Received**

Education Trust Fund:	\$50.00
Building Fund:	.\$50.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	.\$60.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$21,010.11 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, yearround. Full position description is available at <u>www.stjoecatholic.com/forms/</u> 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 <u>www.dioceseoflansing.org/</u> <u>human-resources/careers</u> 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.

FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED



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  $\checkmark$
- School roof ✓
- North parking lot ✓

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

 $\checkmark$  = 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.

To 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 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.

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 *fami*lies.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 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.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION SHARED**

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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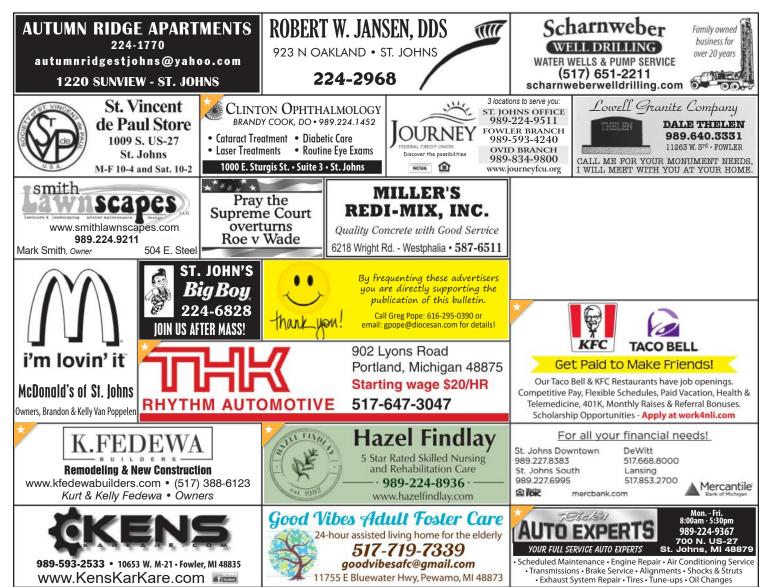
## It's almost time for the 2022 St. Joseph Feast and Raffle!

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.

Ways you can support this event

- ~ Purchase car raffle tickets
- ~ Purchase 50/50 tickets
- ~ Donate to the Fund-A-Need
- $\sim$  Donate to the auction
- ~ Participate in the online auction @ https://one.bidpal.net/stjoefeast2022

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 <u>https://www.facebook.com/St.josephfeastandraffle99</u>



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