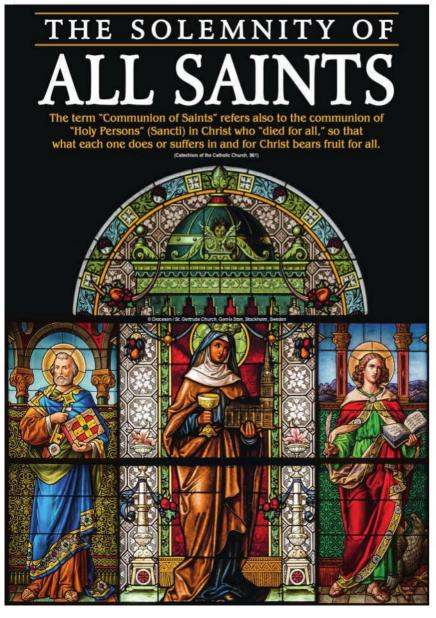
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Regular Mass Schedule (See page 2 for locations

during the church renovation)

Saturday • 5:00 p.m.

Sunday • 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. (Holy Days • Consult the bulletin.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the Day Chapel)

Tuesday • 6:30 p.m. Saturday • 4:00 p.m.

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 31

Philippians 2:1-4/Luke 14:12-14

No Mass

Tuesday • November 1

All Saints Day

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14/1 John 3:1-3/Matthew 5:1-12a

6 p.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium)

The deceased poor By: Society of SVDP

Wednesday • November 2

All Souls' Day

Wisdom 3:1-9/Romans 6:3-9/John 6:37-40

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

†William Parker By: Matt and Monica Poff family

Thursday • November 3

Philippians 3:3-8a/Luke 15:1-10

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

†Janet Sinke By: Charlie and Lisa Wieber

Friday • November 4

Philippians 3:17-4:1/Luke 16:1-8 8:30 a.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)

†Bob and Mary Zuker

By: The Karek Family

Saturday • November 5

Philippians 4:10-19/Luke 16:9-15

8:30 a.m. For and end to abortion

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

†Dale Feldpausch By: Mary Jane Feldpausch

Sunday • November 6

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5/Luke 20:27-38 or

20:27, 34-38

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

People of the Parish

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

†Urban, Marie and Ken Weber By: Janet McKeown

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

†Marvin and Rita Harr

By: Mark and Diane Armbrustmacher 6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish (in the Day Chapel)

Diego Carvajal Rubio - Baptism

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM OCTOBER 30 THROUGH **NOVEMBER 5. 2022** In Memory of William Parker

All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation

All Saints Day Mass will be Celebrated at the Wilson Center Auditorium

at 6:00 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration this First Friday, November 4, 2022 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning in the Day Chapel. We are in need of an adorer at the following times: November 4 at 10:00 a.m. (2 needed) 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. and

November 5 at 1:00 a.m.



Please text or call Rebecca at 989-292-2072 if you will attend at one of these hours. It is not necessary to have an assigned hour, however, it does help to make Exposition possible. Would you be interested in join-

ing our Adoration Team? Text/call Rebecca at 989-292-2072.



Kylie Steingreaber and Joel Hugo

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

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)

Life Belongs to God Alone

(NOTE: The content of this column may be too emotional for some readers, especially the parents of stillborn children or those lost via late miscarriages. It's based on the Catholic belief that abortion is wrong and that all human life, regardless of when it ends, belongs in God's hands.)

Most of today's column is actually not going to be my words. I will be relying on theology professor David Bonagura Jr. who recently wrote an article entitled Conceived to Die? Abortion and 'Medically Futile' Pregnancies." He counters the argument of abortion advocates who claim that it's better for the mother and the child to abort a child that, at best, will live only a few moments or hours. He says:

Pregnancy loss at any stage is traumatic, and it inevitably generates the question of why the Author of Life would allow expectant joy to be followed so soon by bewildering pain . . .

Without faith, it is extraordinarily difficult to face this reality.

The professor goes on to say that the unbeliever who thinks a short life in the womb has no purpose: "Does any life then have purpose?" Bonagura questions what would make a life worth it -- length, financial gain, or other accomplishments. "What makes a life worth living if you can't take anything beyond the grave?," he asks the unbeliever.

Noting that Christians are aware that "death is the path to life," Bonagura says:

Believers, though seared by the pain of miscarriage and stillbirth, entrust themselves and their children to God's mercy, through which they hope that they will one day embrace in heaven the little ones whom they could not embrace on earth.

