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*All who heard it  
were amazed by  
what had been  
told them by  
the shepherds.*



## 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](mailto:stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com)



## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

### Monday • January 2

1 John 2:22-28/John 1:19-28

No Mass

### Tuesday • January 3

1 John 2:29-3:6/John 1:29-34

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

†Terry Rouse By: Knights of Columbus

### Wednesday • January 4

1 John 3:7-10/John 1:35-42

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

†Joan Huhn By: Family

### Thursday • January 5

1 John 3:11-21/John 1:43-51

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

In Honor of Steve Nobis By: The Rehmann Family

### Friday • January 6

1 John 5:5-13/Mark 1:7-11

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

†Stella Karek By: The Daggett Family

### Saturday • January 7

1 John 5:14-21/John 2:1-11

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

For an end to Abortion

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (location to be determined)

†Connie Forsythe By: Jack and Julie Williams

### Sunday • January 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12

8:00 a.m. Mass (location to be determined)

Living and deceased members of the Orson and Smith families

By: Kathy Orson

10:00 a.m. Mass (location to be determined)

For the people of the parish

12:00 p.m. Mass (location to be determined)

†John Fabus and Ed Harr

By: Family

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

## IMPORTANT: MASS LOCATION

Please keep an eye on the church's  
Website ([www.stjoecatholic.com](http://www.stjoecatholic.com))  
and Facebook page  
for the Mass location in upcoming weeks.  
We will let you know as soon as we can, but it may be  
short notice.



The parish office will be closed  
Monday, January 2, 2023 in observance of  
New Years Day.

The parish office will open  
Tuesday through 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.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP  
WILL BURN FROM JANUARY 1 - 7, 2023  
IN MEMORY OF  
MARV FOX

## 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  
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Marcia Goerge  
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Matthew  
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Noah

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Donna Smith  
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Jeff Wadell  
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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,  
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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)

#### Another New Year, Another List of Resolutions

Here we are again -- another new year, and for many of us, another list of resolutions. "Is this year going to be different, we may ask ourselves?" Are we going to enter into this new year of 2023 (That number sounds funny, doesn't it?) full of confidence that we can be more successful than last year?" Or in the back of our heads are we already saying "I'm never going to meet these goals?" I will not be pointing my fingers at anybody else on that note, because I have entered many a year halfway to defeat --how else do you explain the fact that "I resolve to get in shape" has been on my list every year that I can recall?

That's still on the proposed 2023 list, which is still in the process of formation (there's still ten days left

in 2022 as I write this, so theoretically there's time to reach my 2022 goal). Who am I kidding? It will be on the list again, but also so is getting my heart and soul in shape as well. Like most of us, I spent Advent working on myself a bit and I want to continue that as well, with a bit more Scripture reading and reflecting. It is good for all of us fighting the "battle of the bulge" to work toward getting in better physical shape, but it is very easy to neglect our spiritual life come January, only to have to start back up in Lent at the spot we were at the beginning of Advent. Sooner or later, we risk being called home when we have backslid in our spiritual lives.

There are many ways we can strengthen our souls in 2023. We could read more Scripture, we could spend more time in prayer, we could read about a saint every day. That's just for starters. If we're honest with ourselves, we know many ways, some of which we've already attempted without success.

Maybe it's time to try something new. Maybe something like podcasts from Fr. Michael Schmitz's *Catechism in a Year*.

In a few weeks, we will finally be in our renovated worship space. St. Joseph Church will still be the same physical structure as it's always been for over 100 years. Except for the new doors on the Cass Street and Linden Street entrances, the Church will look the same. Once we go inside however, we will see a refreshed and energizing interior. It will be like the Church building went through a strengthening and renewing. Wouldn't it be great if we returned to our church home strengthened and renewed ourselves?

Before we get into wall-to-wall football these first two days of the year, let's resolve to refresh our interiors.

*Deacon Eric*

deaconeric@hotmail.com



### 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.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



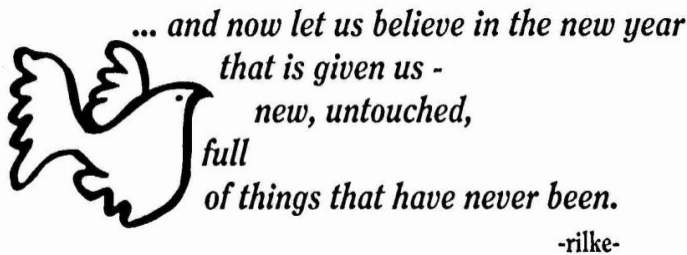
First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: January 6, 2023 and January 7, 2023. The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration this First Friday, January 6, 2023 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. there will be a **Spanish led Rosary**, prayers and song. All are welcome!

We are in need of an adorer at the following times: January 6, 2023: 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. January 7, 2023 at 1:00 a.m. Please call or text at Rebecca 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.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

**Want to help out at the parish by becoming a Lector,  
Eucharistic Minister or Altar Server?**

These ministries are a wonderful way to help out at the parish and grow in your relationship with the Lord. If you would like to join one of these ministries, please contact the parish office at [stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com) or (989) 224-8994. We will be having training for all of these ministries soon.



## Miscellaneous Money Matters

### Year-End Contribution Statements

for 2022 will be mailed by the end of January. In compliance with the IRS, any donations postmarked after 12/31/22 or received in the office after 12/31/22 will be recorded as 2023 gifts. Your generosity this year toward the support of our parish has been appreciated!

**Thinking about starting automatic contributions?** Click on the Online Giving link at [www.stjoecatholic.com/donate](http://www.stjoecatholic.com/donate) to get started.

**Are you already using Online Giving?** Sometimes we set up automatic systems and forget to check them to make sure everything is current. Please take a few minutes to make sure that your donation amount is correct and that your credit card or bank card hasn't expired.

**IRA Required Minimum Distributions:** If you're 72 ½ years or older, donating your IRA required minimum distribution to the parish can be a way to pay less taxes. Contact your investment advisor and the parish office to make a direct transfer so that the distribution doesn't have to be claimed as income.

**Donate stocks, bonds, or mutual funds:** To avoid capital gains tax on appreciated securities, consider transferring them to St. Joe's as your donation. Contact your investment advisor and the parish office to make this transfer.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS****January 7/8**

<b>Altar Servers</b>	5:00 p.m.	Group 2
	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 2
	8:00 a.m.	Group 2
	10:00 a.m.	Group 2
	12:00 p.m.	Group 2

<b>Lectors</b>	5:00 p.m.	Lisa W.
	8:00 a.m.	Dean H.
	10:00 a.m.	Tori S.
	12:00 p.m.	Mary Beth E.

**Ushers**

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

**Collection Counters**

Tuesday, January 3 • Group 1

**Sanctuary/Day Chapel Cleaners**

On hiatus until after renovation

**STEWARDSHIP**

Due to the early deadlines, the collection from the weekend of December 25, 2022 will appear in a future bulletin.



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**TICKETS FOR THE ST. JOSEPH FEAST AND RAFFLE ARE LIVE!** The event is on March 18, 2023 at Smith Hall in St. Johns. There are only 360 dinner tickets available. Tickets are \$75 a piece and includes dinner, drinks, and entertainment. Please visit <http://bidpal.net/sjfr> to buy your tickets now! Tickets can **ONLY** be purchased through this site.

**Seating:** If you want to sit with certain people at the event, be sure to pick up the same table number

**Donations:** You can input silent auction item donations and monetary donations and get a receipt right to your email.

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