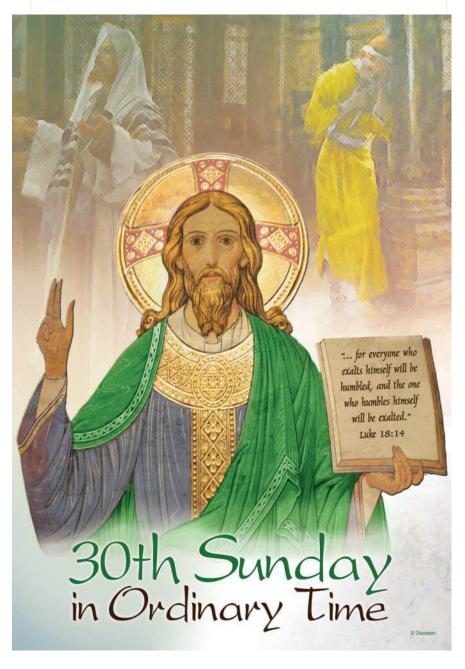
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Fr. Michael Williams
Deacon Marv Robertson (retired)
Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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Baptism • Please contact the parish office
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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 ● October 24

Ephesians 4:32--5:8/Luke 13:10-17

No Mass

Tuesday ● October 25

Ephesians 5:21-33/Luke 13:18-21

7 p.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)

†Deceased members of the Arnold and Clara **Schomisch family** By: Son- Ray Schomisch

Wednesday • October 26

Ephesians 6:1-9/Luke 13:22-30

12:05 p.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)

†Janet Smith

By: Dick Smith

Thursday • October 27

Ephesians 6:10-20/Luke 13:31-35

8:30 a.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)

In Honor of Boomer Hoppough

Friday • October 28

Ephesians 2:19-22/Luke 6:12-16

8:30 a.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)

For the Defeat of Proposal 3

Saturday ● October 29
Philippians 1:18b-26/Luke 14:1, 7-11

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

†June Sipkovsky By: Family

Sunday • October 30

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22-12:2/2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2/Luke 19:1-10

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

For the People of the Parish

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

†Margaret Thelen By: Her Family

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

Roger & Rose Nobach - 50th anniversary

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

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

WILL BURN FROM OCTOBER 23 THROUGH OCTOBER 29, 2022 In Memory of Justin Fox



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary Help of Christians and you will see what miracles are" St. John Bosco

Interested in joining our Adoration Team? We are in need of regular adorers who commit to one hour a month on First Friday/Saturday. Times needed: First Friday 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Saturday 1 a.m.. We are also in need of subs.

Text/call Rebecca at 989-292-2072.



Kylie Steingreaber & Joel Hugo

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED OCTOBER 9, 2022



Tate James Delong Son of Travis and Tonya DeLong

Calvin Paul Hungerford Son of Corey and Anna Hungerford

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** Millie Wassa Fr. Don Wieber

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> Bryce Bongard William Hess Jake Hoskins Jacob Longoria Eric Martin Jessica Mitchell Colby Munger

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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)

HUBRIS

In an episode of "The Chosen," a streaming video series about Jesus and his Apostles, there is an opening scene in which we are introduced to the Apostle-to-be Nathaniel (aka Bartholomew). Nathaniel is talking to a bartender about a recent loss that appears on the surface to be a person, so the Bartender says "tell me about him."

Nathaniel: "He was an architect. It was what he wanted to be his whole life."

Bartender: "Sad."

Nathaniel: "He came from nothing. Worked his way up. Loved God. He wanted to build synagogues. . . eventually one with colonnades that sing. Parapets that practically pray. Vaunted halls that drew the soul upward to God. That's what God made him for. Or so he thought."

Bartender: "He sounds like an ambitious guy. What did he die of?"

Nathaniel: "Hubris. . . It's me by the way. I'm the dead man in the story."

"Hubris" is defined as excessive pride or self confidence. (Geez, and all these years I thought it was a thick Middle Eastern food made of ground chickpeas.)

Nathaniel is very much like the Pharisee that Jesus criticizes in today's gospel. The Pharisee went into the temple to pray at the same time that a tax collector did. He then started tooting his own horn saying "I am not greedy or dishonest like other people. I fast twice a week and pay tithes on all my income." He's filled with hubris, but unlike Nathaniel, he doesn't see it in himself.

