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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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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 16*Saint Margaret of Cortona**Acts 14:5-18 | John 14:21-26**No Mass***Tuesday • May 17***Saint Paschal Baylon**Acts 14:19-28 | John 14:27-31a**7:00 p.m.***†Mark Weber***By: Family***Wednesday • May 18***Saint John I**Acts 15:1-6 | John 15:1-8**12:05 p.m.***†Agnes Caudy***By: Son, Joseph***Thursday • May 19***Saint Theophilus of Corte**Acts 15:7-21 | John 15:9-11**8:30 a.m.***†Stan Wassa***By: Lisa & Charlie Wieber***Friday • May 20***Saint Bernardine of Siena**Acts 15:22-31 | John 15:12-17**8:30 a.m.***†Craig Porubsky***By: Stan & Sandy Kolp***Saturday • May 21***Saint Cristobal Magallanes and Companions**Acts 16:1-10 | John 15:18-21**1:00 p.m.**Quinceanera**Brisa Sanchez**5:00 p.m.***†Frederick Orson***By: Family***Sunday • May 22***Saint Rita of Cascia**Sixth Sunday of Easter**Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 | Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 | John 14:23-29**8:00 a.m.***People of the Parish***10:00 a.m.***†Ken, Urban, & Marie Weber***By: Janet McKeown**12:00 p.m.***†Leon Armbrustmacher****and living and deceased family members***By: Lynn & Deb Denovich**6:00 p.m.***Spanish Mass***Eucharistic Adoration*

Our Adoration Team is always in need of more adorers. We are particularly in need of adorers at the following times.

Volunteers Needed

First Friday: 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.

First Saturday: midnight, 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

This is only a one hour a month commitment. We are also in need of subs who need a more flexible schedule.

If you are interested in being part of this prayer team as a monthly adorer or as a sub, or if you have questions, please text or call Rebecca at 989-292-2072.



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NAME FOR EVER,
MY KING AND MY GOD.

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WILL BURN FROM
MAY 15TH - MAY 21ST

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Frank & Maxine
Sipkovsky*

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YOUR PRAYERS**

**Please pray for
our parishioners
and their families,
especially:**

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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

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***Please note: only
immediate family
members may add
names to the bulle-
tin prayer lists.**



WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

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

SOME THINGS ARE NOT FOR US TO KNOW

"We should have the humility of a child, who knows what he does not know but is content that his father knows." So says Monsignor Charles Pope in his look at chapter ten of the Book of Revelation—specifically its reference to the "Seven Thunders." What intrigues Pope is that when the Seven Thunders were about to speak, John, the writer of Revelation heard a voice from God telling him to "seal up" what the Thunders said and "not write it down."

Our Sunday readings give us quite a bit from Revelation during the Easter season, but not this passage. I bring up this article* from Msgr. Pope because this is one of those periods in history when a certain segment of society starts issuing doomsday proclamations, based on Revelation. One current driving force is the uncertainty of Russia's actions—given their nuclear weapon capa-

bility and invasion of Ukraine. Others see the "end-time" in the collapse of morality in the United States—the most gifted country in the world. The truth is nobody knows "the when".

The Book of Revelation, with all its symbolism, has been analyzed hundreds of times over by biblical scholars, and they've come to just as many conclusions. But what the Church teaches us is that only the Father knows the time. It is our job to have ourselves prepared, to be right with the Lord whether the end-time or our personal end of life on earth comes first. There's no need for anxiety or fear, as long as we love God and love our neighbor as Jesus commands.

Msgr. Pope offers a few reasons why the Lord sealed the words of the Seven Thunders:

It is an instruction against arrogance and sinful curiosity. Usually, especially in our modern setting, people think they have the right to know just about anything. The press speaks of the people's "right to know." And while this may be true about the affairs of government, it is not true about people's private lives, and it is

surely not true about all the mysteries of God.

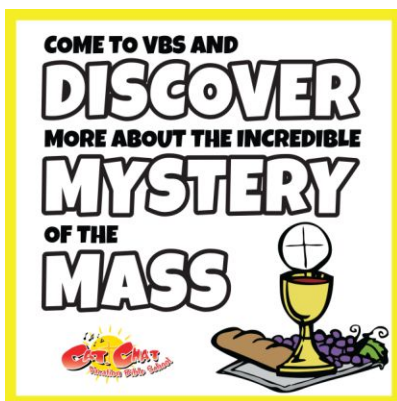
It is a rebuke of our misuse of knowledge. Sadly, especially in the "information age," we speak of knowledge as power. We seek to know in order to control, rather than to repent and conform to the truth—Knowledge abused in this way is not wisdom; it is foolishness and is a path to grave evils.

