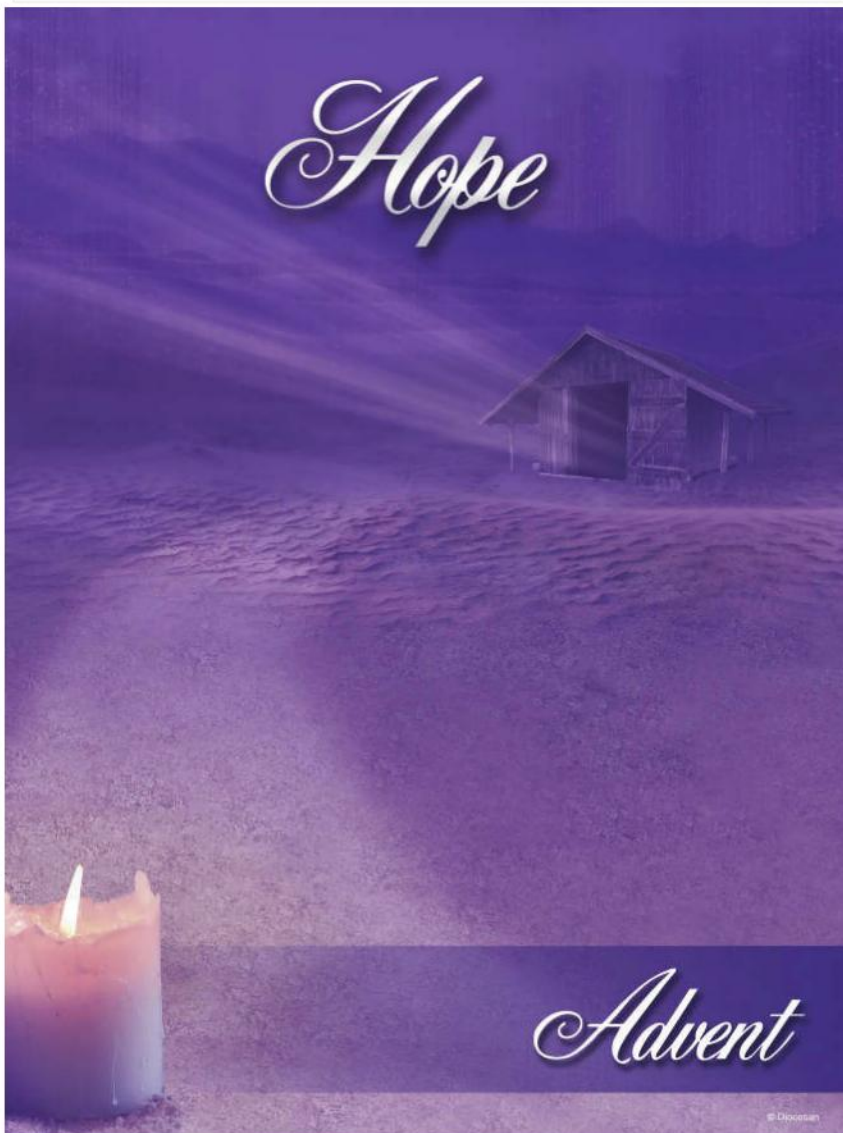


FIRST DAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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Deacon Eric Elstro

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St. Joseph School: (989) 224-2421

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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 • November 28

Isaiah 4:2-6/Matthew 8:5-11

No Mass

Tuesday • November 29

Isaiah 11:1-10/Luke 10:21-24

7:00 p.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)

†Brian Ritter

By: Monica Klaver and Family

Wednesday • November 30

Romans 10:9-18/Matthew 4:18-22

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

†Frederick Fernholz

By: Dennis and Pat Koenigsnecht

Thursday • December 1

Isaiah 26:1-6/Matthew 7:21, 24-27

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

†Herb and Doris Wieber

By: Charlie and Lisa Wieber

Friday • December 2

Isaiah 29:17-24/Matthew 9:27-31

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

†Alan Simon

By: Roy and Joann Simon

Saturday • December 3

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26/Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8

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

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

The deceased members of the Anthony and Clara Wieber Family

By: Brad and Karla Gurski

Sunday • December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10/Romans 15:4-9/Matthew 3:1-12

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

†Alban Arens

By: Bob Nurenberg

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

†Paul Butler

By: Charlie and Lisa Wieber

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

People of the Parish

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

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN FROM NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 3 IN MEMORY OF

NICK KURNCZ, AND HIS PARENTS,
MIKE AND ANNA (PARDO) KURNCZ

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.

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies
to the family and friends of

Larry Randolph



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration this First Friday, December 2, 2022 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning. All are welcome!

Exposition will be in the Day Chapel during renovation.

There will also be a **Spanish led Rosary, prayer and song**, Friday, December 2, at 8:00 p.m. in the Day Chapel All are welcome!

We are in need of an adorer at the following times: December 2 at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. December 3 at 1:00 a.m. Please text or call Rebecca at 989-292-2072 if you will attend one of these hours. It is not necessary to have an assigned hour, however, it does help to make Exposition possible.

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
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***Please note: only
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prayer lists.**



WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

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

What Happen to Thanksgiving?