Meanwhile, the tax collector, standing well away from the Pharisee, beats his breast and cries out "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Jesus goes on to tell his surprised group of listeners that it is the tax collector who will be justified in the end. Fr. David Rosenberg reflects on why: "Only one type of prayer results in justification, the proper humble disposition of the self in right relationship with God and neighbor. This point is signaled at the be-

ginning and at the end of the story. Jesus told the parable to those who were convinced of their selfrighteousness. Jesus' exhortation insists that such prideful self-exaltation will lead ultimately to downfall."

This is an easy trap to fall into, Fr. David says:

"All those who take religion seriously face this temptation of the Pharisee... But justification, is always God's free gift. We cannot earn it; we do not deserve it."

Today's gospel is a lesson in humility for all of us-a humility that is best achieved through regular self-examination. Nathaniel's goal to build synagogues was good. But it unfortunately led to hubris. The Pharisee's fasting and tithing was good, until it inflated his ego. Nathaniel eventually realized his hubris-the Pharisee did not

What do we see in ourselves?

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DECEASED October 29, 2022

In honor of All Souls Day, the Path of Divine Hope Grief Ministry will hold a memorial for all parishioners who have entered eternal life this past year. The memorial will have a blessing by Fr. Mike and a brief candle-lighting ceremony where each deceased parishioner will be honored by name followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet. A comfort resource table will also be available.

The death of our loved ones is precious time to our Lord Who understands and desires to accompany those who are brokenhearted.

We hope that you can join us for this special time of remembrance and prayer.

Columbian Hall (K of C) Hall. 1108 Old US 27, St Johns 6 pm (after the 5 pm Mass)

Save the Date:

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring the annual Women's Advent Celebration on Friday, December 2, 2022 at the Columbian Hall. The evening's guest speaker will be Bert Schomberger from the Lansing Diocese.

Would you like to be a table host for the evening? Stayed tuned 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 musicdiretor.stjoseph@gmail.com



DRESSER MINISTRY

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. You may drop off items inside the Parish office during regular business hours. Please don't leave donations outside the office because workers are busy fixing our walls.

Thank You to all who donated to the Mobile Ultrasound Unit Collection. Because of your generosity, our total donation towards this project was \$3,785.41.

PARISH VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

The St. John Knights of Columbus would like to create a Veteran's Memorial for the front of St. Joseph's School near the flag pole. They are asking the parish to provide names of any military veteran who served that should be included on this plague both living and dead.

Please contact Mike Huhn at 517-230-8509



Please Note

If you take the Eucharist on the tongue. Fr. Mike is the only one giving communion this way. Please go to Fr. Mike when coming up for communion.

Thank-you

St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2022

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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

Monday: Chicken poppers, carrots, strawberry short-

cake, and milk.

Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, loaded bake

potato soup with crackers, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, fruit, and milk. Thursday: Hot dog on a bun, french fries, fresh fruit,

and milk.

Friday: Taco salad in an edible bowl, string cheese,

fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.00 Milk \$0.50

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

October 29/30

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 1 8:00 AM Group 1 10:00 AM Group 1 12:00 PM Group 1

 Lectors
 5:00 PM
 Sheila B.

 8:00 AM
 Lu Anne C.

 10:00 AM
 Jane M.

 12:00 PM
 Dawn L.

 Ushers
 5:00 PM
 Dave P.
 Group 5C

 8:00 AM
 Tom K.
 Group 8C

 10:00 AM
 Henry B.
 Group 10C

 12:00 PM
 Ron D.
 Group 12A

Collection Counters

October 24 • Group 3

Sanctuary/Day Chapel Cleaners

On hiatus until after renovation

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of October 16, 2022

Adults (181) Envelopes/Gifts:\$16,721.55 (Including online giving)

Loose Cash:\$581.00

Total\$17,302.55

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$80.00 Building Fund: \$130.00 Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$200.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is

\$17,444.63. 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

K-8 Religious Education All Saints Family Night

All K-8th grade Religious Education program families are scheduled for a fun, Saint-filled event on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Families are asked to attend the event as this is in place of our normal weekly Wednesday classes, and will take place in the school cafeteria. For questions, please contact Jen Nelson at 989-224-8537.



This is an invitation to you, but also to anyone you may know who is at a point in their lives where they may be ready to respond to God.

Explore life's mysteries at St. Joseph Parish on Mondays October 24 and November 7, 14, and 21 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the church basement.





