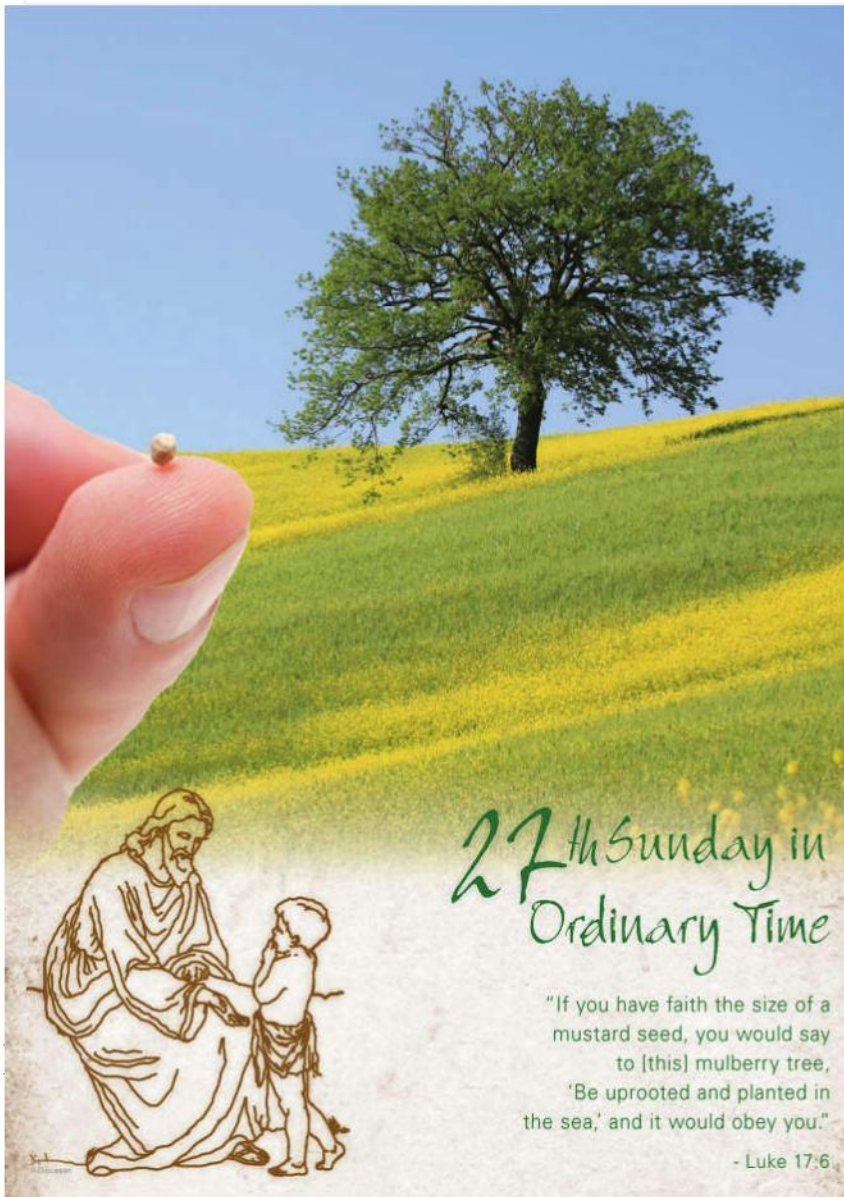


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## ALL ARE WELCOME!

