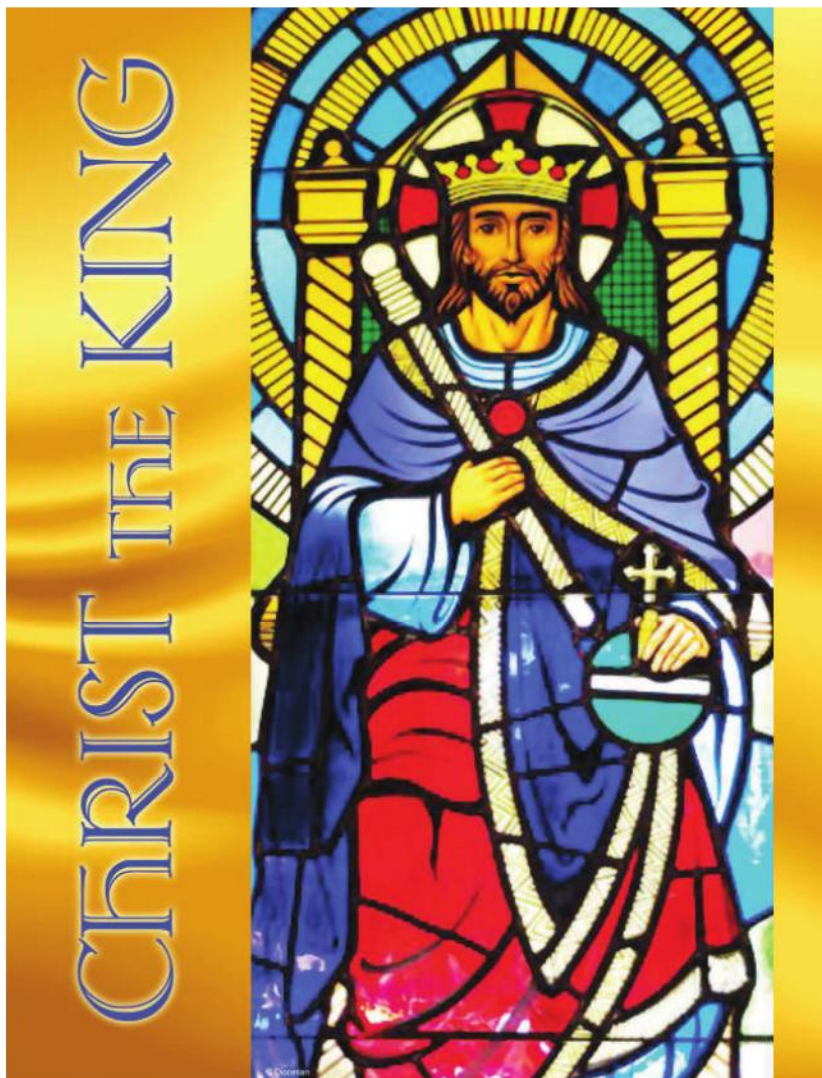


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ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.

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Deacon Eric Elstro

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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

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • November 21

Revelations 14:1-3, 4B-5/Luke 21:1-4
No Mass

Tuesday • November 22

Revelations 14:14-19/Luke 21:5-11
7:00 p.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)

†Henry Elstro-30th Anniversary

By: Deacon Eric and Mary Beth Elstro

Wednesday • November 23

Revelations 15:1-4/Luke 21:12-19
12:05 p.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)
†Stan Wassa

By: Jerry Winkler

Thursday • November 24

Sirach 50:22-24/1 Corinthians 1:3-9/Luke 17:11-19
No Mass - Thanksgiving

Friday • November 25

Revelations 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Luke 21:29-33
No Mass

Saturday • November 26

Revelations 22:1-7/Luke 21:34-36
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium)
†Judy Armbrustmacher

