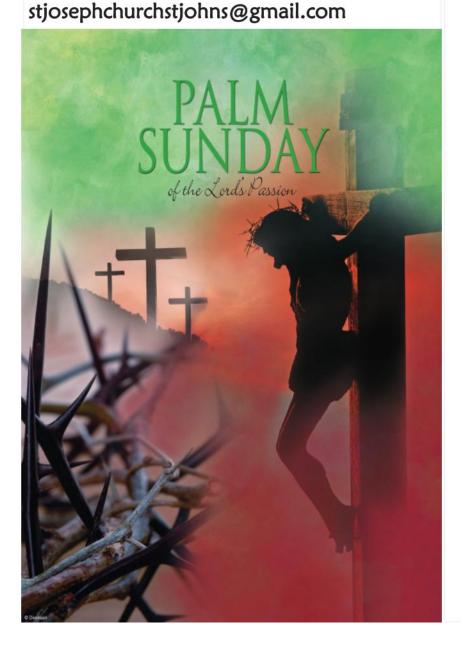
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Regular Mass Schedule

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

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays at Noon for the following weekend. Send to *stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com*



This Week's Liturgies

Monday ● April 11

Saint Stanislaus

Isaiah 42:1-7 | John 12:1-11

No Mass

Tuesday ● April 12

Saint Teresa of Los Andes

Isaiah 49:1-6 | John 13:21-33, 36-38 7:00 p.m. †Brian Ritter

By: Lisa & Charlie Wieber

Wednesday ● April 13

Saint Martin I

By: Lisa & Charlie Wieber

Thursday • April 14

Solemn Mass of The Lord's Supper

Blessed Peter Gonzalez

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 | John 13:1-15 6:30 p.m. Priests of the Diocese of Lansing

Friday • April 15

Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Blessed Caesar de Bus

Isaiah 52:13--19:42 | Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 | John 18:1--19:42

1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service in Spanish

Saturday • April 16

Easter Vigil

Saint Bernadette Soubirous

7:30 p.m. The Elect

Sunday ● April 17
Saint Benedict Joseph Labre

Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 | John 20:1

-9 or Luke 24:1-12

8:00 a.m. †Agnes Caudy Brown

By: Margaret Jorae

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish 12:00 p.m. †Nicholas Kurncz

By: Christine and Family

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass



Adoration Vigil on Holy Thursday Night

"...Take and eat; this is My Body."

Matthew 26:26

Come spend time in Adoration of Our Lord following Holy Thursday Mass until 10:00 p.m. in the entrance of St. Joseph School. Let us thank Him for the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

You can also set up a time for Confession with Fr. Mike by calling the parish office.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

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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
Millie Wassa
Fr. Don Wieber

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To add or remove a name from the



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

Sing "Hallelujah," (and bring a scorecard)

The baseball season has begun after the threat of a prolonged lockout, and baseball fans across the country are rejoicing. There are some who will actually keep official score when they attend games, though admittedly probably none under the age of 60

But actually, the title of this column has nothing to do with baseball. I'm referencing a Mass -- not just any Mass or even any Easter Mass. I'm talking about next Saturday's Easter Vigil Mass -- the granddaddy of all liturgies each year. That's the "Hallelujah" part of the title, but there's more.

The scorecard references all the people who will receive one or more of the Catholic sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Seven people (5 adults and 2 children) will be receiving one or more of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and

Confirmation. (Seven, by the way, is a very important biblical number symbolizing wholeness or completion as in the seven days in the creation story.) Grab your scorecards now and follow along closely. (Hint: You may want to use a pencil with an eraser.)

Being baptized are the two children: 9-year old Emelie Rodriguez Cruz and 5-year old Dru Alohi Fillwock. Emelie will be receiving her First Eucharist as well. Joining Emelie for their First Communions will be her mother Gabriella Cruz Vazquez, Dru's mother Rondi Sue Fillwock, Brenden Scot Harless, and Cameron Matthew Knutson. Gabriella, Brenden, Rondi, and Cameron will also receive the sacrament of Confirmation along with Monica Porras Alor Hufnagel.

These seven people have followed different paths to get to this point; now it's up to us to not only keep all of them in our prayers this week, but to come support them at the Easter Vigil Mass - welcoming them into the parish and the Catholic faith. And I would be remiss if I didn't throw

in my annual promo for the Vigil Mass itself, and it's not just because I am a deacon and am supposed to promote it. I attended many Easter Vigils before I was ordained and fell in love with the liturgy.

It begins in darkness penetrated only by the light of flickering candles held by all those in the pews. Then we are walked through salvation history via Scripture readings and psalms that carry us from creation through the Israelites' Exodus from Egypt, up to and concluding with Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday. We are led from the darkness of pre-creation to the light of eternal life through Scripture, prayer, and song. This liturgy represents the essence of our faith. If you've never attended a Vigil Mass, perhaps swayed by its length, make this the year for a great spiritual experience and help us welcome our Candidates and Catechumens into full communion with the Church.

Deacon Eric

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

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 1)
- ♦ Ushers (need 4 or 5)

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

- ♦ Altar Servers (need 1)
- Ushers (need 5 or 6)

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

- ♦ Lector
- ◆ Altar Servers (need 1)
- Ushers (need 4 or 5)





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dozens of ongoing 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 April 3 we have reached 58.2% of our DSA goal of \$96,425.00. We are grateful for these contributions from 173 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.

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For the week of April 11, 2022

LUNCH MENU

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

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Monday: Tortilla chips w/cheese and meat,

carrots, pears, and milk.