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  
Finance Council • Scott Dzurka  
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  
RCIA • Amanda Grigar  
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

**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](mailto:stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com)



## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

### Monday • October 3

*Galatians 1:6-12/Luke 10:25-37*

No Mass

### Tuesday • October 4

St Francis of Assisi

*Galatians 1:13-24/Luke 10:38-42*

7pm Mass (in the Day Chapel)

†Hope Hoskins

By: Dad

### Wednesday • October 5

*Galatians 2:1-2,7-14/Luke 11:1-4*

12:05pm Mass (in the Day Chapel)

†Joe Houska

By: Eileen Schneider

### Thursday • October 6

*Galatians 3:1-5/Luke 11:5-13*

8:30m Mass (in the Day Chapel)

†Arthur Halfmann

By: Dori Smith

### Friday • October 7

*Galatians 3:7-14/Luke 11:15-26*

8:30am Mass (in the Day Chapel)

†Eva Zielinski

By: Julie and Jack Williams

### Saturday • October 8

*Galatians 3:22-29/Luke 11:27-28*

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

†Frederick Fernholz

By: K of C

### Sunday • October 9

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*2 Kings 5:14-17/2 Timothy 2:8-13/Luke 17:11-19*

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

†Stephan Joseph

By: Deacon Jerry & Alice Fust

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

People of the Parish

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

†Bob Frechen and †Ray Trevino

By: Mark & Diane Armbrustmacher

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

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

WILL BURN FROM OCTOBER 2 THROUGH OCTOBER 8, 2022

*In Memory of  
Hope Hoskins*

*Wedding Banns*

*Kalinda Bellant & Brenden Harless*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



"If Christ did not want to dismiss the Jews without food in the desert for fear that they would collapse on the way, it was to teach us that it is dangerous to try to get to heaven without the Bread of Heaven." St. Jerome (Memorial September 30)

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration this First Friday, October 7th after the 8:30 am Mass until Benediction at the 8:30 am Saturday morning Mass. We are in need of an adorer at the following times: October 7: 10 am (2 needed), 2 pm & 3 pm and October 8: 1 am and 5 am

Exposition will be in the Day Chapel during the church renovation. Please text/call Rebecca 989-292-2072 if you plan to attend one of these hours. It is not necessary to have an assigned hour to attend Adoration, but it does help to make Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 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 Burgdorf  
Joseph Caudy  
Jacob Epling  
Friend  
Stu Fitzpatrick  
Marcia Goerge  
Korine  
Mary  
Matthew  
Myah  
Noah

Danielle P.  
Patricia  
Jenny Pytlowanyj  
Jerry Schafer  
Jerry Scheuler  
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

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)

## Can We Handle the Truth?

In the classic movie "A Few Good Men," Jack Nicholson proclaims one of his most famous movie lines. Under courtroom questioning by Tom Cruise's character Lt. Daniel Kaffee about the hazing and death of a cadet, Nicholson, as Colonel Nathan Jessup, shouts out "You can't handle the truth."

Now, contrast that with what Jesus had to say about truth to his followers in John's gospel: "If you remain in my word, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (Jn 8:31-2). On the surface, these two quotes may seem unrelated. When tied to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can see how they are interlocked.

In my experience with confession, and I suspect I am not alone in this thinking, I have avoided the sacrament at times when I sent myself the message that Col. Jessup sent. If I can't handle the truth, I

just don't acknowledge it. If I go to confession, I have to acknowledge it to a priest, regardless of its severity. I can bury it in denial or I can lie to myself and say, "I can confess this directly to God and be done with it." But that is not handling the truth.

The irony is that the truth about the truth, as spoken by Jesus (the Truth), is true. The truth does set you free. Confessing our sins to a priest takes a weight off our souls and gives us freedom. It is especially important to acknowledge to ourselves that when we are struggling spiritually, refusing to handle the truth, that is the time to seek freedom through Reconciliation with the Lord.

Bringing this to a current confrontation with the truth is the current hot-button issue in our state. Proposal 3 on the November ballot would make abortion legal in Michigan at any point in a pregnancy up until birth for girls and women of any age, with no requirement for parental approval for a minor. It runs contrary to Catholic teaching about the right to life of the unborn from the moment of conception. It

also "bad law" that does not belong in our state constitution.

One of the great Catholic theological orators of the 20th century warned us some 60 years ago of the dangers of not facing the truth in such situations:

The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil. The Tragedy of our time is that those who still believe in honesty lack fire and conviction, while those who believe in dishonesty are full of passionate conviction.