The professor notes that when one contemplates the gruesomeness of abortion, it's hard to see that it is indeed less painful for mother and child, who, afterwards, is consid-

ered medical waste. He summarizes his article thusly:

There's a colossal difference between letting nature take its course and thwarting nature according to the demands of our selfish egos. Aborting babies who will die imminently is [belief in a false god of] expedient mercy intended to conceal the painful reality of lost life from us. "If we just get it over with now, we can forget this and move on."

But there is no moving on from directly causing a child's gruesome death. In Christian terms, to choose abortion is to run from the Cross rather than embrace it.

The case for abortion in these instances is the same one being made by abortion advocates regarding rape and incest. The Church's stand is the same: abortion is wrong. All that being said, we need to defeat Proposal 3.

Deacon Eric

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A CALL TO PRAYER

Please join us for the **First Friday adoration** before the Blessed Sacrament. This will be a special time to pray fervently for the defeat of Proposal 3. An hour of community prayer from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. will feature the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Remember, fasting will make our prayers more powerful, so please fast that day if at all possible. If you are unable to make it to the Day Chapel at 5:00 p.m., please pray wherever you may be.

Election Day, November 8,

will be a day of Adoration, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Rosary and Divine Chaplet will be said at 5:00 p.m. as well. Please sign up for a time to come and pray before Jesus for the defeat of Proposal 3. A sign-up sheet will be in the Day Chapel to ensure all 12 hours are covered.

FIGHT LIKE HEAVEN TO DEFEAT PROPOSAL 3

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: 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 pray before our Lord.

DON'T FORGET!



Daylight Savings Times ends this Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 2:00 a.m. Change your clocks back one hour.

Path of Divine Hope Grief Ministry

The death of our loved ones is precious time to our Lord Who understands and desires to accompany the brokenhearted. The Path of Divine Hope Grief Ministry seeks to provide compassion and presence as we offer support and prayer to those who are grieving. If you would like a grief minister to accompany you and your family during this time, please call the parish office or let your funeral director know.

We also say the Divine Mercy Chaplet as recommended by our Lord to St. Faustina for those who are passing away and who have passed away. Please join us for this prayer immediately after the last Saturday Mass each month. Any changes will be announced in the bulletin.

The St. Joseph Prayer Tree also offers to pray for your loved ones during this time of passing, for the repose of their soul, and for the family. Please call the parish office to request these prayers.



Please know that we are with you in heart and prayer during this time of grief.

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FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31, 2022

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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

Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with

gravy, corn, applesauce, and milk.

Tuesday: Lasagna, breadsticks, green beans, fruit, and

milk.

Wednesday: Cheese stuffed breadsticks with dipping

sauce, peas, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: NO SCHOOL Friday: NO SCHOOL

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

November 5/6

Altar Servers 5:00 p.m. Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Volunteers 10:00 a.m. Group 3 12:00 p.m. Group 1

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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Lectors 5:00 p.m. Lisa W. 8:00 a.m. Rich H.

10:00 a.m. Karen D.12:00 p.m. Mary E.

Ushers 5:00 p.m. Jay H. Group 5A

8:00 a.m. John T. Group 8D 10:00 a.m. Steve S. Group 10D 12:00 p.m. Butch S. Group 12B

Collection Counters

October 31 • Group 4

Sanctuary/Day Chapel Cleaners

On hiatus until after renovation

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For the weekend of October 23, 2022

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 Building Fund:
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 Tuition Scholarship Fund:
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Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is

\$17,194.73. 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

CLINTON COUNTY THANKSGIVING DINNER AND CELEBRATION November 24, 2022

This year's event will take place at the St. Johns Lutheran Church. We are seeking volunteers to help prepare and serve food, work with children, guide parking, clean up---in other words, there is a way for everyone in our community to help out!

Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older. We ask that you kindly plan on staying for your entire shift. Below is the link to sign up for various volunteer positions. Thank you in advance for helping make this community event possible!



https://signup.com/go/bXuTxii



Last week's Senior Parishioner Luncheon was such fun! Over fifty seniors attended noon Mass and enjoyed a delicious lunch. Our Seniors were introduced to our new church staff, and received updates on the latest church renovations.

A special "Thank You" to the bakers who provided their best homemade pies! And to those who helped ensure that the luncheon was such a success!

