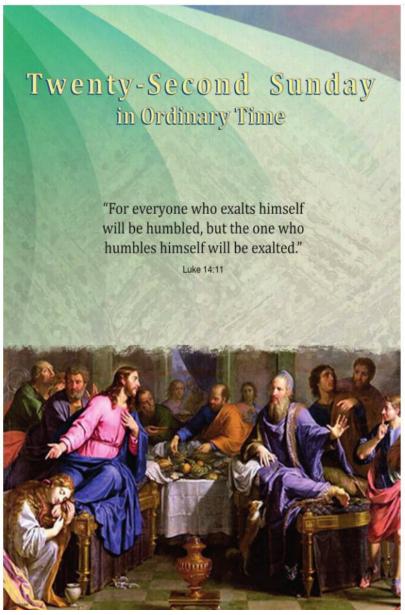
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St. Joseph School • Chris Wells
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RCIA • Amanda Grigar
Youth Group • Chris Groves
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on our Family Ministries.

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St. Joseph School: (989) 224-2421

Religious Education Office: (989) 224-8537

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 29

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist 1 Corinthians 2, 1-5/ Mark 6: 16-29 No Mass

Tuesday ● August 30

1 Corinthians 2: 10b-16/ Luke 4:31-37
Mass 7pm (in the Day Chapel)
Bertine Thelen

Bv: Lisa and Charlie Wieber

Wednesday ● August 31

1 CorInthians 3:1-9/Luke 4:38-44
Mass 12:05pm (in the Day Chapel)

St Joe Alumni who are no longer practice the faith By: Lisa Wieber

Thursday • September 1

1 Corinthians 3: 18-23/ Luke 5: 1-11

Mass 8:30am (in the Day Chapel)

† Brenda Hogan By: Sally Kramer & Family

Friday • September 2

1 Corinthians 4: 1-5/ Luke 5: 33-39

Mass 8:30am (in the Day Chapel)

†Janet Sinke By: Knights of Columbus Council #3281

Saturday ● September 3

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15/ Luke 6: 1-5

Mass 8:30 am (in the Day Chapel) For an end to abortion 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium) †Sally Lorenc By: Sue Detloff & Family

Sunday • September 4

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9: 13-18b/Psalm 9-10, 12-17/Luke 14: 25-33
8:00 a.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium)
†Leonard & Bernita Koenigsknecht By: Family

10:00 a.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium) **People of the Parish**

12:00 p.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium) **†Eva Zielinkski** By: Julie & Jack Williams

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish (in the Day Chapel)

Iker Josue Comacho-Cabera By: Family

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

In Memory of Brenda Hogan

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.

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: September 2 & 3



All are welcome! EXPOSITION WILL BE IN THE DAY CHAPEL DURING CONSTRUCTION

The blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration this Friday, September 2, 2022 after 8:30am Mass, until prior to 8:30am Mass Saturday morning.

We are I need of a second adorer at the following times: September 2nd - 10am, 2 & 4pm

September 3rd: 1 & 5am

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

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
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: 989-2248994 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)

August Clouds

I have taken notice lately of a natural phenomenon that I never noticed before: the regal quality of August clouds. One of the great gifts God gives us is beauty in nature. But as we get caught up in the busy-ness of the 21st century life, it is also a gift that can be overlooked. As such, August clouds are now something that are on my own personal Doppler radar.

Unnoticed beauty, whether in nature or art, feels like a discovery even though millions of people have likely made that same discovery already. I guess it's something like panning for gold. If one finds a gold nugget then he/she is joyous and yet oblivious to the millions who have successfully panned or mined gold in the past. When it is ours, it is ours. The discovery is a personal one. And it's also an opportunity to stop and thank the Lord for the little joys available to us if we just take a moment to look.

The first time I noticed these picturesque clouds I was traveling from Lansing to St. Johns. I saw several clouds wide and tall, yet stationary. They were dark at the bottom, but bright white at the top. They weren't threatening, yet appeared powerful. A few days later, traveling east from Fowler, I saw three large clouds just hanging right in front of me, amazingly symmetrical in size and shape but without the dark-to-white pattern of the earlier ones. They reminded me much more of cotton balls perfectly arranged and stacked pyramidstyle.

