St. Foseph Catholic Church

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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday April 4

Saint Isidore of Seville Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Daniel 13:41c-62 | John 8:12-20 No Mass

Tuesday • April 5

Saint Vincent Ferrer Numbers 21:4-9 | John 8:21-30 7:00 p.m. †Mark Weber By: Family

Wednesday

April 6

Saint Crescentia Hoess Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 | John 8:31-42 12:05 p.m. †Larry Barnum

By: Cease and Dawn

Thursday • April 7 Saint John Baptist de La Salle

Genesis 17:3-9 | John 8:51-59 8:30 a.m. †Daniel Sandahl By: Family

Friday • April 8 Saint Julie Billiart Jeremiah 20:10-13 | John 10:31-42

8:30 a.m. *†Margaret Klein* By: Sunshine Club

Saturday • April 9

Saint Casilda Ezekiel 37:21-28 | John 11:45-56 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday • April 10

Saint Magdalene of Canossa

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Procession with the Palms: Luke 19:28-40

Isaiah 50:4-7 | Philippians 2:6-11 | Luke 22:14 -- 23:56 or 23:1-49

8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Brya
	By: Bequest
10:00 a.m.	†Bob, Dean and Catherine Gilroy
	By: Family
12:00 p.m.	<i>†Dale, James, and Agatha Feldpausch</i>
	By: Mary Jane Feldpausch
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass

"My Lord and my God!"

"An indulgence was granted by St. Pius X to all the Faithful who gaze at the Sacred Host with faith, devotion and love, either at the Elevation of the Mass or when it is solemnity exposed in the monstrance, saying at the same time, 'My Lord and my God!'" From *The Holy Eucharist Our All* by Fr. Lukas Etlin, O.S.B.

Are you interested in joining our adoration team? Call Rebecca at 989-292-2072 with questions.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

WILL BURN FROM APRIL 3RD - APRIL 9TH

In Memory of Mauríce & Etha Eísler



Stations of the Cross prayed each Friday of Lent at 6 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

At St. Joseph: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Nearby Reconciliation service Monday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m. At St. Mary Parish, 201 N Westphalia St, Westphalia.

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: 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 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 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 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)

LOOKING INSIDE "The Chosen"

I had heard about *The Chosen* online video series for a couple years and had somewhat dismissed it as just another Protestant presentation of Jesus. But then I started hearing positive reviews of it on Catholic radio, I heard a couple Catholic parishes in our diocese had offered it, and I had a couple parishioners ask if I might consider moderating the series here. Upon checking it out personally, I decided it was worth the effort and "Man! Has it delivered!"

What participants have been saying through the first half of the series is how the biblical figures we've read about for years have come to life in this series. What strikes home is that this series makes them out to be what intellectually we knew: that they were 'real" people. Though the writers had to write backstories for some of the figures, they have done so in a very believable manner. For example, the gospels only tell us that Mary Magdalene had been cured of demons by Jesus. *The Chosen* gives us a picture of what being possessed might have been like, then we see Mary's pure joy at being freed from the demons.

At the halfway point here of season one, we have seen much more of Simon than of Jesus. The writers have actually portrayed Simon as even a bit rougher around the edges than we (class participants and myself) had previously pictured him. That then makes his conversion experience when called by Jesus to be a "fisher of men" even more powerful for the viewer.

I recently read an article about how the actor who portrays Jesus (Jonathan Roumie) met last year with Pope Francis and discussed the series' international popularity. (It is available in 50 languages.) He said his challenge in this role is to show *"the most ostensible traits of God's love, mercy and compassion."* And that reflects on why the series is accepted and enjoyed by Christians of all denominations. The focus is on Jesus, true God and true man. Jesus, on whom our faith rests.

There are three episodes of

season one to go, so I invite everyone to drop in and see for yourself what the buzz is all about. The remaining sessions are on Thursdays at 9:00 in the morning and 6:30 in the evening - April 7th, 21st, and 28th.

For those who would like to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet, but don't have anyone with whom to pray it, please note that the Divine Mercy chaplet I recorded early in the Covid crisis is available again on the parish's YouTube channel. It will be on this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UC6I1mHhn4KfJ3H0XuIPA-BQ through April 24th.

One more add-on here: I came across an old quote of which I am fond, which seems quite appropriate given our world situation: "In making the world... God had written, not so much a poem, but a play; a play he had planned as perfect, but which had necessarily been left to human actors and stage managers who have since made a great mess of it."

G. K. Chesterton

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 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)

<u>Religious Formation and</u> <u>Confirmation News</u>

8th Grade Confirmation Session

The next 8th Grade Confirmation session is scheduled for Sunday, April 10th at 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria following Noon Mass. Please return your Shared Pregnancy baby bottle on this day, if you haven't already. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please bring your textbook with you to the session.

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

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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 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 March 27 we have reached 39.0% of our DSA goal of \$96,425.00. We are grateful for these contributions from 120 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.

This institution is an equal ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH MENU For the week of April 4, 2022

opportunity provider

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

Mon. & Tues: Virtual Days Only- No lunch will be served. Wednesday: French toast w/syrup, sausage, hash browns, mixed fruit, and milk. Thursday: Hot dog on a bun, french fries, fruit, and milk. Friday: Pizza, peas, warm apples w/ cinnamon, and milk

LITURGICAL MINISTERS April 9/10

Altar Servers

5:00 PM	Group 2
8:00 AM	Volunteers
10:00 AM	Group 1
12:00 PM	Group 2
Eucharistic M	linisters
5:00 PM	Group 2
8:00 AM	Group 2
10:00 AM	Group 2
12:00 PM	Group 2
Lectors	
5:00 PM	Lisa W.
8:00 AM	Lu Anne C.
10:00 AM	Tori S.
12:00 PM	Mary E.

Ushers

5:00 PM	Kevin B. and Group 5B
8:00 AM	John T. and Group 8D
10:00 AM	Cindy C and Group 10B
12:00 PM	Dennis P and Group 12B

Counting Collections

April 4, 2022 • Group 1

Sanctuary Cleaners

April 9th • Lori P. & LuAnn K.

ATTENTION WOMEN

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

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 the Lector training, please contact the parish office to sign up.

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



Rest In Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of

Stanley Wassa

Mid-life Singles Mid **30**'s to Mid **50**'s

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend 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.



<u>The Knights of Columbus</u> <u>Fish Fry</u>

When: 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

Stewardship

For the week ending March 27, 2022

Adults (239) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$13,267.36	
(Including automated debits and online giving)		
Loose Cash:	\$551.00	
Total:	\$13,818.36	

Other Envelopes Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$115.00
Building Fund:	\$240.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$245.00

Ukrainian Collection:.....\$4,816.91

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$20,795.80 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





Widows Rosary Group St. Mary Cathedral 219 Seymour Lansing MI 48933

A prayer group open strictly to women whose husbands have passed away. Widows Group gathers the 2nd Monday of each month from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the Crypt at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing. For more information regarding the Widows Rosary Group, please contact Kathryn R. at 517 -321-8259.



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

FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



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 candy 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 *families.stjosephchurch@gmail.com* or by calling the parish office at (989) 224-8994. Lots of information can be found by an internet search of *Catholic blessing Easter baskets*.

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:

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



The Food Box

Donations help families in our community through the *Emergency Food Assistance Program at Beacon of Hope* (First Baptist Church). Donations can be placed in the wooden box in the back of church, next to the free resources rack.

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION SHARED

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:
ur / to	Head of Household: Spouse: Children:
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