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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And when he saw them, he said,
"Go show yourselves to the priests."
As they were going they were cleansed.

Luke 17:14

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

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Music • Jeff Richards

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**Medical Emergencies requiring an
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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



THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • October 10

Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/Luke 11:29-32

No Mass

Tuesday • October 11

Galatians 5:1-6/ Luke 11:37-41

7pm Mass (in the Day Chapel)

†Alvin Booms

By: Brian and Deb Szpont

Wednesday • October 12

Galatians 5:18-25/Luke 11:42-46

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

†Don Randolph

By: Myra Fleming

Thursday • October 13

Ephesians 1:1-10/Luke 11:47-54

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

†Janet Sipkovsky

By: Terry and Lori Pung

Friday • October 14

Ephesians 1:11-14/Luke 12:1-7

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

†Janet Gallo

By: Julie and Jack Williams

Saturday • October 15

Ephesians 1:15-23/Luke 12:8-12

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

People of the Parish

Sunday • October 16

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13, 2 Timothy 3:14--4:2/Luke 18:1-8

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

†Stella Karek

By: Sunshine Club

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

†Kenneth L Price

By: Family

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

†John Schafer

By: Harry & Dianne Goerge

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

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

WILL BURN FROM OCTOBER 9 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2022

*In Memory of
Dale, Isabell, and Dan Baker*

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
Or email: dre.stjoseph@gmail.com



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Luke 17:18

In today's Gospel, we hear about the cleansing of the 10 afflicted with leprosy. How often do we return to Our Lord in thanksgiving? Consider spending sometime this week before our Eucharistic Lord thanking Him for the gifts He has given you.

Would you like to join our Adoration Team as a monthly adorer or sub? Please text/call Rebecca at 989-292-2072.

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 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

To add or remove a name from the bulletin prayer list,

please call: 989-224-8994 or email
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**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)

**"Phew! That Was a Close
One"**

(First of all, if you're teaching a child to sound out letters or are helping someone from another country learning English, don't start with the word "phew.")

On our way to Tennessee recently for the birth of our new granddaughter, my wife and I were on I-96 between Howell and Brighton, when I decided to pass a tractor trailer travelling in the middle lane. About halfway through that pass, a large van came speeding up behind me, almost kissing my bumper. I increased my speed a bit to get back in front of the tractor trailer and let that van pass.

As soon as I started to pull back into the middle lane, I caught a glimpse of a vehicle also moving into the

middle lane from the right, as he was also passing a tractor trailer in his lane. He was traveling at such a high rate of speed, I wasn't sure if he was a NASCAR driver on his way to a practice run at Michigan International Speedway near Jackson or a test driver for an experimental hovercraft. Within five seconds, the vehicle was but a dot up ahead, in and out of lanes like Pacman. It was one of those instances in life that happened so quickly, it's almost as if it never happened at all. Yet it remained in my mind to the point that I had to recount it here.

If that Nascar/hovercraft had just barely clipped my front bumper (and it was inches away from it) it would have been a disaster not only for us, but for numerous other vehicles behind us. But it didn't. Oh, did I happen to mention that we were saying a rosary at the time of the near miss? Did Jesus or Mary or our Guardian Angels play a part in situation? I don't know, but it does make me wonder.

This accident-that-wasn't got me thinking about near misses in my spiritual life over my 70 years. How may I have been guided away from a sin or an action that could have taken me down the wrong road? I'm wondering if I were just seconds away from a spiritual collision, but somehow avoided it either unknowingly or by making a conscious decision to steer clear.

I think this experience will help me, perhaps many of us, in realizing what we hear throughout the liturgical year "be ready, for we do not know the place or the time." I believe this can be a good examination of conscience tool for all of us going forward. We must make ourselves aware that a turn from Christ could result in a spiritual collision with eternal consequences. It may be only seconds away, so we must keep our eyes open and our lamps lit.

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com

The wait is over!
After months of anticipation,
"The Chosen"

Season 2

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

**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 need a ride or help getting to the hall, please call the
parish office at (989) 224-8994*

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.

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?

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: October 10, 17, 24 and November 7, 14, and 21 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the church basement

St. Joseph Catholic School

LUNCH MENU

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2022

Monday:	Pancakes with syrup, sausage, hash browns, and milk.
Tuesday:	Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, applesauce, and milk.
Wednesday:	Ziti, bread sticks, carrots, fruit, and milk.
Thursday:	Hot dog on a bun, french fries, fresh fruit, and milk.
Friday:	No School

Lunches are \$3.00

Milk \$0.50

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

October 15/16

Altar Servers	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

Lectors	5:00 PM	Diane A.
	8:00 AM	Dean H.
	10:00 AM	Ted S.
	12:00 PM	Debbie T.