I have now put myself on the alert for different styles of clouds for no particular reason except to enjoy. Way back in the 1960s, singer/songwriter Joni Mitchell wrote a song that used clouds as an example of the need to look at life and love from different angles. Entitled "Both Sides Now," the song starts out on a positive note:

Rows and flows of angel hair

And ice cream castles in the air

And feather canyons everywhere

I looked at clouds that way

She has a different take in the second verse:

But now they only block the sun They rain and snow on everyone So many things I would have done But clouds got in my way.

If I were to look at my August clouds from an airplane at 15 thousand feet, I undoubtedly would have had a different perspective. But I also hope that from that airplane view I still would have appreciated God's glory and creation in a different way. I would be observing his beauty not only in the clouds, but in the mountains, rivers, and oceans. I could have a greater appreciation of his gifts to us. Unlike Mitchell, whose song turns pessimistic and leaves her disillusioned about clouds, love, and life, I now have something more to thank God for--beauty itself.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

ST. MARY 5 MILE RUN, 5K RUN/WALK, AND COLOR RUN IS BACK!

As part of St. Mary, Westphalia, Parish Family Fest 2022, we are pleased to welcome back the 5 Mile Run, 5K Run/Walk, and Kids Run on

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Registration is now open! Register online at https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Westphalia/
StMaryFamilyFest. In addition, paper registration forms are available for download at this site.

Please contact Darren & Becky Kramer at (517) 626-2098 or at

stmaryrunwalk@gmail.com with any questions. See you at the starting line!

SAVE THE DATE

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary hosting

Women of Hope Day Retreat Saturday, October 1, 2022

Theme: *Chin Up Woman*

Difficult doesn't mean Impossible



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. 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

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 3/4

Altar Servers 5:00 PM Volunteers

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

Lectors 5:00 PM Ann P

8:00 AM Dean H. 10:00 AM Jane M. 12:00 PM Debbie T.

Ushers 5:00 PM Group 5A Jay H.

> Mike B. Group 8E 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Henry B. Group 10C 12:00 PM Pat T. Group 12B

Collection Counters

August 29 • Group 3

Day Chapel Cleaners

September 3 ● Shari Pung & Hannah Spitzley

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 29, 2022

Monday: Pancakes w/syrup, sausage,

hash browns, mixed fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken Poppers, tator tots,

peaches, and milk.

Wednesday: Lasagna, bread sticks, corn, pears,

and milk.

Thursday: Cheese stuffed breadsticks

w/dipping sauce, green beans,

mixed fruit, and milk.

Friday: NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Lunches are \$3.00 Milk \$0.50

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Menu is subject to change, based on food availability from suppli-

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of August 21, 2022

Adults (154) Envelopes/Gifts:\$14,746.98 (Including online giving) Loose Cash:\$470.00 *Total*:.....\$.15,216.98

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:.....\$110.00 Building Fund:\$310.00 Tuition Scholarship Fund:\$165.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022, is

\$17,065.78. 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:

ST JOHNS BABY PANTRY

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.

<u>First Reconciliation & First Communion Preparation</u>
<u>Parent/Child Session</u>.: 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 <u>dre.stjoseph@gmail.com</u> 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



Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

I am Amanda Grigar, the new RCIA Director at St. Joseph Parish.

I grew up as a Catholic child descended from Catholic immigrants who traveled fifty miles by horse and carriage in order to attend Mass.

As you can imagine, this fact was underappreciated by me in my youth. As an adult, however the level of dedication that my ancestors had to their faith has been a great inspiration to me. Those ancestors went on to help build one of the first Catholic churches in the Saginaw Diocese. We do not need to look back over one hundred fifty years to see inspiring dedication to our faith, however. Throughout my life, I have witnessed many members of the faithful called to a modern version of heroically seeking Our Lord according to their unique circumstances and responding in inspiring ways.

God is calling every one of us to a more intimate relationship with Him, and He wants to give each of us the graces necessary to be a living saint toward all those we come in contact with in our own unique way.

A little more about me: I grew up in a small town in mid-Michigan. I earned my degree in Theology from Ava Maria University. After college, I married my husband and we were blessed with two sons. Tasked with raising those young souls, God nudged me in the direction how to pass on my faith. I have spent the past decade involved in youth and adult faith formation. In my free time, I enjoy reading, outdoor activities, and our hobby farm.

