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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No servant can serve two masters.
He will either hate one and love the other,
or be devoted to one and despise the other.

Luke 16:13



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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.

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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 • September 19

Proverbs 3:27-34/Luke 8:16-18

No Mass

Tuesday • September 20

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13/Luke 8:19-21

Mass 7pm (in the Day Chapel)

†Jeanette Schomisch By: Ray Schomisch

Wednesday • September 21

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13/Matthew 9:9-13

Mass 12:05pm (in the Day Chapel)

†Benjamin Thelen By: The Canfields

Thursday • September 22

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11/Luke 9:7-9

Mass 8:30am (in the Day Chapel)

†Leon Nurenberg, Joan & Clarence Mikolajczak
By: Family

Friday • September 23

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11/Luke 9:18-22

Mass 8:30am (in the Day Chapel)

†Doris Andrews By: Sharon & Kevin Conley & Family

Saturday • September 24

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8/Luke 9:43b-45

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

†Bernard Jorae By: Sandra & Janice Mankey

Sunday • September 25

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1a, 4-7/1 Timothy 6:11-16/Luke 16:19-31

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

Bruce & Irene Pline 50th anniversary

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

People of the Parish

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

†William Parker By: Rehmann Family

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

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

WILL BURN FROM SEPTEMBER 18 THROUGH 24, 2022

In Memory of

Germaine & Debra Nurenburg



*Molly Feldpausch &
Riley Brown*



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

‘Kneel down and render the tribute of your presence and devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Confide all your needs to him, along with those of others. Speak to him with filial abandonment, give free rein to your heart, and give him complete freedom to work in you as he thinks best.’ St. Padre Pio (Memorial September 23)

As we approach the November election, both Bishop Boyea and Fr. Mike have encouraged us to pray, along with fasting and almsgiving, for the defeat of the extreme pro-abortion ballot initiative. Eucharistic Adoration provides us an opportunity to do two of these things at once: fasting from some other thing that we enjoy that uses our time, such as a tv show, gaming, or social media and then using that time to spend in prayer before our Lord.

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 Pytlowany
Jerry Schafer
Donna Smith
Jason Thelen
Jeff Wadell
Brad Walker
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

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names to the bulle-
tin prayer lists.**



**WE ARE ALL
EVANGELIZERS**

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

**Understanding
"Understanding"**

My wife and I spent last Sunday with our son and his family as we celebrated his birthday. Part of the celebration included watching the Detroit Lions season opener, which, true to tradition, ended with the Lions losing a close game. But since it is part of tradition, we didn't let it (or the off-and-on Sunday rain) dampen our spirits. We still had a birthday to celebrate and young grandkids to play with.

Because both of my son's children are under the age of four, there is an obvious gap in communication with them. "Understanding" levels are understandably much different-young children can't always understand adults and vice versa. We adults sometimes have to rephrase an idea, using different, usually simpler, words to express our thoughts. (In certain situations "tone of voice" helps convey those thoughts.) As adults, especially

parents and grandparents, we need to be patient as we teach the children words so that they may better express themselves. While communicating with a two-year-old, it pays to listen very closely to him/her to perhaps understand the child's thoughts.

Even among adults, I believe there is a tremendous lack of understanding. Within our church, I believe that if more people firmly understood our Catholic faith then we would not have had the exodus from our Church that we've experienced the past 20 years. Even among those who "believe" there are those who do not understand. Today's gospel is a good example. A dishonest steward is fired for squandering his master's money, but through some wheeling and dealing, he opens some doors for future employment and is commended for acting prudently by his master. The bottom line is that we need to choose between God and money. Understanding that passage fully is difficult without some bible study.

Understanding the proposed "abortion without restriction" consti-

tutional amendment on the statewide ballot in November (Proposal 3) is extremely important for us. Beyond the number one reason that Catholics should vote "No"--Catholic teaching that life is sacred from conception to natural death there are the practical dangers of such a drastic amendment: **no parental control**, no penalties on those who may botch an abortion, and legalization of killing a child in the womb right up until birth. If passed, Michigan will become an abortion mecca.

"Understanding" is, of course, a gift of the Holy Spirit. Shortly after assuming the papacy, Pope Francis described this gift as "to understand a situation in depth, as God understands it". Pope Francis further clarified that understanding moves us beyond merely agreeing with what God has revealed to taking seriously what His revelation means for our everyday decisions. It's time for us all to pray to ask the Holy Spirit for an ability to understand "Understanding" and how to put it to use.

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com



St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary
invites all women of the parish
(and guests) to a Day Retreat entitle:

**Chin up Woman -
Difficult Does Not
Mean Impossible**

Saturday, October 1, 2022

St. Francis Retreat Center
DeWitt, MI
9:30am-3:30pm

Bert Schomberger will lead spiritual reflections of our theme. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. There will be some time to enjoy the beautiful grounds at the Retreat Center. The cost of this day of prayer, reflection and fellowship is \$30.

