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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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Deacon Marv Robertson (retired)
Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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Confirmation • Jen Nelson
Youth Group • Nancy Poff
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Evangelization • Nancy Joseph
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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

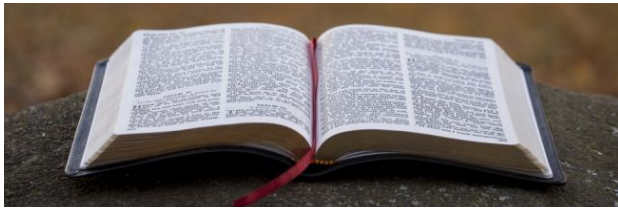
Saturday • 4:00 pm
Tuesday • 6:30 pm

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 • May 2*Saint Athanasius*

Acts 6:8-15 | John 6:22-29

No Mass

Tuesday • May 3*Saints Philip and James*

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 | John 14:6-14

7:00 p.m.

†William McCann

By: Family

Wednesday • May 4*Blessed Michael Giedroyc*

Acts 8:1b-8 | John 6:35-40

12:05 p.m.

†Alvina Alvarado and Patrick Day

By: Susan

Thursday • May 5*Saint Hilary of Arles*

Acts 8:26-40 | John 6:44-51

8:30 a.m.

†Lewis Kramer

By: The Kramer Family

Friday • May 6*Saints Marian and James*

Acts 9:1-20 | John 6:52-59

8:30 a.m.

†Sally Lorenc

By: Lisa & Charlie Wieber

Saturday • May 7*Saint Rose Venerini*

Acts 9:31-42 | John 6:60-69

5:00 p.m.

People of the Parish

Sunday • May 8*Happy Mother's Day!**Saint Peter of Tarentaise*

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52 | Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 | John 10:27-30

8:00 a.m.

†Bob & Mary Zuker

By: Bob and Linda Karek & Family

10:00 a.m.

†Alice & Donald Schneider

Living and Deceased Family Members

By: Helen Schneider

12:00 p.m.

†Marvin & Rita Harr

By: The Family

6:00 p.m.

Spanish Mass

*First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament May 6 and 7*

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration from May 6 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass through May 7 prior to the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome!

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

May 6, 2022: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 6 p.m.

May 7, 2022: 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

Please call or text Rebecca at 989-292-2072 if you will be attending at one of these hours. It is not necessary to have an assigned hour, however it does help to make Exposition possible.

On Friday, May 6 beginning at 5 p.m., a Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be led for an end to abortion and for our Supreme Court justices. Please join us! For more information, see "A Call to Prayer for Life."

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

WILL BURN FROM
MAY 1ST - MAY 7TH

*In Memory of
the deceased members of
the Alvarado Family*

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
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 bulletin prayer lists.*



WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

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

BLOCKHEAD AT THE ZOO

"You're a blockhead, Charlie Brown." So Lucy first said to the affable, trusting Charlie some 70 years ago. I've been feeling a bit like a blockhead myself today as, for the first time in a long time, I'm suffering writer's block. I guess that makes me a "writer's blockhead."

Perhaps the Holy Spirit's GPS is off a bit and he's still got me located in Wisconsin where my wife and I were this weekend visiting grandkids. Or perhaps the hot sun on Saturday penetrated my golden dome (actually now red) and singed my synapses as we made our 4-hour trek around the Shalom Wilderness Zoo in West Bend -- in eastern Wisconsin. *(If that sounds contradictory, consider the fact that at one point just outside of Milwaukee we were driving west*

on a highway with three route or interstate signs. According to the signs, I was going north on one highway while heading south on another. Did I tell you I was actually heading west at the time?)

Anyhow, Shalom Wilderness Zoo is a unique experience. There is definitely an inner peace reflecting the Zoo's name as one walks through the four miles of forested and marshy areas which, with a few exceptions, are the natural surroundings for the 75 species featured there. It's interesting to look at how the animals live, some staying in community and others spread apart, preferring to be alone. Some jumped back when a person approached the fenced-in habitat, while others came up and took feed from the hands of children.