Tuesday: Lasagna, bread sticks, green beans,

cherry crisp, and milk.

Wednesday: Chili, cinnamon rolls, applesauce, and

milk.

Thursday: Salad w/chicken & cheese in an edible

bowl, gogurt, fresh fruit, and milk.

Friday: No School- Good Friday

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

April 16/17

Altar Servers

7:30 PM Icnacio O. and Volunteer

8:00 AM Volunteers 10:00 AM Group 2

12:00 PM Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers

7:30 PM Deacons Eric and Jerry

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

Lectors

7:30 PM Volunteer Needed

8:00 AM Rich H. 10:00 AM Ted S. 12:00 PM Linda S.

Ushers

7:30 PM Volunteers Needed 8:00 AM Mike B. and Group 8E 10:00 AM Henry B. and Group 10C 12:00 PM Tom W. . and Group 12C

Counting Collections

April 11, 2022 • Group 2

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Lector Training

Monday April 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

There will be a new Lector schedule coming out in June. This training session is for those who need a refresher or have not Lectored before and are interested in being put on the new schedule in June.

If you are interested in attending this training, please contact the parish office to sign up.



Triduum Schedule

Thursday, April 14 ~ Holy Thursday (With Incense)

6:30 p.m. Mass

Adoration in the school following Mass until 10:00 p.m.

Friday, April 15 ~ Good Friday (Day of Abstinence and Fasting)

1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service in Spanish

Saturday, April 16 ~ Easter Vigil

10:30 a.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets in the Church 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass (With Incense)

Sunday, April 17 ~ Easter Sunday

8 a.m. Mass (No Incense) 10 a.m. Mass (With Incense) 12:00 p.m. Mass (With Incense) 6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Fasting and Abstinence

Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence during Lent.

Fasting: Catholics from 21 to 59 fast (limit themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

Abstinence: Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Good Friday.

STEWARDSHIP

For the week ending April 3, 2022

Adults (239) Envelopes/Gifts: \$16,676.36 (Including automated debits and online giving)

Loose Cash: \$554.00

Total: \$17,230.38

Other Envelopes Received

Education Trust Fund:.....\$356.00
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Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$20,705.64 If we continue to keep this average we will meet our budgeted goal.

THE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

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HOLY WEEK

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary Spring Tea

To all the ladies of the parish -- bring your mothers, daughters, grandmothers, aunts, and nieces to the St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary Spring Tea on April 30 at the Columbian Hall. The tea will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. You will be treated to tea, sweets, and entertainment and will share in faith and fellowship. Tickets will go on sale soon. Watch the bulletin for further details.

St. Gerard Spring Festival

Join us for St. Gerard's Spring Festival on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7. Friday night activities include 7th/8th grade dance and poker tournament. Saturday activities consist of 5k race, children's games, outdoor games, cake walk, live music, fast food, entertainment tent and Euchre tournament. For more information, please see https://stgerard.org/spring-festival.



Blessing of Easter Baskets on April 16th (Holy Saturday) at 10:30 a.m.

This is a great opportunity for families to prepare for their Easter celebration. Holy Week is long with waiting and watching. Putting together this basket gives kids (of all ages) a wonderful way to spend some time on Saturday morning preparing for our Easter Celebration.

We will gather around at the front of the altar to have this blessing. The tradition of this Easter Basket of blessed foods is shared at Easter morning breakfast. Be sure to include some Easter can-

dy in the basket that will be the first Easter candy eaten. Some items to include may be:

BREAD which symbolizes our Lord himself, who is the Living Bread, come down from heaven to give eternal life.

MEAT (ham, sausage) which ends our time of fasting and waiting.

EGGS symbolize new life and resurrection.

SALT reminds us of our Christian duty to others.

CHEESE symbolizes the moderation that Christians should have in all things.

BUTTER molded in the shape of a Lamb reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have towards all things.

CANDLE which reminds us of the light of Christ and can be used during the Easter season.

FLOWERS for the joy of spring and new life.

If you have any questions, email <u>families.stjosephchurch@gmail.com</u> or call the parish office at (989) 224-8994. Lots of information can be found by an internet search of <u>Catholic blessing Easter baskets</u>.



St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary sends out a very sincere thank you to all the supporters of the Lenten Soup Suppers. Thank you to the many talented chefs who brought many delicious soups each evening. The soups were so varied and delicious it could hardly be called a sacrifice to eat only soup for supper. Thank you also to the generous bread donors.

And a special thanks goes out to those who came to enjoy the soups and made generous donations to our charities - St. Joseph Youth Group and Hannah's House. Both charities were pleased by your generosity and appreciation of their work. St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary is thankful for all those involved in this effort and look forward to providing this event again next year.



Outdoor Stations of the Cross

Catholic families from several Lansing area parishes will be hosting the Groesbeck Neighborhood Outdoor Stations of the Cross on Good Friday from noon until 7PM. The stations will

be in front of the participating families' homes and are situated in a loop throughout the Groesbeck neighborhood. There will be a sign at each station with QR codes and websites to devotions in English and Spanish (both print and audio). Printed maps will be available at the first station located at 2600 Montego Drive, Lansing.

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary

Our monthly meeting will be held on Monday, April 11th at the Columbian Hall. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Meeting topics will be the election of officers and finalizing plans for the Ladies Tea. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend and provide ideas. As is often said, "Many hands make light work." There will be time for faith sharing and fellowship with good snacks. For more information or assistance to attend the meeting, please call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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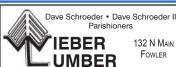
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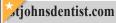
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