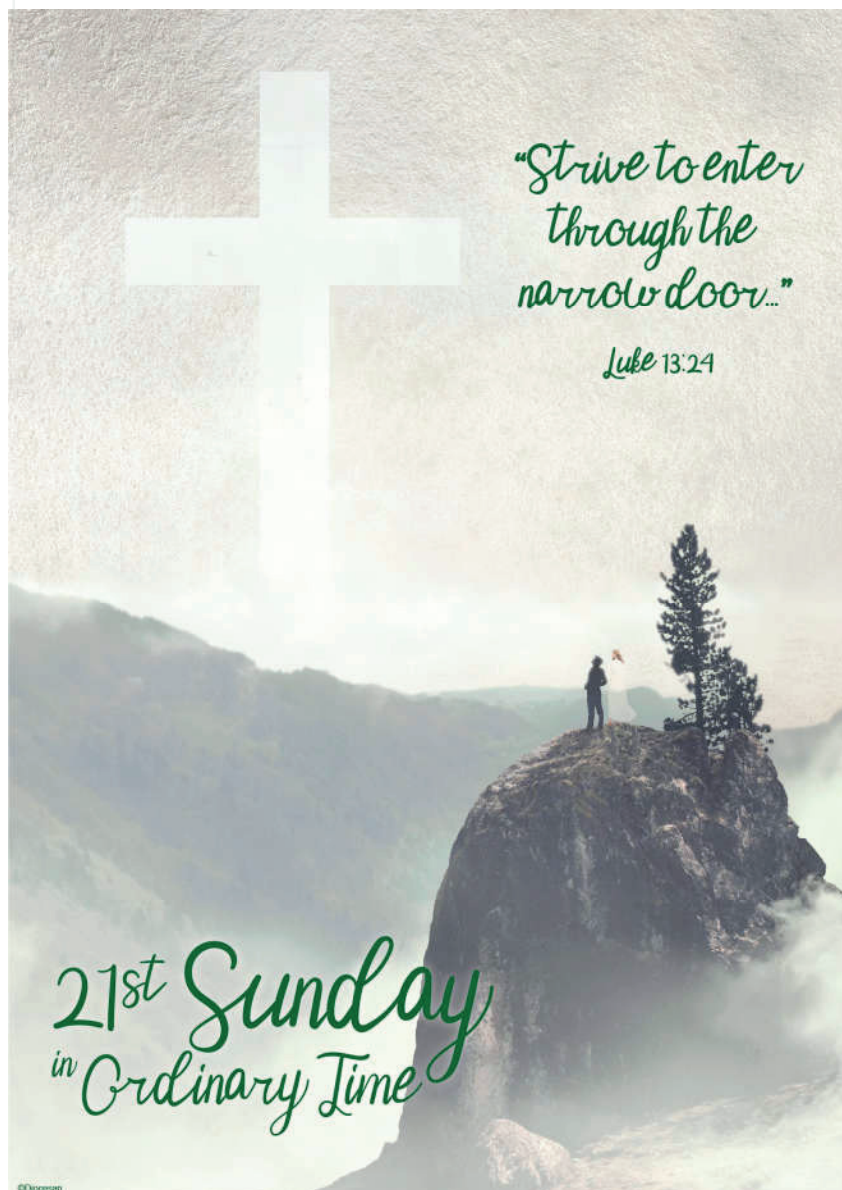


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Deacon Marv Robertson (retired)
Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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St. Joseph School: (989) 224-2421

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Regular Mass Schedule (See page 2 for locations during the church renovation)

Saturday • 5:00 pm

Sunday • 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 PM

(Holy Days • Consult the bulletin.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the Day Chapel)

Tuesday • 6:30 pm

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 • August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12/Matthew 23: 13-22
 No Mass

Tuesday • August 23

Saint Rose of Lima
 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17/Matthew 23:23-26
 No Mass