St. Joseph School Carnival

November 5, 2022 11:00 am to 3:00 pm At the school gym

Raffle tickets are \$10 each.
Grand prize is \$1,000
2nd place wins \$500
3rd to 7th place wins \$100
Winners will be announced at 3
pm,
November 5th at the school

Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss out on this fun, family-friendly event!

carnival.

The carnival and raffle tickets raise money for the school to help support classrooms, supplies, and activities for the kids, and special projects.

Thank you for your support! Sponsored by the St. Joseph Parent School Council

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC

- not limiting it to adults, this funda-By using the word "individual" and contraception and more would apply mental right to abortion, sterilization
- Children would also have a right to amendment, making it more difficult This proposal is a constitutional to change or overturn in the future.
- The right to reproductive freedom or regulate. would be nearly impossible to restrict

seek sterilization and contraceptives

Under Michigan law, a "health care

professional" includes dentists, acu-

(2)

- The state shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right.
- The state shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action action against someone for aiding or assisting a pregnant individual in exercising their right to reproductive freedom with their voluntary consent. abortion. Nor shall the state penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse pregnancy outcomes, including but not limited to miscarriage, stillbirth, or against an individual based on their actual, potential, perceived, or alleged

This section appears to restrict late-

ability to approve a late-term abortion health care professionals are given the selors and more. In the amendment puncturists, massage therapists, coun

(3)

For the purposes of this section:

(4)

a reason for getting an abortion and a

could cite anxiety on her due date as health exception, so that a mother term abortion, but it includes a menta

pen at any point and for any reason This would allow for abortions to hap health care professional" could agree

A state interest is "compelling" only if it is for the limited purpose of pro infringe on that individual's autonomous decision-making. clinical standards of practice and evidence-based medicine, and does not tecting the health of an individual seeking care, consistent with accepted

survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medi Fetal viability" means: the point in pregnancy when, in the professional ular facts of the case, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus's sustained judgment of an attending health care professional and based on the partic

This section shall be self-executing. Any provision of this section held inval id shall be severable from the remaining portions of this section

(5)

AN EXPLAINER ON THE DANGERS OF PROPOSAL 3 Where Does It Say That?

Article 1, Section 28 Right to Reproductive Freedom

Every individual 1) has a fundamental right 2 to reproductive freedom which entails the right to make and effectuate decisions about all matters relating to pregnancy, including but not limited to prenatal care, childbirth riage management, and infertility care. postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, 3 abortion care, miscar

dened, nor infringed (4) upon unless justified by a compelling state interest An individual's right to reproductive freedom shall not be denied, bur achieved by the least restrictive means.

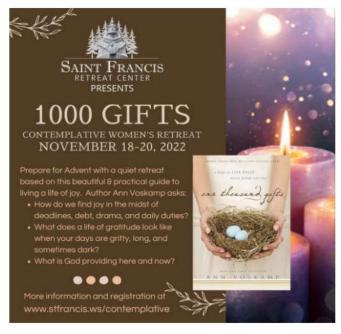
health care professional, 5) is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health 6 of the pregnant individual. care after fetal viability, provided that in no circumstance shall the state Notwithstanding the above, the state may regulate the provision of abortion prohibit an abortion that, in the professional judgment of an attending

- Any abortion restriction would need on the person's autonomous decibe consistent with accepted clinical to pass three tests: It must protect mous decision-making, meaning any laws infringe on a person's autonosion-making. The last part is key – most standards of practice and not infringe the health of the person seeking care aw restricting abortion would not
- Fetal viability is the point when a baby is "significant likelihood" the baby on the professional judgement of the a NICU premature baby could be after birth would not meet this stanlar facts of the case, and whether there health care professional," the particucould survive outside the womb. This dard, and if a health care professiona baby needing attention in the NICU medical measures." Any premature would survive without "extraordinary denied life-saving care under this agreed and the mother consented amendment instead makes it based

- This would end the state ban on using discriminating against the fundamencause that would be seen as the state taxpayer dollars to fund abortions, be tal right to abortion
- a doctor, could perform an abortion and this section bars the state from prosecuting if that someone hurts the anyone, including someone who is not The vague term "someone" means woman in the abortion.

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Once again there will be donations accepted for the Grand Rapids Michigan Veteran's Home. Due to the church renovation, donations will only be accepted before and after Mass on November 5-6 and November 13-14, 2022. There will be people at the entrances of the Wilson Center Auditorium.

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