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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.

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Fr. Michael Williams
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Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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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 • April 25

Saint Mark

1 Peter 5:5b-14 | Mark 16:15-20

No Mass

Tuesday • April 26

Saint Pedro de San Jose Betancur

Acts 4:32-37 | John 3:16-15

7:00 p.m.

†Sharon Ruby

By: The DeLisos

Wednesday • April 27

Saint Louis Mary Grignon de Montfort

Acts 5:17-26 | John 3:16-21

12:05 p.m.

†Bernice Caudy

By: Husband, Joseph

Thursday • April 28

Saint Peter Chanel

Acts 5:27-33 | John 3:31-36

8:30 a.m.

†James Bappert

And deceased members of the Oscar Simon family

By: Family

Friday • April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena

Acts 5:34-42 | John 6:1-15

8:30 a.m.

†Stephan Joseph

By: Steve and Susan Mahoney

Saturday • April 30

Saint Pius V

Acts 6:1-7 | John 6:16-21

5:00 p.m.

People of the Parish

Sunday • May 1

Saint Joseph the Worker

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 | Revelation 5:11-14 | John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

8:00 a.m.

†Germaine Nurenberg

By: Robert Nurenberg family

10:00 a.m.

†Rich Childers

By: Judy Childers

12:00 p.m.

In Honor of: Roy and Joann Simon on their 60th Wedding Anniversary

6:00 p.m.

Spanish Mass



My Lord and my God!

Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see My hands, and bring your hand and put it into My side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and My God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen? Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." John 20:27-29

Our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist calls us to step out in faith, to be among those who are blessed because they have not seen, but have believed.

If you would like to join our Adoration Team, or have questions, please call or text Rebecca at (989) 292-2072.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

WILL BURN FROM

APRIL 24TH - APRIL 30TH

*In Memory of
The deceased members of the
Cardosa family and Patrick
Day*

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.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Adam
Beverly
Danial Blair
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
Millie Wassa
Fr. Don Wieber

Our parishioners in the service, especially:

Bryce Bongard
Alex Detloff
William Hess
Jake Hoskins
Jacob Longoria
Eric Martin
Jessica Mitchell
Colby Munger
Adam Novak

Alex Rojas
David Seperic
Noel Smith II
Grace Szpont
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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.**



WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

(and whatever else is on
Deacon Eric's mind)

DIVINE MERCY, SUFFERING AND FR. STU

Opening Note: Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, when all Catholics are urged to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m.

There is a Divine Mercy Service at the Cathedral, but if you can't make it there, go to the parish YouTube channel and pray in concert with other parishioners.

The link to the channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6I1mHhn4KfJ3H0XuIPa-BQ>

Today is the eighth day in the Octave of Easter, now known as Divine Mercy Sunday, as so-named in April, 2000 by then-Pope John Paul II. Its origin is in a 1931 revelation to St. Faustina in which Jesus told her:

Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you.... Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death.... When they say this

chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful savior.... I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy.

The mercy of God is endless, and we should never believe that we are unworthy of his forgiveness. If we have been carrying the weight of great sin thinking the Lord would never help a person in such straits, think again. Jesus suffered and died on the cross in order to open the gates of heaven for us. What greater sign of a merciful God do we need?

Speaking about suffering, there is a new movie out that is getting plenty of attention in Catholic media - some of it good, some of it "not so much." It's called "Fr. Stu", and it is based on the real-life story of a hard-edged boxer turned priest. I won't recommend it or discourage people from seeing it, but I will say that it has been what I will call "Hollywoodized." (For example, I don't think any of us have been to a baptism where a muscular man takes off his shirt to be baptized.)

The second half of the movie is powerful, as it explores suffering, mercy, and total trust in God. That will make the movie worthwhile for a lot of Catholics. But it is rated "R" for a reason, and that's because of language. If one has a low threshold of tolerance for foul language then you may not be able to wade through it to reach the part where the powerful message is delivered. If that's the case, then check online for the inspirational true story of Fr. Stuart Long. His transformation was phenomenal.

(Closing Note: Congratulations to the seven individuals who were welcomed into the faith through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Please welcome them when you see them at Mass. They are: Gabriella Cruz Rodriguez and her daughter Emeli, Rondi Fillwock and her daughter Dru, Brenden Harles, Cameron Knutson, and Monica Hufnagel.)

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com



UNLIMITED ABORTION PETITION CIRCULATING:

Individuals are currently collecting signatures across the state to change the Michigan Constitution to allow for unregulated abortions. This "Reproductive Freedom" petition is opposed by the Catholic bishops in Michigan. It would allow schools to help teens obtain abortions without their parents knowing. Parents: Do NOT sign away your rights. If approached for your signature, first review the text of the proposal. Say "no thank you" to the unlimited abortion petition where the description begins with "Constitutional Amendment to: establish new individual right to reproductive freedom..." Find out more at www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org.

2022



“STIR UP ONE ANOTHER TO love and good works”

1 Peter 3:17

This year our parish goal has been set at **\$96,425.00**. Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to this so far.

As of 4/17/2022, 214 parish families have donated \$71,373.78, which is 74.0% of our goal. *Any pledge over and above our goal will be returned 50% to our parish. If you haven't already, please remember to fill out your pledge form, located in the pews, and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office during the week. You may also submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa.*



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

April 30/ May 1

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 2
8:00 AM	Group 2
10:00 AM	Group 2
12:00 PM	Group 2

Lectors

5:00 PM	Rita A.
8:00 AM	Trevor H.
10:00 AM	Jane M.
12:00 PM	Debbie T.