Wednesday • August 24

Saint Bartholomew
 Revelations 21:9b-14/John 1:45-51
 No Mass

Thursday • August 25

Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9/Matthew 24:42-51
 No Mass

Friday • August 26

1 Corinthians 1:17-25/Matthew 25:1-13
 8:30 a.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)
 †Edward Rademacher Lisa and Charlie Wieber

Saturday • August 27

Saint Monica
 1 Corinthians 1:26-31/Matthew 25:14-30
 5:00 p.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium)
 †Brian Ritter Monica Klaver & Family

Sunday • August 28

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24e/Luke 14:1, 7-14
 8:00 a.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium)
 †Stephen Joseph Lisa and Charlie Wieber
 10:00 a.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium)
 †John Schafer Brennen & Lisa Falor
 12:00 p.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium)
 People of the Parish
 6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass (in the Day Chapel)
 St Monica LA Members of St Monica's Ladies Aux

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

WILL BURN FROM AUGUST 21 - 27, 2022

In Memory of Alan Simon

Are you or someone you know celebrating a significant wedding anniversary*: 10, 20, 30, 40, or 50+ years of marriage? If so, please contact the parish office to let us know. The Diocese is grateful for your witness and would like to particularly honor you on this momentous occasion.



*If you celebrated a milestone anniversary during 2020 or 2021, let us know also, as the Diocese did not celebrate anniversaries those years due to COVID.



There are no weekday Masses or Tuesday Sacrament of Reconciliation from Monday, August 22 through Thursday, August 25

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



‘O Heart all loveable and all loving of my Saviour, be the Heart of my heart, the Soul of my soul, the Spirit of my spirit, the Life of my life and the sole principle of all my thoughts, words and actions, of all the faculties of my soul and of all my senses, both interior and exterior. Amen.’ – St. John Eudes (Memorial August 19)

Our Savior is present in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for us to come and allow Him to transform our heart, soul, spirit, and life. If you are interested in joining our Adoration team as a monthly adoror or as a sub, or have questions, please call Rebecca at 989-292-2072.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Adam
 Beverly
 Sawyer Ballinger
 Daniel Blair
 Bob
 Joan Bozung
 Carol Burgtorf

Joseph Caudy
 Rhonda Chamberlain
 Jacob Epling
 Friend
 Stu Fitzpatrick
 Marcia Goerge
 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

Please pray for 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)

Scary Amendment

About 70 priests and deacons from the Lansing Diocese and several pro-life leaders in Michigan gathered this past week to discuss the scary implications of the statewide amendment to the state constitution that will be on the statewide ballot this November. You will hear much more about this as we get closer to the election, but I think it is important that everyone be aware of three provisions that should be enough for all of us to vote "No" on this amendment. The proposal will not be named for a few weeks, pending state verification of petition signatures. As written, it's often referred to as the "Anything Goes Abortion Amendment."

The first issue is neither ethical nor moral in nature. It's a legal red flag. What is being proposed is a change to the state constitution. It is not a change to a law. A law **can be**

amended or overturned through acts of the state legislature and the governor. A change to an amendment **can not** be done legislatively, but only by a statewide collection of voter signatures and another statewide vote.

The second major issue is about who is covered by this act. The opening phrase states that "Every individual has a fundamental right to reproductive freedom." The term "**individual**," however, is not defined in the amendment. That means a person of any age, including young teenagers, would have the final say on any pregnancy issue, "including, but not limited to: abortion, contraception and sterilization." Under this amendment, **parents have no rights over their children on these issues.**

A third major issue is that the amendment virtually eliminates the state's ability to regulate any of these issues related to abortion, and forbids prosecution of any "individual" for any adverse outcomes.

So it's easy to see why some label this the "Anything Goes Abortion

Amendment." None of it has anything to do with the moral or ethical arguments against abortion and the Catholic Church's staunch pro-life stand.

NOTE: There is much more on this to come over the next three months in homilies and written material.

Now let's change gears to wrap up. I always like to recognize, even if it's "ex post facto," the feasts of saints in a week that has many. Last Sunday was the feast of the great World War Two saint, Maximilian Kolbe, which was followed the next day by The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The week came to a close with the feast of one of the 37 Doctors of the Church, Bernard of Clairvaux. (St. Thomas Aquinas built on much of Bernard's study.) Look one of these saints up and reflect on their work.