By: Mark and Diane Armbrustmacher

Sunday • November 27

First Day of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5/Romans 13:11-14/Matthew 24:37-44
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)
†Walter Pytlowanyj By: The Jorae Family
12:00 p.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium)
Sick and troubled who seek help and cure through the Blessed Frederic Ozanam's Intercession
By: Society of SVDP
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish (in the Day Chapel)

A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,
We turn our hearts to you on this day for giving thanks,
mindful of your many gifts.
For each one, we are grateful.
For each one, we are blessed.
For each one we are opened to the abundance of your love.
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a reminder to be generous with others, as you are with us.
We praise you.
We rejoice in you.
We give you thanks.
Amen



Parish Office Hours

Monday- Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to noon
1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Thursday and Friday: Closed for Thanksgiving

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

WILL BURN FROM NOVEMBER 20 - NOVEMBER 26

*In Memory of
Dave Schroeder*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



"To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord" Psalm 73:28

Would you like to join our Adoration Team by committing to an hour of adoration once a month or as a sub?
We are in need of a second adorer, once a month on First Friday at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. and Saturday at 1:00 a.m.
Please text or 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
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

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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)

Why Now?

Fr. Mike raised a great question to ponder during his homily last week, although it's a question that probably no one can answer with any certainty. When reflecting on the negative results in our elections this month, both in Michigan and across the country, Father pointed out that there is an awful lot of work to be done by persons of faith. In looking at the overall state of our country, our assignment for the week was to reflect on why God chose us to be living here, living now.

This is an updated version of a question St. Francis deSales posed almost 500 years ago in his most famous book *Introduction to the Devout Life*. Early on in the book, St. Francis points out that if we are to pursue perfection in prayer, the first move we should make is to meditate on this question: Why did God bring our soul and our body together in our mother's womb at the moment he did? This, of course, leads

not only to the question Fr. Mike proposed about current times, but to the broader question of what our purpose in life is. St. Francis says to always start contemplation with the knowledge that "God is love" and go from there.

It often takes a major event in our lives for us to stop and take note of our circumstances, not only in our secular life, but our faith life as well. The message we received as Catholics on election day is that a majority of voters across the country believe abortion, termination of a baby's life in the womb, is okay.

It's obvious to election experts that the pro-abortion voters are not limited to non-Catholics. Numerous studies show Catholics are split on whether abortion is morally wrong. It is clear that in our state, and dozens of states across this country, this fight cannot be won at the ballot box. It will take not a change of mind, but a wholesale change of the collective heart. That's where Fr. Mike's question comes into light. We need to look at our lives and see what we can do to help change hearts--to turn the tide toward some sense of morality in our country. We must ask

ourselves the question Fr. Mike asked: Why are we here, as Christians, at this point in time? Then we must act accordingly.

Thanksgiving

The Clinton Community Thanksgiving Celebration is just days away. Come join us as a family, as a couple, or by yourself. This celebration is for everyone, not just the disadvantaged, with no cost to you. There will be a kids' corner for arts and crafts and the Lions football game will be on our TV as well. Just call (989) 292-0972 or go to our website at ccthanksgiving.org to make reservations for the meal which will be served from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church. If you can't come but want to help, there are numerous volunteer opportunities on Monday through Thursday this week.

Again, sign-up via our website. I'll be there. Will you?

NOTE: Come early and join us for prayers of thanksgiving in song and word at 11:00 a.m.

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com

WORLDWIDE WOMEN'S ROSARY

To honor the Blessed Virgin Mary on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the First Worldwide Women's Rosary will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral Parish, 219 Seymour Ave, Lansing, at 1:00 p.m. on December 8, 2022 following noon mass.

Join area women, men, and children united in prayer to Our Lady for the dignity of every human person, in defense of churches, life, motherhood, the family, and for world peace.

Over 25 countries participating!

St Monica Ladies Auxiliary's Women's Advent Celebration

"Let your Light Shine"

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary's annual Women's Advent Celebration is right around the corner. This year's theme is "Let your Light Shine". The event will be at the Columbian Hall on Friday, December 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The \$12.00 ticket covers wine, snacks, and coffee. Tickets are available at the parish office. We are asking attendees to bring a woman's hygiene item to be donated to the Safe Center.

