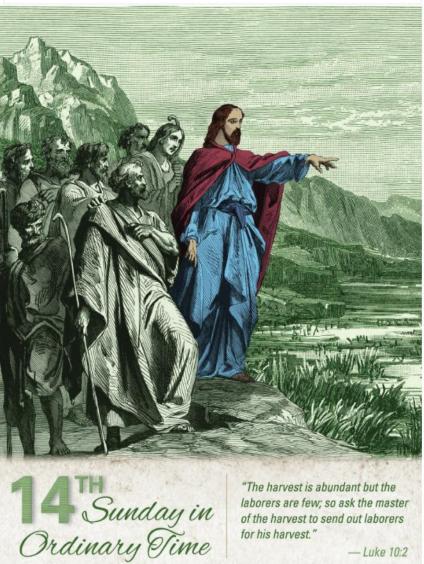
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of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

- Luke 10:2

## 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 • Please contact the parish office St. Joseph School • Chris Wells Religious Education • Jen Nelson Confirmation • Jen Nelson Youth Group • Chris Groves Please call the parish office for more information on our Family Ministries.

Medical Emergencies requiring an Anointing of the sick, please call 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

## **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 ● July 4

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 | Matthew 9:18-26

No Mass

Tuesday ● July 5

Saint Anthony Zaccaria

Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13 | Matthew 9:32-38 7:00 p.m. Mass will be in the Day Chapel

Mass Intention: †Elon Hufnagel By: Gail, Jeff, and Amy Wadell

Wednesday ● July 6

Saint Maria Goretti

Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 | Matthew 10:1-7 12:05 p.m. Mass will be in the Day Chapel

Mass Intention: †Roger Dershem By: Knights of Columbus

Thursday ● July 7

Blessed Emmanuel Ruiz and Companions Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9 | Matthew 10:7-15 8:30 a.m. Mass will be in the Day Chapel

Mass Intention: †Arnold & Irmina Thelen By: Verena DeBoer

Friday • July 8

Saint Gregory Grassi and Companions Hosea 14:2-10 | Matthew 10:16-23 8:30 a.m. Mass will be in the Day Chapel

Mass Intention: †Fr. Joseph Tran

Saturday ● July 9

Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

Isaiah 6:1-8 | Matthew 10:24-33

5:00 p.m. Mass will be in the Wilson Center Auditorium

Mass Intention: †Mark L. Schafer By: Arleita Schafer and Family

Sunday ● July 10

Saint Veronica Giuliani

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 | Colossians 1:15-20 | Luke 10:25-37 8:00 a.m. Mass will be in the Wilson Center Auditorium Mass Intention: †Paul Henning | 10th Anniversary of Death By: Ruth and Family

10:00 a.m. Mass will be in the Wilson Center Auditorium

Mass Intention: People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. Mass will be in the Wilson Center Auditorium Mass Intention: †Eva Zielinski By: Julie & Jack Williams 6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass Mass will be in the Day Chapel

## "The

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

"The Eucharistic is the heart of the Church. Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the Church will blossom."

St. John Paul II

In the United States, the Church has begun a three-year initiative, a National Eucharistic Revival, to help us to grown in our appreciation for, and faith in, the Holy Eucharist.

## Will you consider during this time one of the following?

- 1. Add a Mass on a week day to your schedule.
- 2. Make a Holy Hour on First Friday, if you don't do so already.
- 3. Make a weekly visit to the Blessed Sacrament.
- 4. If you receive the *Columbia* magazine, read the June issue for other ways to be involved and to learn more about this initiative.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP
WILL BURN FROM
JULY 3RD - JULY 9TH
In Memory of
Elon Hufnagel

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
Jacob Epling
Friend
Marcia Goerge
Alan Gove
Korine
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
William Hess
Jake Hoskins
Jacob Longoria
Eric Martin
Jessica Mitchell
Colby Munger
Adam Novak
Alex Rojas

David Seperic Noel Smith II 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.



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

## What's Left to Say?

When the Supreme Court handed down its decision last week overturning Roe v Wade, my first instinct was to sit down immediately and write a "Hallelujah" column. Then I thought it might be better if I waited a couple days, let my exuberant emotions settle down, and watch the reaction.

The reaction from the radical wing of the pro-abortion crowd was sad but predictable—violence and threats, mostly against pregnancy centers. This certainly is not to say that all those who favor abortion are radicals. Most people on each side of the issue are not inclined to break the law or throw firebombs through windows.