Often when I go to a zoo or aquarium, I am reminded of the Creation story in the book of Genesis. I see all these different creatures God has made and say to myself, "This can't all be accidental." All of these animals

serve a purpose in God's plan. Some may argue that there shouldn't be any zoos and that animals should all be free, but I believe zoos provide great learning experiences for children and adults alike.

Without getting into any George Orwell "Animal Farm" characterizations, it's easy to see some human traits in animal behavior. A peacock strutting his stuff reminds me of some people I've known who like to show off on a regular basis. We watched a couple of turkeys for about ten minutes circle each other like feathered Sumo wrestlers, occasionally throwing a feathered right hook while the other ducked. It appeared to be a show (or showdown) for a pretty turkey in the adjacent pen.

Anyhow, the bulletin deadline is almost here. I guess I'll have to tell Debbie I couldn't think of anything this week to write about. Sorry.

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com

A Call to Prayer for Life

The Supreme Court continues deliberations on the Dobbs v Jackson case that could overturn Roe v Wade and return the power of abortion regulation to the people. Please continue praying for the Supreme Court justices that the Holy Spirit will guide them in this decision. There will be a special hour of prayer on First Friday ~ May 6th from 5 to 6 p.m. During this hour, we will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for the justices. Please join in this hour of prayer at Church or at home.

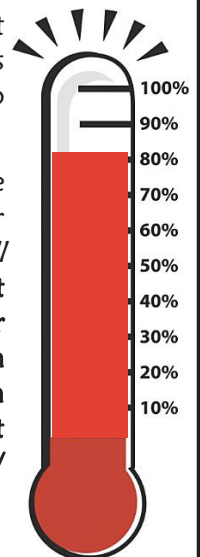


"STIR UP ONE
ANOTHER TO
love and good works"

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 4/24/2022, 234 parish families have donated \$80,238.66, which is 83.2% 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.*



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL*Looking for donations*

Vacation Bible School is coming up this summer on June 20-23, and we are asking for donations to help make this fun faith --filled program a success! See the list below of items we need. Please drop off your donation at the parish office before June 10th. Thank you!

- Shoeboxes (any size)
- Birthday candles (yellow or white)
- Pretzels (any kind)
- Individual bags of fruit snacks
- Individual bags of crackers or chips
- Colorful wrapping paper
- Monetary donations are also appreciated

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

**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.

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL
LUNCH MENU***For the week of May 2, 2022*

- Monday: Corn Dogs, green beans, fruit, and milk.
Tuesday: Chicken fettuccini, bread sticks, carrots, pears, and milk.
Wednesday: Pancakes with syrup, sausage, hash browns, fruit, and milk.
Thursday: Sloppy joe on a bun, french fries, fresh fruit, and milk.
Friday: No Lunch served ~ 1/2 day of school, students dismissed at 11:00 a.m.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS**May 7/ May 8****Altar Servers**

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

Eucharistic Ministers

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| 5:00 PM | Group 3 |
| 8:00 AM | Group 3 |
| 10:00 AM | Group 3 |
| 12:00 PM | Group 3 |

Lectors

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| 5:00 PM | Lisa W. |
| 8:00 AM | Dean H. |
| 10:00 AM | Karen D. |
| 12:00 PM | Colleen S. |

Ushers

- | | |
|----------|-------------------------|
| 5:00 PM | Kevin B. and Group 5B |
| 8:00 AM | Tom K.. and Group 8C |
| 10:00 AM | Cindy C.. and Group 10B |
| 12:00 PM | Tom W . and Group 12C |

Counting Collections

May 2, 2022 • Group 2

Sanctuary Cleaners

May 7th • Ramona S.. and Leona T.

