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## 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  
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Parish Secretary • Judi Thelen  
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

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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

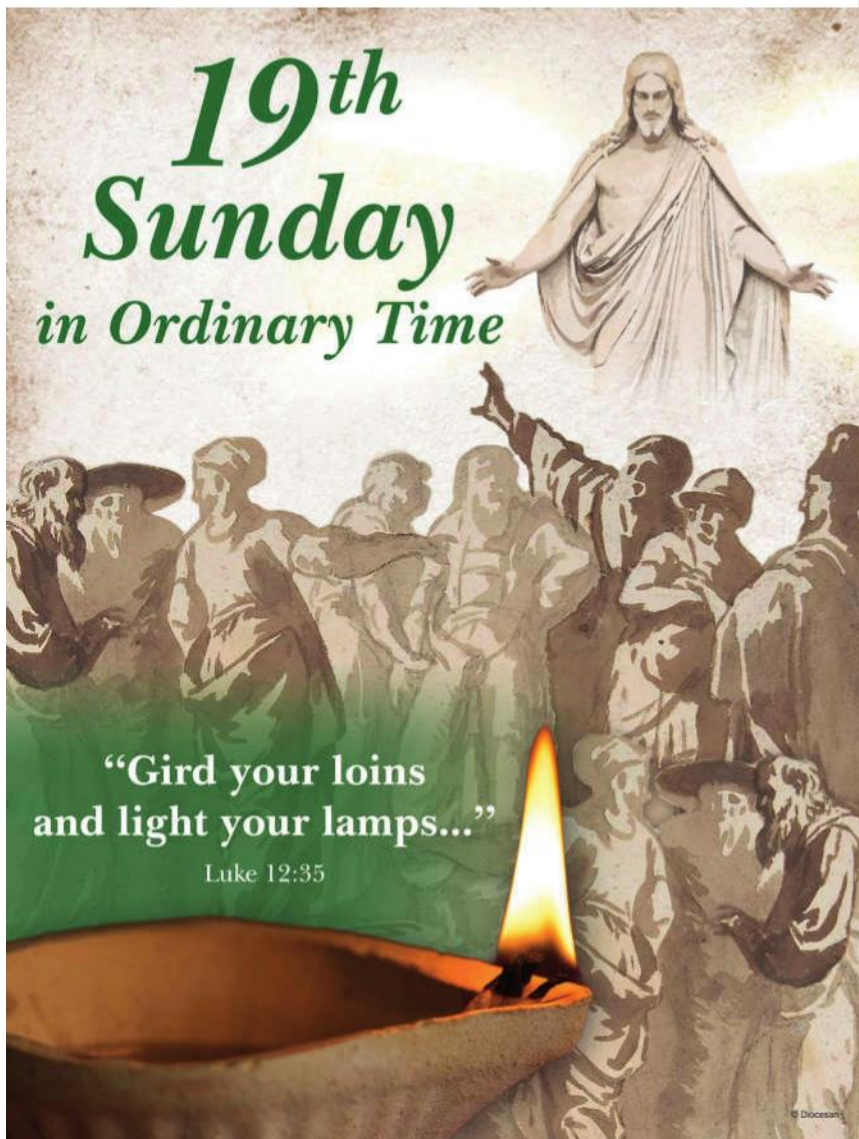
Saturday • 4:00 pm

### Prayer Tree

Parish Office: (989)-224-8994

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays at Noon for the following weekend. Send to [stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com)





## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

### Monday • August 8

*Saint Dominic*

*Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c / Matthew 17:22-27*

*No Mass*

### Tuesday • August 9

*Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

*Ezekiel 2:8-3:4 / Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14*

*NO Mass*

### Wednesday • August 10

*Saint Lawrence*

*2 Corinthians 9:6-10 / John 12:24-26*

*NO Mass*

### Thursday • August 11

*Saint Clare*

*Ezekiel 12:1-2 / Matthew 18:21-19:1*

*NO Mass*

### Friday • August 12

*Saint Jane Frances de Chantal*

*Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 / Matthew 19:3-12*

*NO Mass*

### Saturday • August 13

*Saints Pontian and Hippolytus*

*Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 / Matthew 19:13-15*

*5:00 p.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium)*

*Mass Intention: †Robert Bierstetel By: Joyce Karber*

### Sunday • August 14

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 / Hebrews 12:1-4 / Luke 12:49-53*

*8:00 a.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium)*

*Mass Intention: †Margaret Klein By: Daniel and Deborah LeVeque*

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

*Mass Intention: †Vernetta Price By: Family*

*12:00 p.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium)*

*Mass Intention: People of the Parish*

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

*NOTE: August 15, 2022, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.*



## Rest In Peace

Our prayers and sympathies  
to the families and friends of

**Alice M. Pline**

and

**John A. Fox**

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 15, through Thursday, August 26.*

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP**  
WILL BURN FROM AUGUST 7TH-AUGUST 13TH

*In Memory of*  
**Liz Koenigsknecht**

## 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  
Marcia Goerge  
Korine  
Mary  
Matthew  
Myah  
Noah  
Danielle P.

