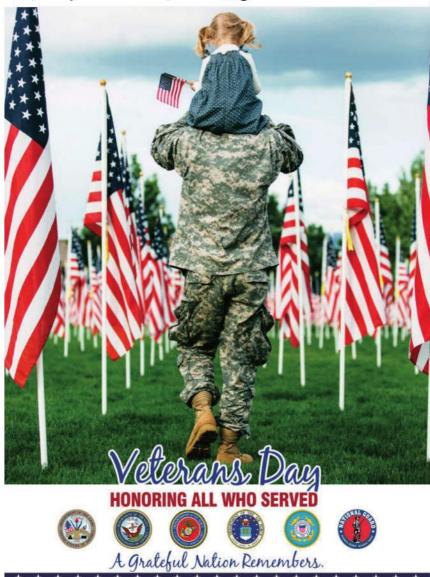
St. Foseph Catholic Church

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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 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 • November 7 Timothy 1:1-9/Luke 17:1-6 No Mass

Tuesday • November 8 Timothy 2:1-8, 11-14/Luke 17:7-10 7:00 p.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel) †Alvin Booms By: Doug and Rebecca Nurenberg

Wednesday
November 9
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17/John 2:13-22
12:05 p.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)
+Carl and Laurene Thelen By: Family

Thursday

November 10
Philemon 7-20/Luke 17:20-25
8:30 a.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)

†Ethel May Kuhns By: Tom and Rita Hollis

Friday • November 11 Veteran's Day 2 John 4-9/Luke 17:26-37 8:30 a.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel) †Cathy Chambers By: Bob and Marleen Smith

Saturday • November 12 3 John 5-8/Luke 18:1-8 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium) People of the Parish

Sunday • November 13

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Malachi 3:19-20a/2 Thessalonians 3:7-12/Luke 21:5-19 8:00 a.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium) †Francis Brya 10:00 a.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium) †Stan Wassa By: Yvonne Asher 12:00 p.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium) †Frank and Janet Glowacki By: Tim and Theresa Owen

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

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM NOVEMBER 6 - NOVEMBER 12 In Memory of Janet Smíth



Kylie Steingreaber and Joel Hugo

Parish Office Hours

 Monday-Thursday
 9:00 a.m to noon

 1:00 p.m.to 5:30 p.m.

 Friday
 9:00 a.m. to Noon

 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Mass of Remembrance

The Diocese of Lansing cordially invites families who have lost a child, whether through miscarriage or other tragedy, to attend a Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson, presided over by Fr. Timothy Nelson, on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. There will be a small reception in the parish hall following the Mass.

If you would like to attend, please register by scanning this QR Code: Please reach out if you have questions to eneuens@dioceseoflansing.org.



KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially: Adam Beverly Sawyer Ballinger Daniel Blair Bob Joan Bozung

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Carol Burgtorf Joseph Caudy Jacob Epling Friend 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.

THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED



WE ARE ALL Evangelizers

(and whatever else is on Deacon Eric's mind)

REMEMBERING, THANKING, VOTING

Well, the month of October is behind us and we've moved into November -- a month of action. Our first liturgical act in November is remembering the saints on the very first day of the month. We remember the great wellknown saints, of course, and the lesser-known saints as well. All have given their lives to the Lord.

The next day we remember our friends and family members who have died, specifically, those who have left us within the last year. We pray that they will soon be with the saints if they have not yet entered heaven. I believe it is especially important this year in Michigan that we remember the unborn. We need to pray for those whose lives were taken before they could experience life outside the womb.

We know our time is coming, but we don't know when. The Lord tells us over and over in the gospels that

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in the incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name, Amen,

only the Father knows the time and the place. When we're young, it's easy to take daily life for granted. I did. When we age, we become more and more aware that our time on earth is limited and can end suddenly. We only need look at the news around the world this past weekend. Over a hundred people were killed in a human stampede in South Korea during a Halloween celebration. Over a hundred more were killed in Somalia from a terrorist bomb. In India, a pedestrian bridge over a river collapsed, killing about 130. At the beginning of the weekend, it's quite possible none of the deceased thought they would die so soon.

These incidents magnify the need for us to thank God for life every single day. We don't need to wait for Thanksgiving Day later this month to offer our thanks. If we're reading this we should be thanking the Lord (not necessarily for the quality of the column, but that we're alive and able to read). We can wake up in the morning and complain about being awakened by the neighbor's barking dog or we can thank God that we woke up.

November, of course, usually means

elections. This year, we have a rare opportunity. We can block a proposal that would open the door for unlimited abortion at any age and at any time during a pregnancy. It would also take away the rights of parents to do anything about their child's decision with regard to pregnancy, abortion, sterilization, contraception, and more. In addition, this proposal would be enshrined in our state constitution, making it extremely difficult to alter later.

We remembered the saints on All Saints Day this week and our loved ones on All Souls Day. We thanked God for the saints who gave us great models of love and sacrifice. We thanked God for the loved ones he put in our lives. May we be thanked some 18 years from now by new voters who otherwise would not be alive if we did not vote for "life" in 2022. This Tuesday, we need to vote "No" on Proposal 3.

Deacon Eric

<u>deaconeric@hotmail.com</u>

A CALL TO PRAYER

Election Day, November 8,

will be a day of Adoration, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 a.m. to the 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 proabortion 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 prayer before our Lord.