Rest In Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of

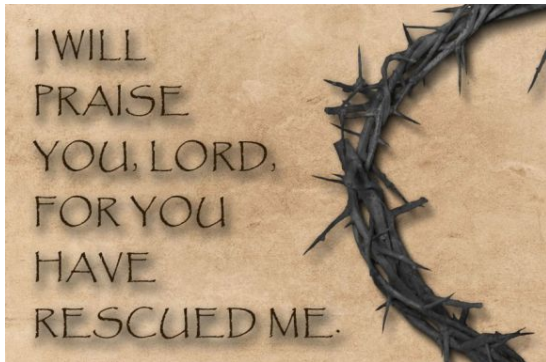
Donna Eisler



Baccalaureate Mass
Sunday, May 22
10 a.m. Mass

Be in the Church basement by 9:40 a.m., wear your cap and gown.
Reception following Mass in the Church basement.

Invitations will be sent. If you don't receive one please email Nancy Poff at njpoff@gmail.com or contact the parish office so we can add your name to the program



Congratulations to all the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion on April 30/May 1 weekend. May God continue to bless them as they grow in their journey of faith.

Families that have children going into 2nd grade this fall (or in any grade and still needs to celebrate their First Communion) contact Jen Nelson for more information at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com or 989-224-8537.



REGISTRATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20-23, 2022 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Registration forms are now available in the Church and on the stjoecatholic.com website. Please return forms by June 1st so your child can receive a t-shirt.

Contact Jen Nelson for questions at 989-224-8537.

STEWARDSHIP

For the week ending April 24, 2022

Adults (342) Envelopes/Gifts:.....\$16,741.38
(Including automated debits and online giving)
Loose Cash:.....\$576.00
Total:.....\$17,317.38

Other Envelopes Received

Education Trust Fund:.....\$60.00
Building Fund:.....\$330.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:.....\$170.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$20,776.87 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:

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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.

Office Hours for the week of May 2, 2022

Monday to Thursday
9:00 a.m. to Noon and
1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 6th
9:00 a.m. to Noon ~
Office Closed in the afternoon



May is the month of Mary

As we continue our celebration of the Easter season, we take time in the month of May to honor Mary, Our Blessed Mother. As we prepare to celebrate all mothers for their dedication and importance to our families, we honor Mary in a special way. We hold her in high esteem as the mother of Christ, and we have the confidence that she intercedes on our behalf.

Consider having your family make a home altar to honor Mary. The basics include:

A table or space in your home that is visible and accessible

An image or statue of Mary

Blue or white cloth (colors of Our Lady)

Flowers (real or artificial)



In addition, you may want to add:

Holy cards with images of Mary

Candles

Rosaries

Picture books and devotionals about Mary

Holy water

Words to Marian hymns or recordings of songs



When you walk by this altar, offer a Hail Mary prayer, a word of thanks or simply pray "Jesus, I trust in You". An internet search of "Honoring Blessed Virgin Mary during May" will give you additional ideas.



Grief Support Workshop

Grieving with Great Hope is a weekend grief support workshop that offers a prayerful, practical, and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, child (including pregnancy loss), grandchild, parent, another family member, or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters include Deacon Eric Elstro and John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement apostolate located in southeast Michigan.

**The workshop will be held at St. Jude Parish, 801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt, MI
on Friday, June 18, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
and concluding on Saturday, June 19, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Registration fee of \$10 includes a light breakfast (served at 9:30 a.m.) and lunch on Saturday. Seating is limited.

Visit www.goodmourningministry.net for registration details and registration form or call Colleen at 989-640-5780 or Jackie at 517-449-2928. Please register by June 10.

Hosted by Path of Divine Hope Grief Ministry of St. Joseph Parish

Congratulations to our newest members of St. Joseph!
Baptized on Sunday, April 24, 2022

by Deacon Gerald Fust

Elise Marie Conley

Daughter of
Nathan and
Katie Conley

Leni Sue Halfman

Daughter of
Benjamin and
Breann Halfman

Asher Frederick Oswald

Son of
Nathan and
Sarah Oswald

Gloriana Rose Marie Rehmann

Daughter of
Bradley and
Andrea Rehmann



Henrey Bishop Slack

Son of
Jonathan and
Amanda Slack



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

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