*Blessed Bishop Fulton Sheen*

Proponents of Proposal 3 are definitely passionate. They are putting us on the witness stand with Colonel Jessup. Will we fall into a "silent acquiescence to evil"? Can we, as Catholics, "handle the truth?" Or will we "remain in God's word," protect the unborn, and let "the Truth set us free" by voting "NO" on Proposal 3?

Deacon Eric

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The wait is over!  
After month of anticipation,  
**"The Chosen"**

Season Two returns to the big screen  
(in the church basement) this Thursday,  
October 6, 2022,

and will run each Thursday from 6:30 pm - 8 pm.  
This will be a great prep for Advent, and if all goes  
as planned, we'll be able to move right into the newly  
-released third season for Lent.

So, please join us and enhance your understanding of  
the Gospel through this unique TV series.

Deacon Eric

FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

## A Call to Prayer For Life: First Friday, October 7, 2022 Is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The Rosary and chaplet will be prayed from  
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the Day Chapel.

We are in great need of prayer to **defeat  
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.





## DRESSER MINISTRY

Our Dresser Ministry collection for the month of October will be for Shared Pregnancy of Lansing.

This organization is dedicated to providing women in unexpected and challenging pregnancies with emotional, material, and spiritual support. They are very grateful to receive any baby items or clothing. Large sized diapers (sizes 4 and 5) are especially appreciated.

We will be collecting items **only** on the weekends of **October 22/23**, and **October 29/30**.

There will be collection boxes at the Wilson Center, both in the hall and by the northwest door. Unfortunately, there will be no access to the Wilson Center for drop off during the week.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### October 8/9

<b>Altar Servers</b>	5:00 PM	Volunteers
	8:00 AM	Volunteers
	10:00 AM	Group 3
	12:00 PM	Volunteers

### 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

<b>Lectors</b>	5:00 PM	Ann P.
	8:00 AM	Trevor H.
	10:00 AM	Tori S.
	12:00 PM	Mary Beth E.

<b>Ushers</b>	5:00 PM	Dave P	Group 5C
	8:00 AM	Mike B.	Group 8E
	10:00 AM	Steve S.	Group 10D
	12:00 PM	Ron D.	Group 12A

### Collection Counters

October 3 • Group 4

### Day Chapel Cleaners

October 8 • Jane R. /Veronica R.

## STEWARDSHIP

### For the weekend of September 25, 2022

Adults (160) Envelopes/Gifts: ..... \$12,994.05  
(Including online giving)

Loose Cash: ..... \$514.06

**Total:** ..... \$13,508.11

### Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: ..... \$140.00

Building Fund: ..... \$145.00

Tuition Scholarship Fund: ..... \$185.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is \$16,865.34. 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**

## St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

### FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2022

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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

Monday:	Chicken noodle soup with crackers, blueberry muffins, fruit, and milk.
Tuesday:	Ham, scalloped potatoes, warm apples with cinnamon, and milk.
Wednesday:	Cheese stuffed breadsticks with dipping sauce, corn, fruit, and milk.
Thursday:	Hamburger on a bun with cheese, fried chips, fresh fruit, and milk.
Friday:	Chicken salad in an edible bowl (chicken, cheese, and lettuce), fresh fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.00

Milk \$0.50

## ST. JOSEPH SENIOR MASS AND LUNCHEON

Wednesday,  
October 19, 2022



At the Columbian (K of C) Hall,  
1108 N. US-127, St. Johns

**All seniors of the parish and those who care for them are invited!**

*If you are interested in helping out, please call and leave your name at the parish office.*

## K-8th Religious Education Donations

The weekly K-8th religious education program is asking for donations to please help with our All Saints Family Night coming up on Wednesday, October 26th. We are hoping for donated items such as; holy cards, medals, small statues, pictures, rosaries, etc., for children's prizes.



If you have some well-loved, but extra holy items, and would like to help, please drop them off at the parish office before October 24, 2022.

For questions, please contact Jen Nelson at 989-224-8537  
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