Long Term Substitute Teacher Position

St. Joseph Catholic School, is looking for a long-term substitute Kindergarten teacher available from December through March. A background in education is preferred, but a personable, enthusiastic person with good management skills is accepted. The substitute will also need to create lesson plans following the Diocese of Lansing standards in education including teaching the Catholic faith. This position is supported with a team teacher and a half day classroom aide.

All interested persons please contact Chris Wells at principal@stjoecatholicschool.org or call the school office at 989-224-2421.



Thank you to all the parishioners who donated holy items for the K-8th All Saints Family Night! The children loved selecting prizes and looking at all the beautiful Sacramental items of our Catholic faith.

Thank you for helping make the event a success. Please continue to pray for all the children at St. Joseph Parish.

Jen Nelson, Director of Religious Education

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Parish Office Closure



When St. Johns Public School closes for Inclement Weather, so does St. Joseph Catholic Church parish

office. If there is a weekday Mass scheduled that day, the Mass will still take place. Please consider all precautions if you still plan on attending the weekday Mass. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the parish office.

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LUNCH MEN	Catholic School IU K of November 7,	This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menu is subject to change, based on food availability from suppliers.
Monday:	Pancakes with syrup, and milk.	sausage, hash browns, fruit,
Tuesday:	Chicken noodle soup muffins, fruit, and mil	with crackers, blueberry k.
Wednesday:	Cheese pizza, fresh ca	rrots, cherry crisp, and milk.
Thursday:	Hot dog on a bun, french fries, fresh fruit, and milk.	
Friday:	Chicken wraps (chickers salad, fruit, and milk.	en, cheese and lettuce) lettuce
Lunches are \$3.	25	Milk \$0.50

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

November 12/13

Altar Servers	5:00 p.m.	Volunteers
	8:00 a.m.	Volunteers
	10:00 a.m.	Group 3
	12:00 p.m.	Volunteers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

	5:00 p.m.	Group 3
	8:00 a.m.	Group 3
	10:00 a.m.	Group 3
	12:00 p.m.	Group 3
Lectors	5:00 p.m.	Ann P.
	8:00 a.m.	Bob P.
	10:00 a.m.	Karen D.
	12:00 p.m.	Linda S.

Ushers	5:00 p.m.	Kevin B.	Group 5B
	8:00 a.m.	Mike B.	Group 8E
	10:00 a.m.	Jim S.	Group 10A
	12:00 p.m.	Tom W.	Group 12C

Collection Counters

November 7 • Group 1

Sanctuary/Day Chapel Cleaners On hiatus until after renovation

Stewardship

For the weekend of October 31, 2022			
Adults (139) Envelopes/Gifts: \$12,033.43			
(Including online giving)			
Loose Cash: \$429.00			
Total:\$12,462.43			

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$40.00
Building Fund:	\$230.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$25.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is \$16,932.99. 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

Do you feel called to serve your parish in a quiet, but important way?

We are in need of parishioners to visit our homebound serving as extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers. Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers serve as an important link between our parishioners who gather together for Mass and our parish family members who can't join us for the Eucharistic Celebration. If you are interested in this very special ministry, please call the parish office.

Attention current Eucharistic Ministers for the homebound.

This is a reminder for all homebound Eucharistic Ministers, including those taking Jesus home to a loved one or neighbor. We have a sign-up sheet in the Day Chapel and <u>eve-</u>ryone who takes a host from the tabernacle should record it on that sheet.



Wídows Rosary Group St. Mary Cathedral 219 Seymour Lansíng 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.



FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

From Fr. Mike: **The Importance of Mass** What if I'm too busy to go to Mass?

What's more important than God and fulfilling His commands? Rarely circumstances arise that make it impossible to attend. We should still try to arrange our schedule to meet our duties to God. It has been my personal experience that even in the case of work, most employers will respect an employee's sincere desire to attend religious services on Sunday and will arrange a work schedule to provide the time. It's not always possible, but it's worth a try. If a schedule really can't be changed, and there is no opportunity to attend Mass at another time, there is no sin. I would also say that if you are really too busy to attend Mass, you really are too busy, and your health and family life certainly are severely suffering. Even if we are very busy, don't we somehow find the time to do what we want to do?

St Monica Ladies Auxiliary's next meeting will be held Monday, November 14th at the Columbian Hall. We will finalize details for our women's advent celebration on December 2. Snacks and fellowship follow including a discussion around one of Jesus' difficult lessons. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

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? If so, please call Mary Beth at 989-227-0088.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

GRAND RAPIDS MICHIGAN VETERANS HOME WISH LIST

Collections on the weekends of November 12 and 13

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 13, 2022.

Any questions or if you want someone to pick up your donations, please contact **the parish office.** Janet Pline or Kathy Fry.



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 .

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 plague both living and dead.

Please contact Mike Huhn at 517-230-8509





More information and registration at www.stfrancis.ws/contemplative

IMPORTANT INFORMATION SHARED

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Director of Worship Position Opening

The Pastoral Leadership Team at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish / St. John Church & Student Center is looking for a new Director of Worship. Candidates must have excellent organizational skills, be proficient in Microsoft Office, and understand the various liturgies, ministries and rituals of the Catholic faith. Candidates also must be a practicing Catholic, and active in a parish. For a copy of the job description, please see www.dioceseoflansing.org/employment. Interested individuals may submit a resume on-line via the diocesan website or to sisecretary@elcatholics.org. Resumes will be accepted through Nov. 18.

CLINTON COUNTY THANKSGIVING DINNER AND CELEBRATION November 24, 2022

This year's event will take place at the St. John Lutheran Church. They 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 and kindly asked that you 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



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