Regardless of where you are on your faith journey, I look forward to accompanying you. Please keep me in your prayers and know that I am praying for you.

In Christ,

Amanda Grigar RCIA Director



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Our vocation begins when we say Yes to God's call and choose to follow Jesus. Our desire for holiness leads us to say "Lord, whatever You want". Discerning your vocation is life's most important decision. Who has Jesus put in your way to help with this process.

"God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, and the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen"

As we continue to pray for blessings on all the priests who have brought us the sacraments over the years, we can enjoy a recipe from Msgr. Robert Lunsford (Pastor at St. Joseph in the 1980 -90's).

Fettuccine Alfredo

1 stick unsalted butter

1 C. whipping cream

1 C. fresh grated parmesan cheese

2 T fresh chopped parsley

1 pound fettuccine pasta

Fresh ground pepper

Cook pasta in 4 quarts salted boiling water until al dente, about 10-12 minutes. In meantime, slowly melt butter in whipping cream over low heat. Add cheese and blend in. do not overheat or boil. Drain pasta and toss in the sauce. Add parsley and pepper as desired. Enjoy!



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

ST JOSEPH SENIOR MASS AND LUNCHEON

The planning stage for the St. Joseph Senior Mass and Lunch is happening now! If you are interested in helping out, please call and leave your name at the parish office.

All Senior parishioners will be invited to the Mass and Luncheon coming in the end of October. This event is for all seniors of the parish and those care about them. The day will begin with the Wednesday 12:05 Mass at the Columbian (KofC) Hall and will be followed by a luncheon and other goodies.



Did you know that a blue envelope donation goes to the Educational Trust Fund? The Educational Trust Fund supports education of our school students, religious education programs and RCIA. Please consider either donating to the

Educational Trust Fund in the collection basket on Sunday or online at:

It's easy to sign up for online donations to St. Joe's!

1. Visit the parish website at:

www.stjoecatholic.com/donate

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- 2. On the welcome page, choose the Sign In tab near the top.
- 3. At the bottom of the screen, choose "Create One" to create a user account for yourself.
- 4. Fill in the registration information.
- 5. Once you've set up a profile and are logged in, you can enter your payment information and choose the type of gift you'd like to make.

For additional information or help setting up your account, please contact: Susan Mahoney,
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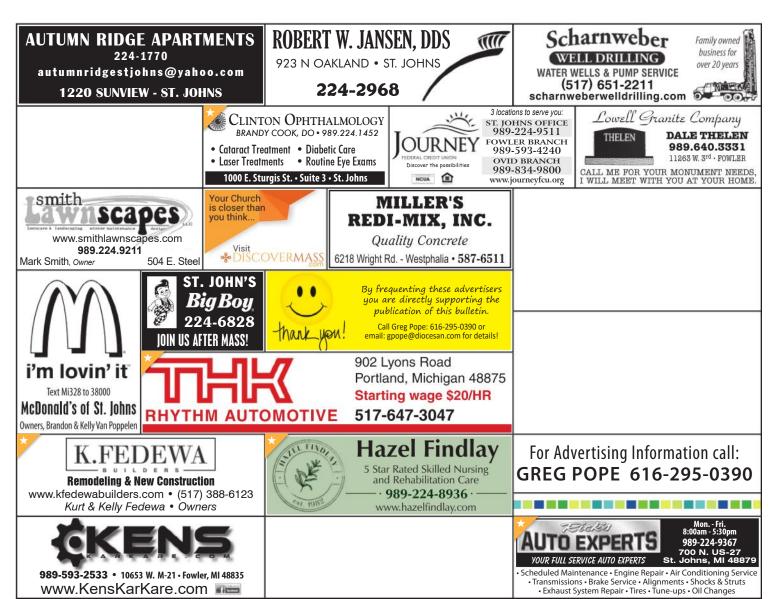
The MHT Educational Trust Fund will be hosting a Wills & Estates and Planned Giving seminar.

This seminar will be at **Most Holy Trinity Activity Center on Sunday, September 18** starting after the 6:00 pm Mass. Matt Hufnagel, President of the Catholic Foundation at the Diocese of Lansing, and John Wieber, Attorney in St Johns, will share information on the topics of wills, trusts, probate, planned giving through the Catholic Foundation, and a Q&A.

Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

All are welcome to attend.

Contact MHT's parish office at 989-593-2162 with any questions.



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