This will be a blessed night guiding us into the beautiful Advent Season. We are in need of table hostesses, so please contact Mary Beth at (989) 224-0088 and join in the festivities.

Congratulations to our newly baptized on
November 13, 2022



Luke Eric Olson
Son of
Eric and Jamie (Alan) Olson

Veteran's Shower Ministry

Thank you for all your help with the donations to the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. Especially when the main church is under renovations, that makes it difficult for donations to be collected. It's a great feeling to know that so many people support and honor our military veterans by these generous donations. The veterans do appreciate it and so do we!

Riley, Madisyn, and the volunteers of the
Veteran's Shower Ministry.

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 week-day 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.

St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21, 2022

Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, applesauce, and milk.
Tuesday: **Half day - students released at 12:00 p.m.**
No hot lunch will be served, please bring a cold lunch
Wednesday: **No School.**
Thursday: **No School - Happy a Blessed Thanksgiving!**
Friday: **No School.**

Lunches are \$3.25

Milk \$0.50

This institution is an equal
opportunity provider.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

November 26/27

Altar Servers	5:00 p.m.	Volunteers
	8:00 a.m.	Volunteers
	10:00 a.m.	Group 2
	12:00 p.m.	Volunteers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m.	Group 2
8:00 a.m.	Group 2
10:00 a.m.	Group 2
12:00 p.m.	Group 2

Lectors	5:00 p.m.	Beth S.
	8:00 a.m.	Dean H.
	10:00 a.m.	Ted S.
	12:00 p.m.	Debbie T.

Ushers	5:00 p.m.	Jay H.	Group 5A
	8:00 a.m.	Tom C.	Group 8B
	10:00 a.m.	Henry B.	Group 10C
	12:00 p.m.	Butch S.	Group 12B

Collection Counters

November 21 • Group 3

Sanctuary/Day Chapel Cleaners

On hiatus until after renovation

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of November 14, 2022

Adults (124) Envelopes/Gifts:\$19,728.27
(Including online giving)

Loose Cash:\$620.00

Total:\$20,348.27

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:\$315.00

Building Fund:\$375.00

Tuition Scholarship Fund:\$85.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is
\$17,439.45. 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

THE SEARCH

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 Monday, November 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Knights of Columbus Advent Event Sunday, November 20, 2022 Columbian Hall 1108 Old US 27, St Johns

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting an Advent talk on Sunday, November 20, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at the Columbian Hall.

Diocesan Chancellor Michael Andrews will speak on why Advent is necessary, how Advent leads into a successful Christmas season, and how we might prepare for Advent. Come join us and jump start your family's Christmas season.



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.

Please submit names of any member of the parish that is or has been in the military to Mike Huhn by phone or text (517)230-8509.

The deadline is December 9, 2022.

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From Fr. Mike:

The Importance of Mass

What does it mean to receive the Eucharist worthily?

It means that each of us must be free from mortal sin to receive the Holy Eucharist, or else we commit a sacrilege, which is the abuse of something holy. If I know I have committed mortal sin, I may not receive Holy Communion until I have repented and been absolved of my sins in the sacrament of Penance (Confession). We must follow the teaching of the Church in these matters, and judge our sins according to the Church's teaching, not by how we feel about things, how we would like things to be, or how others have told us things should be. If we are in doubt, we must seek guidance from someone who will guide us in the ways of the Church, not according to personal opinion. St. Paul warned Christians (1 Cor 11:27-32) to examine themselves thoroughly before receiving the Eucharist. He writes that whoever "eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will answer for the Body and Blood of the Lord." He goes on to say that "who eats and drinks without discerning the Body, eats and drinks judgment on himself." The documents that we have from the earliest times of the Church call for repentance of sin before receiving the Eucharist, and those who do not must not receive. St. John Chrysostom (born 344-54, died 407 A.D.), compared the unworthy recipient to Judas, Christ's betrayer.