Did I pull a Rip Van Winkle or something? I remember Halloween because I just put away our Halloween decorations. (Well, my wife did anyway.) And I vaguely remember an election, then again maybe I forgot the results on purpose. Now I have a homily to write for the First Sunday in Advent, which you may have already heard before you read this, because of the early bulletin deadline for THANKSGIVING. There it is, or should I say, was. But it's all coming back to me now. Still, why did I miss it?

Well, actually, I think a great deal of Americans have missed Thanksgiving in recent years for a couple reasons. One is the re-writing of American history by some who believe all the settlers and founding fathers were bad people who severely mistreated

natives of this land. Now there is no denying that there was a considerable amount of wrongdoing by settlers and the government as the U.S. grew westward, but to ignore the fact that two groups of people -- one from England and the other from this land -- couldn't celebrate a great harvest after a brutal winter, is absurd. There's historical writings that prove there was a first Thanksgiving.

A second reason, of course, that Thanksgiving is often overlooked is the continued secular removal of God from all holiday celebrations. The Pilgrims were thanking God on that first Thanksgiving. By discrediting those Puritans, history re-writers downplay God a little bit each year to the point that outside of some church services and prayers around the dinner table, there's little regard of God that day.

Thanksgiving becomes just another day of football watching in many homes. That being said, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, showing gratitude to the Lord for all his blessings throughout the year. We should be appreciable

every day, but Thanksgiving is one of those stop-and-smell-the-roses days that really help us ponder all the little gifts he gives us. I hope our Community Thanksgiving dinner was a success and lastly, I hope the Lions found a way to beat Buffalo -- assuming the Bills weren't still snowed in.

All of this leads to the fact that this is the First Sunday of Advent - a short season by Church standards, but a valuable one. It gives us the first couple of weeks to ponder our readiness to meet the Lord. In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus tells us directly to "stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." And Jesus' final line today is "for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." The message is clear. If we have not reconciled our sins with God, we best get to it now. Let's prepare for the arrival of the Christ Child at the end of next month, by preparing today to meet him at the Second Coming.

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com

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.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATION

If you would like to make a donation of any amount towards our Christmas Poinsettias in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please use the form found below, and put it in the red trimmed "Christmas Flowers, Decorations & Other Liturgy Expenses" envelope found in your November/December packets.

Dedicated by
In memory of (For the deceased)

In honor of (For the living)

Please return to the parish office by **Monday, December 19th** to be included in the memorial list.

K-8th Religious Education Family Advent Night

The K-8th Grade Religious Education Wednesday night classes are having a **Family Advent Night** on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Families are asked to please bring your donations for "stuffing a shoebox" with children's items such as hats, mittens, small toys, crayons, coloring books, etc. The shoeboxes will be donated to Shared Pregnancy in Lansing for children in need of Christmas gifts.

Any Parishioners who would like to donate items are welcome to drop them off at the parish office before Wednesday, November 30, 2022 to help us fill the boxes. Wrapping paper is also needed to wrap the boxes. Donations are very much appreciated. Thank you!

For questions, please contact Jen Nelson, Director of Religious Education, at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com or (989) 224-8537.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT

The children of **St. Joseph School** are having their December service project go towards collecting toys for Toys for Tots. With Advent and the holiday season just around the corner, they are again reminded of the need to keep the focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

If you would like to be a part of this event, gifts would need to be returned to the school by **Wednesday, December 7th**.

Please go to this website:

<https://www.voiceforclintoncountychildren.org/toys-for-tots.html> to look at some of the specific wish list items.



St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2022

Monday:	Pancakes with syrup, sausage, hash browns, fruit, and milk.
Tuesday:	Chicken Fettucine, bread sticks, corn, fruit, and milk.
Wednesday:	Ham, scalloped potatoes, fruit, and milk.
Thursday:	Hot dog on a bun, french fries, fresh fruit, and milk.
Friday:	Chicken salad in an edible bowl, yogurt, fruit, and milk.

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

December 3/4

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.	Sheila B.
8:00 a.m.	Lu Anne C.
10:00 a.m.	Joe T.
12:00 p.m.	Colleen S.

Ushers

5:00 p.m.	Kevin B.	Group 5B
8:00 a.m.	Tom K.	Group 8C
10:00 a.m.	Steve S.	Group 10D
12:00 p.m.	Tom W.	Group 12C

Collection Counters

December 5 • Group 1

Sanctuary/Day Chapel Cleaners

On hiatus until after renovation

STEWARDSHIP

Due to early deadlines, the collection from the weekend of November 20, 2022 will appear in a future bulletin.

Doing your Year-end Tax Planning?

As you plan your end-of-year contributions, please remember that we must receive your donate by December 31, 2022 (**or it has to be post-marked by December 31, 2022**) in order for us to include it as a 2022 donation or tax purposes.



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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.



St. Joseph Catholic Church
Celebration of

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 10, 2022
Columbian Hall, 1108 N US 27

6:00 p.m. Mass and Apparitions
of Our Lady of
Guadalupe

7:15 p.m. Typical Dance

7:30 p.m. Mariachi and
Coronation

8:00 p.m. Dinner and Celebration

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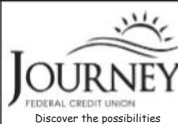
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