Patricia  
Jenny Pytlowany  
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 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)

### ORDINARY or EXTRAORDINARY?

What makes the ordinary person extraordinary? Is it great talent in a particular field or is it some heroic act of bravery? Maybe it is someone who helps those he/she doesn't know without expectation of reward.

An unknown author once said "Man never stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child." I like that one. But an offshoot of that proclamation is this one: "Man is never so tall as when he kneels before God--never so great as when he humbles himself before God. And the man who kneels to God can stand up to anything." (Lois H. Evans)

I like that one even better be-

cause it dovetails nicely not only with today's second reading from the book of Hebrews but also from my favorite Catholic "Quote-meister," G.K. Chesterton, who observed: "It has been often said, very truly, that religion is the thing that make the ordinary man feel extraordinary; it is an equally important truth that religion is the thing that makes the extraordinary man feel ordinary."

In the book of Genesis we meet an ordinary man named Abraham who went to an unknown land upon instructions of a God he did not know. By faith he followed the Lord's instruction, as chronicled in today's Hebrews: "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go."

The reading gives a brief account of Abraham's life journey. The thread holding that journey together was faith--a word used five

times in the Hebrews reading. Faith, of course, lends itself to the type of religious behavior of kneeling and humbling oneself before God as Evans noted.

By substituting faith for religion in Chesterton's quote, we see that it is the Lord working through us that takes us from "ordinary" status to "extraordinary" status. At the same time, faith makes those of us who are extraordinary feel humbled or ordinary. We have a long list of saints who can attest to that.

So, what makes an ordinary man extraordinary? The obvious answer is faith in the Lord. We can all be an Abraham in our part of the world by allowing God to work in us to achieve extraordinary tasks, by kneeling to him in humility. By keeping the faith.

*Deacon Eric*

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## Michigan Catholic Women's Conference



Registration is now open for the 2022

Michigan Catholic Women's Conference which will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 9am – 5pm in Lansing, Michigan.

The theme for the 2022 conference is "For Such a Time as This", and the guiding Bible verse is Esther 4:14: Perhaps you have come to your royal dignity for just such a time as this.

Teresa Tomeo, Sherri Wohlfert and Fr. Patrick Gonyeau will speak on this theme during the conference, and the day will be filled with music and activities to build your spirit through the love of Jesus and the energy of the Holy Spirit. Learn more about the conference at [www.MichiganCWC.org](http://www.MichiganCWC.org).

## Clinton County Right to Life Mint Festival Baby Contest

Do you have a beautiful baby in your life? All babies up to the age of 24 months are eligible and the entrance fee is \$5.00.

Voting in the contest will be through donation. Proceeds from the contest will be used to support RTL's work to advance and protect pro-life laws in Michigan. Contact Mary Beth at 989-227-0088 for a registration form.

## Still a place for you at Lansing Catholic High School

*It's not too late!*

Lansing Catholic High School continues to enroll students for grades 9-11 for the coming school year! Join them for an education that focuses on the whole student: intellectually, spiritually, and socially. The first day of school is Monday, August 22. Apply now or start the conversation online at [lansingcatholic.org/admissions](http://lansingcatholic.org/admissions).



Sunday Mass at the Wilson Center -  
The Renovation Adventure Continues!

We are the Parish, the people of God! Our beautiful church building is preferable, but we come together to celebrate Mass at the Wilson Center, and all is good!

We have been in the Wilson Center auditorium for several weeks now. Every Mass has parishioners who are coming for the first time, as well as visitors, so be prepared to help them along. We thank the many liturgical ministers--ushers, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers--who have been serving at each Mass and welcome the others on the schedule as they return.

Each week in the auditorium we settle in a little bit more. We've found a new favorite seat and a new parking space. We're getting used to standing during the consecration. Following are several "loose ends" you might find helpful.

- If you find stairs a challenge, the door at the west end of the auditorium is at ground level and you can easily come in and sit in the front. As always, those in the first row will have Communion brought to them. Also, the driveway by that door can be used for dropping off people with mobility challenges. You can't park there, but it is available for quick drop-offs and pick-ups.
- Song books are available at both entrances. The auditorium has great acoustics, let's sing out!
- There is no tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament at the Wilson Center, so there's no need to genuflect. When we enter, we make a simple bow to reverence the altar and enter our seat.
- As always, it's good to take a moment for private prayer as we sit and get settled before Mass. This is something we'd do automatically with kneelers so it's easy to forget when they're missing.
- We're still working on the details of Holy Water but we can still enter the worship space with the Sign of the Cross.

Have you liked us on FACEBOOK?



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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 13/14

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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	Sheila B.
	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	Tom C. and Group 8B
	10:00 AM	Steve S. and Group 10D
	12:00 PM	Mike S. and Group 12B

Collection Counters

August 8 • Group 4

Day Chapel Cleaners

August 13 • Bonnie W. and Mary C.

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of July 31, 2022

Adults (237) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$15,496.64
(Including online giving)	
Loose Cash:	\$309.00
Total:	\$15,805.64

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$20.00
Building Fund:	\$20,215.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$120.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022, is \$16,643.63. 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

## PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER NEEDED!



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 [www.stjoecatholic.com/forms/](http://www.stjoecatholic.com/forms/) 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 [www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers](http://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](mailto:business.stjoseph@gmail.com)

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