Are You or Someone You Love Struggling with Same-Sex Attraction?

Courage is a group of Catholics who experience same-sex attractions and who are committed to helping one another to live chaste lives marked by prayer, fellowship and mutual support. Our members are guided by caring priest chaplains who offer reconciliation and direction for the spiritual life.

Encourage is a group of family and friends of those who have loved ones struggling with same-sex attraction. It is a way to gain greater understanding of what your loved one is going through and how you can best support them.

There is currently a chapter of Courage and EnCourage in the Brighton area. If you are interested in either ministry please call (517) 342-2440

Renovation Update

The work on our worship space is at the stage in which, although we can't see big impacts, things are progressing,

- ❑ All of the walls and the ceiling have been repaired, and the painting should be done within a day or two (if not by the time you're reading this bulletin).
- ❑ There's still more electric work to be done: additional outlets will be added in the sanctuary and light panels will be installed behind the stained glass windows at the front of the extension.
- ❑ The new wall tiles are installed and being trimmed out.
- ❑ The carpet is at the warehouse awaiting its turn for installation.
- ❑ New furniture is taking shape at the woodworker's.
- ❑ The new pews are in line for production.
- ❑ Carvers in Italy are getting close to having our new saints' statues completed.



As with most construction projects these days, there are unforeseen problems and delays to be worked around. Keep sending up your prayers that things will go smoothly from here on out and that we can be back in our worship home in December.



The decorative covers over our radiators on the south wall mimic the trim around our stained glass windows.

SCRIP gift card fundraising!

Do you enjoy giving Gift Cards?

For those of you that aren't aware of this, our SCRIP program is open to everyone. You do not need to have a child enrolled at St Joseph's school to utilize this program.

SCRIP is a form of fundraising for our school by simply purchasing gift cards to various businesses that allow a percentage of your purchase to go back to our school **at no cost to you**. You can purchase cards from gas stations, restaurants, and many clothing and accessory stores. Or simply purchase a Visa Gift Card with no activation fee like so many bank and stores require.

You simply fill out our SCRIP order form that lists gift cards from various businesses and restaurants. Drop off your orders with your check at the school before 10:00 a.m. on Mondays and cards will be available for pick up Thursday in the school office.

You can find the order form on our website at St Joseph Church under School/Supporting St. Joes/ SCRIP or in the parish office.

Kroger Community Rewards

Kroger donates millions of dollars to charities in Michigan through their rewards program that is linked directly to their customers' Kroger Plus Cards.

Sign into your Kroger digital account and begin earning money for our school. Link your Kroger Plus Card to St. Joseph Catholic School, and with each purchase you make, St. Joe's will get a percentage of your spending. Detailed information is available on the parish website under School/Supporting St. Joe's/SCRIP.



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 faith home into a lasting, beautiful, and welcoming place of worship.



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

Amen

CHRIST THE KING**NOVEMBER 20, 2022****Young Adult Retreat**

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Young adults ages 18-39 are invited to a weekend getting away for prayer, rest, and fellowship with other young adults. Spend some time with great spiritual content based on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body the weekend of December 2-4, 2022, at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. To explore the "how and why" God created us as men and women and "for what" purpose.

Registration can be found on the Diocese of Lansing website under "Events"

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**Friday, December 9, 2022**

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary Cathedral

219 Seymour Ave Lansing

The Diocese of Lansing is hosting its first annual Diocesan "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" to commemorate Mary's Immaculate Conception and the anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral. The Diocesan combined choir from local parishes will sing sacred choral works by Rachmaninoff, Biebl, and other composers; hymns; and other treasures of the Church's inestimable musical tradition.

This event is a wonderful way to dive deeper into the inseparable mysteries of Mary's Immaculate Conception and the Incarnation of Jesus in the God made flesh at Christmas. This is sure to be a profound spiritual event. **Please consider attending and supporting this major musical event of our fellow parishes and our Diocese.**

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