Tickets are available at the parish office

"The Chosen" – Season Two –October 6
Watch future bulletins for more details

A Call to Prayer For Life:

Each Friday from 4:00 to 5:00
there will be an hour of prayer
to pray for the
DEFEAT
of the

Reproductive Freedom Ballot Proposal 3.

This proposal would enshrine abortion in Michigan's constitution and allow all abortions at any stage. This extreme ballot proposal can be defeated through prayers and fasting.

So, please join in the hour of prayer in the Day Chapel.
If not able to come, please join us by praying in your home.

All Hands On Deck to Defend Life!

As we all heard from Bishop Boyea at Mass this past weekend, the abortion amendment, Proposition 3, is the most radical and expansive abortion bill ever produced outside of China or North Korea. Planned Parenthood has money pouring into Michigan from all over the country to try and get this law passed. We can't compete with that. BUT! What we do have are dedicated men and women who are willing to give their time and energy to this effort.

To that end, the Diocese of Lansing is asking your help to get the word out regarding Prop 3 to your neighbors and friends that may be on the fence on the issue. Next weekend, in each of our four regional high schools, we will hold trainings to equip you to go out two-by-two into your neighborhoods and communities to spread the word of this dangerous amendment.

Where: The Four Diocesan High Schools

When: September 24: Flint Powers and Ann Arbor
Fr. Gabriel Richard
September 25: Lansing Catholic Central
and Jackson Lumen Christi

What time: 7-8pm

Needed: Volunteers who would be willing to be trained at one of the training sessions to go out two-by-two and canvass neighborhoods about this dangerous amendment.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 24/25

<i>Altar Servers</i>	5:00 PM	Group 1
	8:00 AM	Volunteers
	10:00 AM	Volunteers
	12:00 PM	Group 1

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

<i>Lectors</i>	5:00 PM	Sheila B.
	8:00 AM	Jane M.
	10:00 AM	
	12:00 PM	Mary E.

<i>Ushers</i>	5:00 PM	Jay H.	Group 5A
	8:00 AM	Tom K.	Group 8C
	10:00 AM	Cindy C.	Group 10B
	12:00 PM	Mike S.	Group 12B

Collection Counters

September 19 • Group 2

Day Chapel Cleaners

September 17 • Pam Ervin & Karen Feldpausch

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of September 11, 2022

Adults (157) Envelopes/Gifts: \$18,434.13
(Including online giving)

Loose Cash: \$449.75

Total: \$18,883.88

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$241.00

Building Fund: \$1,617.00

Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$128.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is \$17,394.47. 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 JOHN'S BABY PANTRY

ST. Joseph Catholic School

LUNCH MENU

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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

Monday:	Tortilla chips w/cheese and meat sauce, lettuce salad, fruit, and milk.
Tuesday:	Chicken fettuccini, bread sticks, green beans, fruit, and milk.
Wednesday:	Pigs in a blanket, tator tots, fruit, and milk.
Thursday:	Hamburger on a bun w/cheese, fried chips, fruit, and milk.
Friday:	Cheese pizza, fresh carrots w/dip, fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.00

Milk \$0.50

**My God
lights
up my
darkness.**

Psalm 18:28

The love of God is not generic. God looks with love upon every man and woman, calling them by name.

- Pope Francis

God works in many different ways. Most of the time, God works through ordinary people and events: a parent, a friend, a beautiful sunset, a song, an inspiring story. Other times, we hear God's call during crisis moments or major life-changes: a birth, an engagement, a sickness, a death. Sometimes, we just have a feeling that something is missing. No matter what your reason, the Church's hope and prayer is that when God calls, you will respond. If you're reading this, you've already begun to respond!

If you're ready to respond to God's call, or have questions, please contact your local Catholic parish.

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THE SEARCH

**Do you
wonder
why happiness
is fleeting?**



The things we expect to fulfill us don't... Why is life this way? Why are we here? Why do we exist? Why are we filled with longing?

Even if you have a good grasp on the answers to these questions, *The Search* will help you deepen it. If you know someone who is grappling with these questions, **bring them along**, this is a great series to share with them.

The Search features people from all walks of life, and their search for meaning.

**This fall, explore life's mysteries at St. Joseph Parish
109 Linden Street, St. Johns, Michigan 48879**

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the Church Basement Coffee & Donuts Room

**Mondays: October 3, October 10, October 17, October 24,
November 7, November 14, November 21**

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Parent/Child First Reconciliation &**Eucharist Session:**

Parents with children in the 2nd grade that are seeking First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are scheduled to meet on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022 in the school cafeteria from

1:30-2:30 pm

Please contact Jen Nelson for more information or questions at 989-224-8537 or dre.stjoseph@gmail.com

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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