Ushers	5:00 PM	Jay H.	Group 5A
	8:00 AM	Bruce P.	Group 8A
	10:00 AM	Jim S.	Group 10A
	12:00 PM	Butch S.	Group 12B

Collection Counters

October 10 • Group 1

Sanctuary/Day Chapel Cleaners

On hiatus until after renovation

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of October 2, 2022

Adults (188) Envelopes/Gifts: \$17,928.05
(Including online giving)

Loose Cash: \$361.00

Total: \$18,289.05

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$100.00

Building Fund: \$313.00

Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$110.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is \$16,967.03 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

It's SOCKTOBER!

During the month of October St. Joseph School is going to

ROCK THE SOCK

You can help by donation new socks for men, women, children, or babies and dropping them off at the school office. These will then be donated to a local homeless shelter.

According to an April 2018 report, Michigan ranked 6th among states with the most homeless students. Please help us help others as we take on the challenge of Tim Tebow's quote "Bring Faith, Hope and love to those needing a brighter day in their darkest hour of need".



Kalinda Bellant & Brenden Harless



A Place for You

Lansing Catholic High School invites parents and students to attend our October Prospective Family Night Open House on Wednesday, October 12 any time from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Discover what Lansing Catholic High School has to offer by enjoying a tour with a student ambassador of the campus. Students and parents will also have the opportunity to ask questions and meet with our faculty and administration.

Save time at the door and preregister at lansingcatholic.org/visit.

Registration is not required, but is appreciated. Can't make it? Check our other dates or schedule your own visit with the admissions office at 517-267-2116. admissions@lansingcatholic.org.

TAKE NOTE

There will be a **second collection** on the weekend of October 15/16 to help the Knights of Columbus support efforts to build a mobile ultrasound unit. Our local council is pairing up with the Pregnancy Help Clinic to raise funds for a mobile ultrasound unit. This unit will travel across Michigan between Lansing, Detroit, Ann Arbor, and Flint to help women and couples with professional information and safe care during or in the event of unplanned pregnancies.

For more information, please check out:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHXEDgdJA1I>

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 served that should be included on this plaque both living and dead.



Please contact Mike Huhn at 517-230-8509

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 returned home 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.

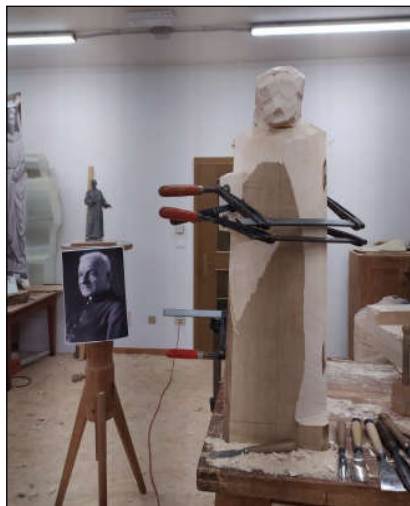
The death of our loved ones is precious time to our Lord who understands and desires to accompany those who are brokenhearted.

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)

Renovation Progress

Here's some of what's happening during our worship space renovation.



Carvers in Italy are working on our new statues of:
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
St. Andre Bessette
St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Bl. Solanus Casey

Our Holy Spirit dove still hovers over the sanctuary.



The new wall tiles will soon be installed.



The old back wall is being readied for drywall.



The ceiling over the sanctuary looks like a clear blue sky.



The column capitals are spiffed up with new paint colors and 23 karat gold leaf.

The old confessional is being turned into a devotional alcove.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 9, 2022

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON MARV

A Reflection on Law and Life

In 1847, Michigan became the very first government in the English-speaking world to abolish the death penalty. Brutal serial murderers in our state will not be executed. Even lives of endangered animal species receive legal protection. For example, Federal law provides severe criminal penalties for those who molest the eggs or nests of the bald eagle.

If Proposal 3 passes, the lives of our innocent unborn children will receive no protection under law

while the lives of murderers or hatchling eagles continue to receive legal safety. This moral contradiction is indefensible.

Abortion is certainly an emotionally charged issue. While upholding the right to life of the unborn, we must also show love and compassion for those challenged by problem pregnancy.

This is a time to vote with our informed Christian conscience.

This is the time to take a stand for the lives of the innocent unborn.

This is a time to vote NO on pro-abortion Proposal 3.

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