The legal analysis from one point of view is simple: the ma-

jority of the Supreme Court Justices agreed that there is no right to abortion in the Constitution. And on this Fourth of July weekend, we see that the Constitution does still have validity almost 250 years after it was written. The Supreme Court was created to determine cases in which the plaintiff believes the Constitution was violated. If the Justices determine that a case does not meet the standard, then it's sent back to the states for a final determination. And that's what this Court did. It sent the issue back to each state. It did NOT make abortion illegal in this country.

Some states had trigger laws in which abortion will be banned immediately or in the near future. Nothing will change in states with abortion protection laws. In Michigan, we are in limbo, with a 1931 law designed to prohibit abortion unenforceable due to a recent injunction which has yet to argued in court. Perhaps more threatening is a petition

drive to legalize abortions. It has only one week left to gather the legal amount of signatures. Please do **NOT** assist these petitioners by signing.

The title of today's column is "What's Left to Say?" The legal eagles will surely have plenty of words to say as the injunction is contested. But for the rest of us pro-lifers, the time for talk is over. It's time to do. We must discourage those we know from signing the petition. Many of us will have 4<sup>th</sup> of July party opportunities at which to do so. Then we must vote pro -life in August primaries and the November general election. If we continue to let others decide who our top elected officials will be by our inaction, then last week's Supreme Court ruling will have meant nothing in Michigan. Then the only thing left to say will be: "We got what we deserved."

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

## Rest In Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of

Joseph "Papa Bear" Mesh and Andrew Miniarik

## **Renovation Prayer**



St. Joseph, patron of craftsmen, through your intercession may the Holy Spirit guide all who work to renovate our worship space.

May God provide them the grace to safely transform our historic faith home into a lasting, beautiful, and welcoming place of worship.

St. Joseph, patron of families and our parish, be with us as we undertake this journey together. Amen

## Position Opening

We are accepting applications for a part-time RCIA Director. The duties include developing, implementing, and maintaining our RCIA program according to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the National Statues on the Catechumenate in addition to other relevant Church documents.

Candidates must possess a bachelor's degree in Catholic Theological Studies, Religious Education, or equivalent. Minimum two years of ministry and/or teaching experience. Hours are approximately 15 hours per week from mid-August through the Easter Season. Full position description is available at <a href="https://www.stjoecatholic.com/hp\_wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/RCIA-Director-Position.pdf">https://www.stjoecatholic.com/hp\_wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/RCIA-Director-Position.pdf</a>. Apply online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers or send your resume, cover letter, and references to Susan Mahoney, St. Joseph Church, 109 Linden St., St. Johns, MI 48879, email: business.stjoseph@gmail.com.



## **NEW POSITION OPENING:**

St. Joseph Church is accepting applications for a part-time Bookkeeper. The Bookkeeper will work closely with the Business Manager, maintain the accounting ledger using

double-entry bookkeeping, process receivables and payables, and prepare payroll. Applicant must have an associate degree in accounting or equivalent experience, have familiarity with accounting software, and be proficient with Excel.

This position is 10-15 hours per week, year-round. Full position description is available at <a href="https://www.stjoecatholic.com/forms/">www.stjoecatholic.com/forms/</a> If you are someone who fully embraces the teachings and mission of the Catholic Church and are interested in working in this environment, apply online at <a href="https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers">www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers</a> or send your resume, cover letter, and references to Susan Mahoney, St. Joseph Church, 109 Linden St., St. Johns, MI 48879, email: <a href="mailto:business.stjoseph">business.stjoseph</a> @gmail.com.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

## July 9/10

## Altar Servers

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

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

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

## Lectors

5:00 PM Rita A 8:00 AM Bob P. 10:00 AM Tori S. 12:00 PM Linda S

## Ushers

5:00 PM Kevin B and Group 5B 8:00 AM Tom C and Group 8B 10:00 AM Henry B. and Group 10C 12:00 PM Tom W. and Group 12C

## Counting Collections

July 5, 2022 (Tuesday) • Group 3

## Day Chapel Cleaners

July 9th ● Sue F. and Millie W.

## Many, many thanks from Fr. Dwight Ezop



For all those who came to the Mass and celebration of my 25th anniversary of priest-hood and to those who sent cards. It was a great celebration, and I enjoyed seeing all of you. You will remain in my prayers as I ask God's blessings for you.