Senior Lunch Committee

Thank you for all who donated to the Bishop's Emergency Disaster Fund for humanitarian needs for Hurricane Ian and future disasters.

Our total amount collected was \$2,360.50.

The Importance of Mass

Do I have to go to Mass every Sunday or attend one of the Masses on Saturday afternoon/evening?

Yes! Even if you have company at the house, and they don't go to Mass. You still have the obligation to attend. Every Christian is responsible to God first. We also have an obligation to give witness to His will in our lives. Going to Mass when everybody else remains home can be a powerful influence, a channel of grace that God can use to awaken others to their responsibilities to Him. If we fail to attend Mass, we give scandal by reinforcing in others the attitude that the Sunday Mass is dispensable, in addition to our own sin of neglecting the Mass.

What if I'm out of town or traveling?

No matter where we are, we still must go to Mass. We have the obligation of trying to find a Mass celebrated in our area. If we are a hundred miles from anywhere, up in the mountains camping, that's one thing. But if our travels have taken us somewhere we can get to Mass, we must attend.

What if I'm sick?

There is never sin involved if a person is sick. Even if someone is getting over a sickness and could still infect others, as in the case of flu, it is OK to stay home. But remember, it's still Sunday, and we should offer the Lord extra prayers to honor Him. What if someone else is sick, or so dependent on me that I can't leave him/her? That's a serious act of charity, and missing Mass in that situation is also not a sin.

"The Chosen"

Season 2

Please join us Thursdays from 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. in the church basement. Enhance your understanding of the Gospel through this unique TV series.

Deacon Eric

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 speak will be Bert Schomberger from the Lansing Diocese. Would you like to be a table host for the evening? If so, please call Mary Beth at 989 -227-0088.

GRAND RAPIDS MICHIGAN VETERANS HOME WISH LIST

Collections on the weekends of November 5 and 6 November 13 and 14

Due to the church renovation, donations will **ONLY** be accepted before and after Mass on the dates above. We will meet you at the entrances of the Wilson Center. Thank you for your generosity! It is very much appreciated by all the Veterans.

FOOD ITEMS:

- Candy bars: Full Size (no nuts) Hershey's, Milky Way, Reese's Cups, 3 Musketeers
- Snack sized packages of cookies such as Oreos, Fig Bars, Soft Batch Cookies, Granola Bars, Pop-Tarts, Trail Mix, Welch's Gummies, Snack-sized beef sticks.
- Crackers, breadsticks or pretzels with dip-able cheese.
- Soda Pop (All Varieties), Sunny D, Gatorade, V-8 Juice, and other juices.
- Bottle water, flavored water, and single-serving powdered drink mixes.

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Alcohol-free mouthwash, denture toothbrush, denture cleaners.
- Power Stick Shaving Gel and After Shave

CLOTHING ITEMS

- Men's boots (sizes 8-12)
- Men's lounge pants (All sizes)
- Men's thermal underwear (all sizes)
- Ladies slacks (All sizes)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Boom boxes/CD Players
- DVD's (New movie releases)
- Wallets, talking watches

SPECIALTY DONATIONS:

Please check on this Amazon Website Link: https://a.co/8NhVYLq (case sensitive)

Last date to donate is Sunday, November 14, 2022.

Any questions or if you want someone to pick up your donations, please contact Janet Pline by text or call 517-331-3835 or text Kathy Fry at 989-506-9478



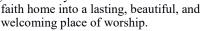
This is an invitation to you, but also to anyone you may know who is at a point in their lives where they may be ready to respond to God.

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

Renovation Prayer

St. Joseph, patron of craftsmen, through your intercession may the Holy Spirit guide all who work to renovate our worship space.

May God provide them the grace to safely transform our historic



St. Joseph, patron of families and our parish, be with us as we undertake this journey together.

Amen

2022 Clinton County

Community Conversation on Homelessness:

Homeless Not Hopeless

Thursday, November 10, 2022 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church 512 S. Whittemore St.

St. Johns, MI 48879

The number of people experiencing homelessness in Clinton County continues to rise. As a community, what can we do to bring hope to those experiencing homelessness? Come and hear from those who have experienced homelessness and from those who provide services to the homeless in our community.

Presented by the Clinton County Housing and Homeless Coalition: Working Together to Resolve and Prevent Homelessness

Save the date!!

Please join us for the 9th annual St Joseph's

Feast and Raffle

Saturday, March 18, 2023 More information to come.

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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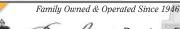


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