Ushers

5:00 PM	Jay H. and Group 5A
8:00 AM	Tom C. and Group 8B
10:00 AM	Jim S. and Group 10A
12:00 PM	Dennis P. and Group 12B

Counting Collections

April 25, 2022 • Group 1

Sanctuary Cleaners

April 30th • Bonne W.. and Mary C.



St. Joseph Catholic School
is currently enrolling for the
2022 - 2023 School Year

Contact the school at 989-224-2421 for more information on enrolling your child at St. Joseph Catholic School.

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You can go to discovermass.com and have the bulletin delivered to your email? All it takes is a few short steps and you can have your bulletin delivered every week to your email.

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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

For the week of April 25, 2022

Monday:	Taco salad in an edible bowl, string cheese, fresh fruit, and milk.
Tuesday:	Baked chicken, baked potato with cheese, fruit, and milk.
Wednesday:	Cheese stuffed breadsticks with dipping sauce, green beans, fruit, and milk.
Thursday:	Hamburger on a bun with cheese, fried chips, fresh fruit, and milk.
Friday:	Pigs in a blanket, tator tots, fruit, and milk.

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

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 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on April 30 at the Columbian Hall. You will be treated to tea, treats of many kinds, and entertainment. Our Blessed Mother will be the focus of the faith sharing. There will be plenty of time for conversation. Tickets are \$5.00 (children under 10 are welcome for no charge) and can be obtained at the Parish Office, the School Office or by contacting a St. Monica member. We hope this event will help prepare us for May, the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



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 April 30th 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.



Save the dates for
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 20-23, 2022 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Children ages 4 years old to 5th grade are invited to see the Mass come alive and experience daily faith stations, music, crafts, games, snacks and more.

The cost is \$25 per child and includes a t-shirt. Registration forms coming soon, stay tuned.

STEWARDSHIP

For the week ending April 17, 2022

Adults (342) Envelopes/Gifts:.....\$20,575.38
(Including automated debits and online giving)
Loose Cash:.....\$1,391.00
Total:.....\$21,966.38

Other Envelopes Received

Education Trust Fund:.....\$55.00
Building Fund:.....\$267.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:.....\$247.00

Holy Thursday:.....\$394.54

Good Friday:\$896.00

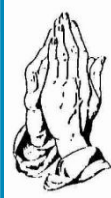
Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$20,854.24. If we continue to keep this average we will meet our budgeted goal.

THE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

The Children's Collection will be donated to:

ANGELS OUTREACH MINISTRIES

St. John Vianney Parish, Flint MI 485004



Rest In Peace
Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of Joanne Smith and Arthur Halfmann

Position Opening: Summer Assistant Custodian

This is a temporary, 40-hour per week position from approximately June 20 to August 12, 2022. Duties include assisting maintenance staff with heavy summer cleaning of the school. Previous experience not necessary. Full position description and online application at <https://dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers>. Paper forms are available in the parish office (109 Linden St.). Completed applications are due to the parish office by May 9, 2022.

Welcome to our newest Catholics who were initiated at the Easter Vigil:

Baptized

Dru Fillwock

Baptized and First Communion

Emeli Rodriguez Cruz

Confirmed

Monica Porras Alor Hufnagel

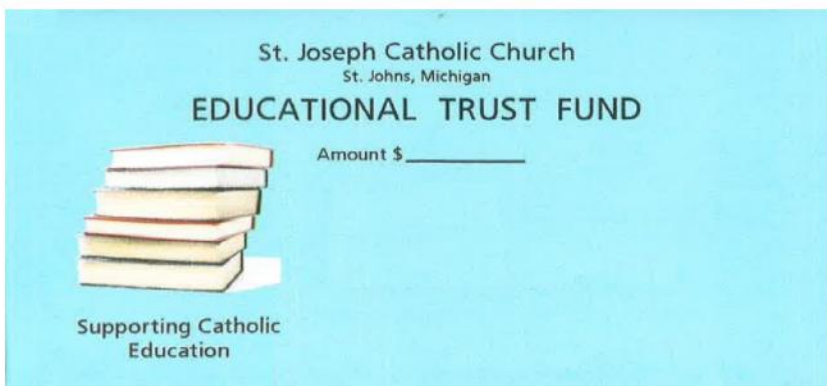
Confirmed and First Communion

Gabriela Cruz Vazquez

Rondi Sue Fillwock

Brenden Scot Harless

Cameron Mathew Knutson



Did you know that a blue envelope donation goes to the Educational Trust Fund? The Educational Trust Fund supports education of our school students, religious education programs and RCIA. Please consider either donating to the Educational Trust Fund in the collection basket on Sunday or online at:

www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1479



St. Gerard Spring Festival

Join St. Gerard Parish in Lansing for their 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>.



Receiving Holy Eucharist on the tongue.

For those of you who wish to partake of Holy

Communion on the tongue, Fr. Mike will be distributing the Eucharist both ways (by hand and on the tongue). If you wish to receive on the tongue, please only go to Fr. Mike as he is the only one distributing the Eucharist both ways.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**APRIL 24, 2022****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

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