## Renovation Reflections - Exodus

We have reached an exciting milestone in the renovation of the worship space of St. Joseph church! Now the expert tradespeople and artisans take over.

The committee for the renovation of the worship space of St. Joseph church began meeting in the spring of 2018. Over the four years many, many details were researched, discussed, priced out, and decided. In some cases, decisions were revisited when material availability or increased costs became an issue. In addition to our design firm, various experts were consulted: interior designers, experts on various materials, diocesan staff, and artists. Your feedback was incorporated in the fall of 2019.

This lengthy process is very much reminiscent of the Book of Exodus. From chapter 25 through 30, God describes to Moses the adornment of the Ark of the Covenant, Meeting Tent, and Vest-



## STEWARDSHIP

## For the week ending June 26, 2022

Adults (235) Envelopes/Gifts:.....\$13,092.26 (Including automated debits and online giving)

Loose Cash:.....\$563.00

Total:....\$13,655.26

## **Other Envelopes Received**

Education Trust Fund:.....\$785.00
Building Fund:....\$745.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:....\$60.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2021 is \$20,315.17. 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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ments. It took six whole chapters! Then, in 11 short verses (Exodus 31:1-11), the work is handed over to the experts (Bezalel, his assistant Oholiab, and "all the experts").

So, metaphorically like the Israelites who had no home while the Lord's meeting tent was constructed and adorned, St. Joseph Parish will step away from our faith home to begin worshiping together in the Wilson Center Auditorium. But while we are away, a beautiful transformation of our worship space will be happening. I can't wait! Imagine the excitement of the Israelites—they would finally have a home in which God would be encountered!

What can we expect when the renovation is over? From *The General Instructions of the Roman Missal* (#292)

"The ornamentation of a church should contribute to its noble simplicity rather than to ostentation. Moreover, in the choice of elements, attention should be paid to authenticity and there should be the intention of fostering the instruction of the faithful and the dignity of the entire sacred place."

Our U.S. Bishops give a similar sentiment in *Built of Living Stones - Art, Architecture, and Worship* (#46) "The church building houses the community of the baptized as it gathers to celebrate the sacred liturgy. By its practical design and beauty, it fosters the full, dignified, and graceful celebration of these rites. The primary concern in the building or renovation of a space for worship must be its suitability for the celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgical rites of the Church."

Some of what the St. Joseph renovation will accomplish:

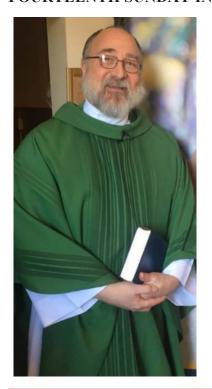
What is worn will be replaced

What is already beautiful will be emphasized

And a few new elements will be added to foster our worship

Our renovated worship space will be a delight to wander through and rediscover!

What can you do? Keep praying! And watch the parish website and bulletin for updates on the progress!



In Appreciation of 10 years as St. Joseph's Pastor

In June 2012, St. Joseph Parish welcomed a new Pastor! Fr. Mike Williams has been our spiritual shepherd for the last 10 years! We thank him for caring and praying for us every day. We thank him for bringing us the sacraments. We thank him for his sacrifices for us. The best way to show our appreciation is to offer prayer that God may continue to bless him as he continues to work for our salvation.

## Some ideas:

- Offer a spiritual bouquet of a rosary, chaplet of Divine Mercy, holy hour of Eucharistic adoration, or any other prayer you choose to offer. Let Fr. Mike know that you will be praying for his intentions.
- Take the time to write a note expressing your gratitude and appreciation. Help your children to also write a note.
- Send a gift card for pizza, subs, and other tasty treats.
- Make a delivery of cookies or a meal

Fr. Mike, may God bless you and give you grace and strength as you continue to work for Him and His people.

## Maggie Ann Lewis

Was Baptized on
Sunday, June 26, 2022.
She is the daughter of
Daniel Lewis and
Amber (Pung) Lewis



## Lucille Fean Naert

Was Baptized on
Sunday, June 26, 2022.
She is the daughter of
Steven Naert and
Hillary (Fox) Naert

## BLESSINGS

## Parish Office Hours

Monday, July 4th ~ Office Closed
Tuesday, July 5 ~ 9 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 6 ~ 9 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 7 ~ 9 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday, July 8 ~ 9 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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

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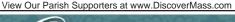
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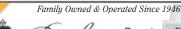
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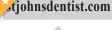












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