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The EPIPHANY of the Lord

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Mt 2: 1-2



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 • January 9

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Matthew 3:13-17

No Mass

Tuesday • January 10

Hebrews 2:5-12/Mark 1:21-28

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

†Larry and †Mark Merrill

By: Deacon Eric and Mary Beth Elstro

Wednesday • January 11

Hebrews 2:14-18/Mark 1:29-39

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

†Jeanne Swanchara

By: Doug Hogan

Thursday • January 12

Hebrews 3:7-14/Mark 1:40-45

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

MaryAnn Hoy

By: Estella Kramer

Friday • January 13

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11/Mark 2:1-12

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

†Rosie VanElls

By: Chuck and Linda Biewer

Saturday • January 14

Hebrews 4:12-16/Mark 2:13-17

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

†Don Randolph (2nd anniversary)

By: Kathy Randolph

Sunday • January 15

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6/1 Corinthians 1:1-3/John 1:29-34

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

†Ronald Cuthbert By: Jeff Cuthbert

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

†Walter Pytlowanyj

By: Jorae Family

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

The People of the Parish

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)

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.



REST IN PEACE
POPE BENEDICT XVI
JOSEPH RATZINGER

1927-2022

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
Leon Kramer
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
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prayer lists.**



WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

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

Hope, Passion, Football and Faith

Even if we don't make New Year's resolutions, I think most of us do look at each new year with some type of hope for the upcoming year. From a secular point of view, hope can carry an endless number of wishes. We can hope the coming year is better than the one that just passed or we can pray that the previous year's blessings grow in the new year. Theological hope is a different animal.

Never is secular hope more on display than in the following of our favorite football teams. This year both the Detroit Lions and the Michigan Wolverines started their seasons with playoff hopes, with U of M's the more realistic according to odds-makers. After seven games for each, Lions' fans were jumping ship while spouting their usual mid-season mantra -- "S.O.L." for Sames Old Lions, while the Wolverines' fans hopes rose each week for their undefeated team.

But then, the Lions did an about face

and won six of seven games and were in the hunt for the playoffs. Fans climbed back aboard until two weeks ago when the team blew a golden opportunity to control their playoff destiny. Cries of "SOL" could be heard in the night air. The Wolverines, meanwhile, continued to win, capturing the Big Ten championship and making their way to the college football playoffs needing only two more wins to become national champs. Their fans' hopes soared.

Football is a fickle game however. Last week, U of M started the game with a 53-yard run with their fans pinning the needle on the "hope-o-meter." Three and a half hours later, however, they fumbled the ball on a bad snap (hike) and their season was over. The "hope-o-meter" remained motionless. The next day, Lions' fans' hopes were rekindled with a victory, though the team no longer controls their destiny. We'll know the Lions' fate later today (January 8).

So what is a football roundup doing in a church bulletin. Well, the focus today is not football but hope -- specifically the difference between hope on a secular versus spiritual scale. From a football fans' point-of-view, hope is a wish for a favorable outcome, but that

wish lies in the hands of others and its outcome has no effect on our inner lives or eternal destiny. But, as I mentioned in a couple columns last spring, theological hope is "The theological virtue by which we desire and expect from God both eternal life and the grace we need to attain it." (CCC 1817)

This hope note only has eternal implications, but is a virtue that is tied to our faith and subsequent actions. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote of the need to continue seeking God's graces: "we should hope from Him (God) nothing less than Himself...the proper and principle object of hope is eternal happiness." (Summa Theologica)

To have the virtue of hope does not mean we have to abandon secular hope, but that we understand the difference between the two and work toward the eternal benefits that theological hope brings. Let's use our passion for football as a means of strengthening our faith through hope in this new year.

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com

THE SANCTUARY LAMP
WILL BURN FROM JANUARY 8-14, 2023
IN MEMORY OF
STU FITZPATRICK

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary

The first meeting of 2023 will be on Monday, January 16, 2023 at the Columbian Hall. A 6:30 p.m. pot luck meal will start out the year for us in a festive manner. We invite all ladies of the parish to attend this meeting to learn more about what we do. Planning for the new year will be the main topic of the meeting.



Join our Eucharistic Adoration Team

Would you like to be a part of the Adoration Team as they begin the New Year? We are in need of people to commit to one hour of adoration before our Eucharistic Lord on First Friday/Saturday. We are also in need of subs.

A second adorer is needed at these times: First Friday at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. Saturday following First Friday at 1:00 a.m. Please text or call Rebecca at (989) 292-2072 if you would like more information.



We will get to work on plans for the Lenten Soup Suppers and the Ladies Tea. All ideas and suggestions for these and other events are encouraged and welcomed. Please join us because we love to see new faces.

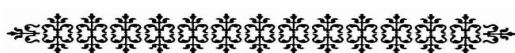
Call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088 for further information.

Rest in Peace
Our prayers and sympathies
to the family and friends of
Jeanne Swanchara

STEWARDSHIP

FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

Adults (89) Envelopes/Gifts: \$34,036.43
(Including online giving)
Loose Cash: \$867.00
Total: \$34,903.43



For the weekend of January 1, 2023

Adults (218) Envelopes/Gifts: \$24,161.45
(Including online giving)
Loose Cash: \$367.75
Total: \$24,529.20

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$46.00
Building Fund: \$165.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$146.00
Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is \$18,992.48. 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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 14/15

Altar Servers	5:00 p.m.	Volunteers
	8:00 a.m.	Volunteers
	10:00 a.m.	Volunteers
	12:00 p.m.	Group 1

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.	Lu Anne C.
	10:00 a.m.	Ted S.
	12:00 p.m.	Debbie T.

Ushers

5:00 p.m.	Kevin B.	Group 5B
8:00 a.m.	John T.	Group 8D
10:00 a.m.	Cindy C.	Group 10B
12:00 p.m.	Tom W.	Group 12C

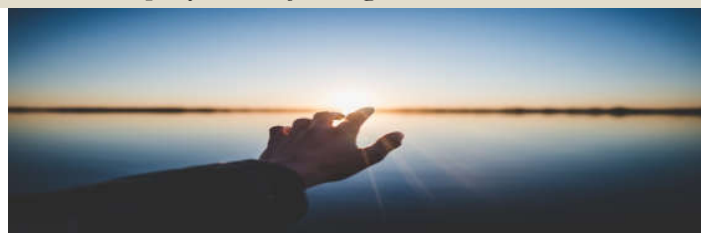
Collection Counters

Tuesday, January 9 • Group 2

Sanctuary/Day Chapel Cleaners

On hiatus until after renovation

Please pray about joining one of our ministries



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 or (989) 224-8994. We will be having training for all of these ministries soon.

St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2023

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

Monday:	Pancakes with syrup, sausage, has browns, fruit, and milk.
Tuesday:	Chicken poppers, green beans, blueberry crisp, and milk.
Wednesday:	Chili with crackers, cinnamon rolls, fruit, and milk.
Thursday:	Hot dog on a bun, french fries, fruit, and milk.
Friday:	Cheese stuffed breadsticks with dipping sauce, broccoli, fresh fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.25

Milk \$0.50

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR
THE 9TH ANNUAL **ST. JOSEPH'S**
FEAST & RAFFLE



**DECADES
OF
DISTINCTION**



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.

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Catholic School!

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