It is said that a little bit of knowledge is a dangerous thing, which is why we should be wary of anyone who claims to "know" when the end-time is coming. It is why I turn to more learned individuals like Msgr. Pope for even the tiniest insight into the fascinating final book in Scripture. I offer his writing on Revelation as food for thought for the faithful, but not for fear.

* Pope, Charles. *"There Are Some Things That Are Not for You to Know—A Meditation on the Seven Thunders of the Book of Revelation"* 04-28-2015, www.blog.adw.org.

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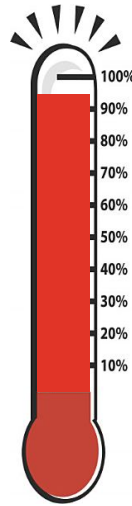
Join us for a fun-filled week of daily saints, scripture, crafts, snacks, games, music, and much more! Registration forms for 4 years old to 5th grade children are available at the parish office and on the stjoecatholic.com website on the Vacation Bible School page under the Religious Formation tab.

Youth volunteer forms (6th grade and older) can also be found there.

Please register your child before June 1st to receive a t-shirt. Contact Jen Nelson for more information at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com



We're
almost
there!



This week we reached 95.5% of our goal of **\$96,425.00**. Thus far 260 families have contributed \$92,063.66 to this year's appeal. St. Joseph is grateful for these contributions and invites others to join us to push us over our goal for the benefit of our parish and the wider Church

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 21/ May 22

Altar Servers

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

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	Diane A.
8:00 AM	Rich H.
10:00 AM	Steve M.
12:00 PM	Mary E.

Ushers

5:00 PM	Jay H. and Group 5A
8:00 AM	Mike B. and Group 8E
10:00 AM	Steve S. and Group 10D
12:00 PM	Dennis P. and Group 12B

Counting Collections

May 16, 2022 • Group 4

Sanctuary Cleaners

May 21st • Shari P. and Hannah S.



Funeral Luncheons

The funeral luncheon ministry is starting up again, and we need your help! To defray the cost of the luncheon, the team is asking volunteers to help with the meal by donating desserts or salads. The team will be setting up new phone call and text lists.

If you do NOT wish to be contacted by a member of the team for food donations, please call Cease at 517-420-7340 or Mary Beth at 989-227-0088.



Thank you for contributing to the last act of kindness we can do for our parishioners.



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

For the week of May 16, 2022

Monday:	Cheese stuffed breadsticks with dipping sauce, carrots, peaches, and milk.
Tuesday:	Ziti, breadsticks, green beans, pears, and milk.
Wednesday:	Ham, scalloped potatoes, mixed fruit, and milk.
Thursday:	Hamburger on a bun, with cheese, fried chips, fresh fruit, and milk.
Friday:	Shrimp poppers, corn, strawberry shortcake, and milk.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

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

A heartfelt thank you to all who supported the Clinton County Right to Life carnation event on Mother's Day. Your generous donations were enough to allow for two payments to be made on our billboard. Your donations make apparent your belief in the sanctity of God's gift of life in these chaotic times.

Please take note of the billboard located on northbound US 27 at French Road.

May Dresser Ministry

This time of year your donations to the Dresser Ministry go to the Baby Pantry here in St. Johns. The dresser is set up near the confessional, and it will only be out until the end of May.

We are looking for any type of items for babies. Bring in your donation, and place it on or near the dresser in the Sanctuary.

STEWARDSHIP**For the week ending May 8, 2022**

Adults (334) Envelopes/Gifts:.....\$26,408.48
 (Including automated debits and online giving)
 Loose Cash:.....\$726.25
 Total:.....\$27,134.73

Other Envelopes Received

Education Trust Fund:.....\$670.00
 Building Fund:.....\$230.00
 Tuition Scholarship Fund:.....\$695.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$20,957.80. 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

Grieving with Great HOPE

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

***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.



Vocations

Our vocation begins when we say *YES* to God even if we are unsure about the detail of the call. We are blessed to have four clergy in our parish. Our pastor Fr. Mike Williams and three Permanent Deacons: Marv Robertson (senior status), Jerry Fust, and Eric Elstro. Over the next few weeks we will hear a little more about their saying yes to God's call. Consider making a special effort this week to pray for the clergy of St. Joseph parish.

Many Holy Order ordinations take place in May and June. We take the time to pray in a special way for vocations to the priesthood and permanent diaconate. In the Lansing diocese on June 11, there will be two young men ordained as priests and two as deacons. Keep in prayer this week all the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life—who baptized and confirmed you, who gave you your First Communion, who heard your Confession, and the priest who will celebrate your funeral Mass.



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 May 28th 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.

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

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**to
Worship!**

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Spring is HERE!! Summer is coming. Do you still have your yard sign? St. Joe has yard signs available. Pick up one in the foyer of the Church.



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

Seniors: Please be in the Church basement by 9:40 am, 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

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