And keep praying.

.Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com

St. Joseph School News



We're looking forward to seeing all the students again! School starts Monday, August 29, 2022.

Walk-through to meet the teachers and staff and to bring paperwork will be Thursday, August 25 from 12:00pm-2pm and 3pm - 5pm.

School Enrollment is still open for new students. Limited seats are available for some grade levels. Call us at 989-224-2421 to inquire.

From the Youth Minister's desk:

Attention High School Students (9-12th grade)

The Youth Program is going to have a new look this year and we are really excited to have the students back!! This new program is going to be more faith formation based and we will be holding meetings weekly on Wednesday nights from 7:15 to about 8:30. We will still be doing some fun events in addition to the new curriculum plan. To help with planning, I have created a sign up form link posted below along with a QR code. This registration link will help me to plan for how many students will be attending on Wednesday nights and it will also help to figure how many adult volunteers are needed to assist with small groups. Stay tuned for more information. A tentative schedule will be available soon. I look forward to meeting everyone soon! God Bless, Chris

<https://forms.gle/e5TDqXeTLuQGFWTi8>



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION AND NEW PROGRAM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN!



This year our weekly children's religious programs on Wednesday nights will now include a new kindergarten aged curriculum.

This new program, called "Catholic ABC's" will help young children embrace their faith at an early age. Children will learn hands-on skills, helping form the foundations of the Catholic Faith.

K-8th grade Religious Education: Classes will start on Wednesday September 14, 2022 with a parent meeting and classes at 6pm in the school cafeteria. To register for all K-9th religion programs, please go to: www.stjoecatholic.com website and print a registration form, see the instructions on the form. Paper forms will also be available. Contact Jen Nelson, Director of Religious Education for questions or more information at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com or 989-224-8537.

First Reconciliation & First Communion Preparation Parent/Child Session: Families with children in the 2nd grade who are seeking preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion this 2022-23 year are scheduled to meet on Sunday, September 25 at 1:30-2:30pm in the school cafeteria. Contact Jen Nelson at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com or 989-224-8537 for questions or more information. If your child is beyond second grade age and hasn't celebrated First Reconciliation or First Communion, please also contact Jen Nelson for more information.

Do you like to sing?

Our choir is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact our Music Director, Jeff Richards at musicdirector.stjoseph@gmail.com



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 27/28

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM	Group 1
8:00 AM	Group 1
10:00 AM	Group 1
12:00 PM	Group 1

Lectors

5:00 PM	Lisa W.
8:00 AM	Trevor H.
10:00 AM	Joe T.
12:00 PM	Mary Beth E.

Ushers

5:00 PM	Dave P.	Group 5C
8:00 AM	John T.	Group 8D
10:00 AM	Cindy C.	Group 10B
12:00 PM	Ron D.	Group 12A

Collection Counters

August 29 • Group 3

Day Chapel Cleaners

August 27 • Mary Beth Elstro & Jan Vermeersch

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of August 14, 2022

Adults (145) Envelopes/Gifts:\$14,537.48
(Including online giving)
Loose Cash:\$492.00
Total:\$15,029.48

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:.....\$226.00
Building Fund:\$451.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:\$142.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022, is \$17,329.89. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

THE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

The Children's Collection will be donated to:

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Recent Renovation Happenings

- The asbestos floor tile is removed.
- The back wall of our worship space was opened up and a new back wall is being added. This will more than double the gathering space inside the main doors to the building.
- The unused confessional in the south wall has been opened up to be made into a devotional alcove.
- A statue alcove has been added in the new gathering space.
- JC Electric rerouted electrical lines in the wall behind the tabernacle. (Our old curtains had been hiding exposed conduit and a door.)
- The old air vents, A/C vents, and ceiling fans have been removed from the ceiling and the holes are being patched.
- We're working with the artist to finalize the look and the colors of the decorative painting for our ceilings and walls.



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