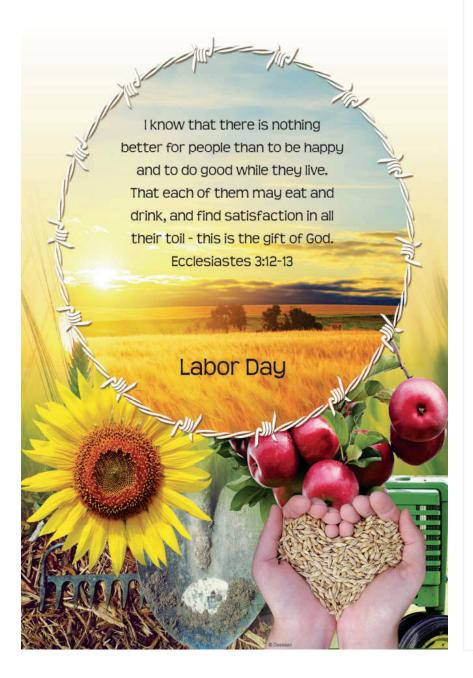
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Regular Mass Schedule (See page 2 for locations

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

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday ◆ September 5

1 Corinthians 5, 1-8/ Luke 6: 6-11 No Mass

Tuesday • September 6

1 Corinthians 6: 1-11/ Luke 6:12-19 Mass 7pm (in the Day Chapel) **†Virginia Eisler** By: Harr nieces

Wednesday • September 7

1 CorInthians 7:25-31/Luke 6:20-26 Mass 12:05pm (in the Day Chapel) tRon Schneider By: Eileen Schneider

Thursday ● September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Micah 5: 1-4a or Romans 8:28-30/Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 Mass 8:30am (in the Day Chapel) † Joan Huhn By: Knights of Columbus

Friday ● September 9 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27/Luke 6:39-42

Mass 8:30am (in the Day Chapel) The canonization of Frederick Ozanam Bv: Society of SVDP

Saturday ● September 10

1 Corinthians 10:14-22/Luke 6:43-49

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium) **†Cindy Nunn - 1st Anniversary** By: The BH friends

Sunday ● September 11

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Timothy 1:12-17/ Luke 15:1-32 or 15: 1-10 8:00 a.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium)

†Janet Smith By: Dick Smith

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

12:00 p.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium) †Rick Kerr By: Family

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

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.

Rest In Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends Renate Ward

Stewardship Parish

Reflection on Life in a Parish

My parish is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayer-ful

It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be.

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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 Marv Matthew

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Noah Danielle P. Patricia Jenny Pytlowanyj 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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*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)

Letting the Smart Guys Talk

Okay I hear you. I will let a couple smart guys speak today. On the menu today is some food for thought from St. Thomas Aquinas and Michelangelo.

Aquinas is considered by many scholars to be the greatest Catholic thinker of all time. He had a great scientific mind and delved deeply into philosophy as well as theology. He was a great proponent of the philosophy that faith and reason were compatible. In other words, science and faith can co-exist - they don't have to be mutually exclusive as many secular philosophers claimed. Scientists actually can be Christians. His 13th century work Summa Theological is still studied today. So, let's hear something this smart Catholic guy has to say:

The world tempts us either by attaching us to it in

prosperity, or by filling us with fear of adversity. But faith overcomes this, in that we believe in a life to come better than this one, and hence, we despise the riches of this world and we are not terrified in the face of adversity.

Let's take a look at Aquinas' first sentence in light of my homily last week pointing out the dangers of pride and the reward of humility.

When life is going good for us, it's easy to fall into the "pleasures trap." We seek a bigger house, a more expensive car, more toys - just more stuff. Our pride swells and we neglect God. Prosperity is not bad in itself, as we've said before, but if it turns us away from our faith, then it becomes a problem, jeopardizing eternal life with the Lord.

On the other side of that coin, Aquinas says our world also fills us with a fear of adversity. Television news is a great example of that concentrating on negative news and creating fear. During commercial breaks, we are then sold all kinds of anxiety cures. However, Aquinas says keeping the faith overcomes secular lures and fears, as long as we hold on to our "belief in a life to come, better than this one." He didn't use the phrase, yet in his own words, he is encouraging us to "keep our eyes on the prize" --- heaven.

Smart guy number two is Michelangelo. He was best known as a sculptor and painter, but was also a poet. Among his great poetic thoughts was this:

Sweet is the hope in a pure heart. It does not fail when the flesh ages, or the last hour comes.

I enjoy writing about hope because of the great need for it in our society. I couldn't help but sneak it in the "Smart Guy" column, even though I'm running out of space. This saying reminds me of Jesus and the little children and his call for all of us to have the hearts of children who have unlimited hope in their pure hearts.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com



St. Monica
Ladies Auxiliary
Monthly Meeting
Monday, September 19
at 6:30 p.m.
at the Columbian Hall

All women of the parish are invited. During our Faith and Fellowship, we will discuss Jesus's call to "Follow Me".

How does this call fit into our lives in this time? Also, remember to "save the date" for the Women of Hope Day Retreat on October 1st. The Theme for the retreat is "Chin Up Woman-Difficult doesn't mean Impossible".

Planning will begin for our next major event—the October 1st Ladies Day Retreat. We will end the evening with snacks and sharing. Come and see how much fun we have planning events, sharing our faith, and building our relationships. Please call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088 if you have any questions.



Widows Rosary Group St. Mary Cathedral 219 Seymour Lansing MI 48933

A prayer group, open strictly to women whose husbands have passed away. This prayer group, per the request of Pope Frances, gathers for Rosary and prayers to support the Catholic Church. Widows Group gathers the 2nd Monday of each month from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the Crypt. For more information regarding the Widow's Rosary Group, please contact Kathryn R. at 517-321-8259.

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 infor-mation. A tentative schedule will be available soon.

I look forward to meeting everyone soon!

God Bless, Chris

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 10/11

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Lections			LuAnn C.
			Karen D.
			Colleen S.
Ushers	5:00 PM	Kevin B.	Group 5B
	8:00 AM	Bruce P.	Group 8A
	10:00 AM	Steve S.	Group 10D
	12:00 PM	Tom W.	Group 12C

Collection Counters

September 6 • Group 4

Day Chapel Cleaners

September 10 ● Laurie Hunt & Tammy Zuker

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL **LUNCH MENU**

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

NO SCHOOL-LABOR DAY Monday:

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes

w/gravy, corn, applesauce, and milk.

Wednesday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, pears,

and milk.

Thursday: Hot dog on a bun, french fries, fruit,

and milk.

Friday: Chicken salad in an edible bowl

(chicken, cheese, and lettuce), yogurt,

fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.00 Milk \$0.50

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suppliers.

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For the weekend of August 29, 2022

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Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:\$110.00 Building Fund:\$125.00 Tuition Scholarship Fund:\$65.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is

\$16,678.48. 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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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 kin-

dergarten 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:

wwww.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.

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.

Church of the Resurrection 87th Ox Roast Festival

Join us for a special Parish Centennial celebration

Friday Sept 9th, 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Saturday Sept 10th, 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Sunday Sept 11th, noon - 4:00 p.m.

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2022 Saturdays: Sept 17, Oct 29, and Nov 19 8:30 - 11:30 am at Lansing Catholic High School

Open to middle school and high school age students, Craftsmanship Club allow students to experience introductory concepts of carpentry and mechanics. LCHS is working to establish an industrial arts program to offer students of the Diocese of Lansing the unique and essential opportunity to gain skills working with their hands, problem solve, grow in confidence, and appreciate God's gift of work.

Parents are welcome, but not required to attend. Register online at lansingcatholic.org/craftsmanship or email greg.ingle@lansingcatholic.org.

Project Rosie

Looking at the data of ages and abortion, the research shows that young adult college age women are most likely to have an abortion. In addition, they are often in situations where they tell no one and are alone in their pain.

<u>Project Rosie</u> is a new project of Students for Life of Michigan.

Project Rosie:

Women are strong, courageous, and intelligent. They should never be forced to choose between finishing their education and being a parent. Every woman can do both! We believe women are empowered to make positive life decisions when they are equipped with the resources and support they need.

Most students are completely unaware of pregnancy and parenting resources on campus and in the community. Too many women face an unplanned pregnancy without the support system and resources they need.

<u>Project Rosie</u> seeks to fill this gap by providing women with the emotional and physical support they need from resources both on and off campus. Whether they need medical resources, a community of student parents, housing, counseling, material support, or post-abortion counseling, Project Rosie is the bridge to the resources they need. We are here for women on campus, no matter what their need may be.

<u>Project Rosie</u> was born out of the desire to reach, empower, and support pregnant women on Michigan's college campuses so they find a community of support and the resources they need to be successful.

Check out the list of Michigan colleges with resources listed on their website https://www.projectrosie.com

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 who care about them. The day will begin with the Wednesday 12:05pm Mass at the Columbian (KofC) Hall and will be followed by a luncheon and other goodies.

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

- 1. Visit the parish website at:
 - www.stjoecatholic.com/donate
- 2. Click the link to sign up/make a donation online.
- 3. On the welcome page, choose the Sign In tab near the top.
- 4. At the bottom of the screen, choose "Create One" to create a user account for yourself.
- 5. Fill in the registration information.

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, Parish Business Manager at (989) 224-8994 or business.stjoseph@gmail.com



TWENTY-THIIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



What is the Prayer Tree?

The Prayer Tree is an organized group of individuals who pray for our parish family. Prayer requests are confidential

and are not shared with anyone outside of the prayer tree members. Parishioners can add their prayer requests for themselves, family members, or friends by contacting the Parish Office at 989-224-8994. The prayer request will be passed on to the prayer tree participants within one business day.

The prayer list published in the bulletin is not the same as the Prayer Tree.

To add an immediate family member to the bulletin praver list call the office 989-224-8994.

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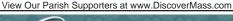
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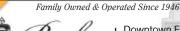
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