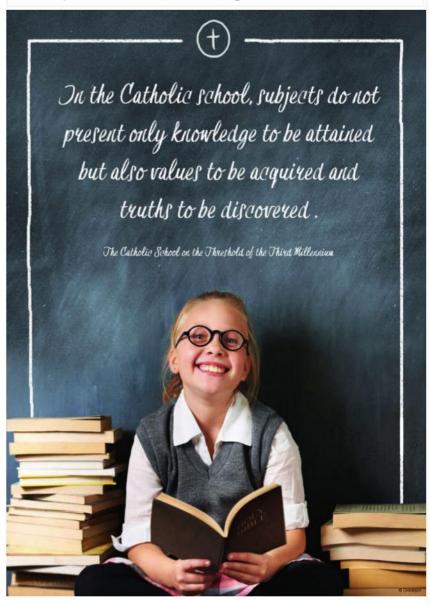
# St. Foseph Catholic Church

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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 • January 30

Hebrews 11:32-40/Mark 5:1-20

No Mass

Tuesday ● January 31

Hebrews 12:1-4/Mark 5:21-43

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

†Kay Arehart

By: Chuck and Lisa Wieber

Wednesday • February 1

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15/Mark 6:1-6 12:05 p.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)

†Jim Clark

By: Lu Anne Cuthbert

Thursday ● February 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4/Hebrews 2:14-18/Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

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

†Peter and Louise Darin

By: Midge Sandahl

Friday • February 3

Hebrews 13:1-8/Mark 6:14-29 8:30 a.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)

†Doris M Orson and Amalia Kolp Smith

By: Kathy Orson

Saturday • February 4

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21/Mark 6:30-34

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

For an end to abortion

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (in the church)

†Julius Platte

By: Colleen Sharick and Julie Silm

Sunday ● February 5

Isaiah 58:7-10/1 Corinthians 2:1-5/ Matthew 5:13-16

8:00 a.m. Mass (in the church)

†Louis and Margaret Brya

By: Family

10:00 a.m. Mass (in the church)

People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. Mass (in the church)

†John Fox

By: Bill and Judy Fox

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

### IMPORTANT NOTICE -ACCESS TO THE CHURCH

If all continues to go well with our renovation, our new pews will be installed this week. As a reminder: only the construction workers will be allowed in the church during the week.

Week DAY Masses will continue to be celebrated in the Day Chapel, and the Eucharist will be reposed in the Day Chapel during the week of adoration and prayers.

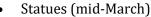
The Parish office and church basement will still be accessible.

#### **RENOVATION TO-DO LIST**

(and approximate completion dates):

- Interior doors (with in the week)
- Pews (February 3)
- Baptismal bowl

(within the week)



- Icons (Late March)
- Holy water fonts (early May)
- Back lighting for stained glass windows front of the extension (soon)
- Railings at sanctuary steps (soon)

The Sanctuary Lamp Will burn from January 29 to February 4, 2023 In Memory of

Cathy Chambers

# KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Adam Beverly Sawyer Ballinger Daniel Blair Bob Joan Bozung Carol Burgtorf
Joseph Caudy
Jacob Epling
Friend
Marcia Goerge
Robert Harte
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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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.



WE ARE ALL
EVANGELIZERS
(and whatever else is on
Deacon Eric's mind)

#### When Cardinal isn't Red

The word "cardinal" is one of those words in the English language that can cause problems for those trying to learn English. That's because, standing alone, "cardinal" can refer to a professional baseball player in St. Louis. Or it can refer to a professional football player in Arizona. It can also refer to a bird. Or it can refer to a high-ranking member of Catholic clergy. Then again, it could just be a shade of red. So what in the world does it mean to say there are four cardinal virtues in the Catholic Church?

The cardinal virtues are what can otherwise be termed human or moral virtues. The root word for cardinal in this case is the Latin word "cardo" meaning hinge. So the four cardinal virtues are the hinge upon which all other moral virtues turn. There are a few readers right now saying "I should know these, but I can't think of them all. Let's see, there's prudence and fortitude...and...and...oh just tell me." Okay, the other two are justice and temperance.

Most of us can rattle off the theological virtues of faith, hope and love (charity) at the drop of a hat, but the cardinal virtues may cause us to pause in trying to remember them, even if we are practicing them. But if we're not practicing them, we're probably not fulfilling them. But there's good news on that front. Unlike the theological virtues that are gifts from above -"infused by God into the souls of the faithful," (ĆCC 1813) moral virtues can be attained by human effort. Cardinal virtues can and should be strengthened through human effort and repetition. Here's a novel idea, how about we identify one cardinal virtue in which we are lacking, and through effort and repetition during Lent, work to strengthen that virtue. Here's their Catechism definitions:

Prudence is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to achieve the right means of achieving it (CCC 1806).

Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor (1807).

Fortitude is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and con-

stancy in pursuit in the pursuit of the good (1808).

Temperance is the moral virtue that moderates the attractions of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods (1809).

In a nutshell, prudence means "do the right thing." Justice calls for fairness. Fortitude is courage in faith and temperance is moderation.

If we're thinking that this may be a good idea but that Lent is a ways off in the future, I suggest a look at the calendar -- Lent is three weeks from this Wednesday (Feb. 1st ). We often get surprised by the start of Lent because almost everyone year, it seems we've just recovered from Christmas. This year let's break that trend. Start thinking today about how to prepare for a successful Lent.

And for those who are trying to learn the English language, maybe you could get some help from a Catholic Cardinal or a St. Louis Cardinal, or an Arizona Cardinal or anyone dressed in red. The bird, however, can't help you.

#### Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com

# The CHOSEN

Whether you have been following "The Chosen" through its first seasons or not, I invite all to join us as we watch and discuss season three on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. starting February 9th in the St. Joes Church basement.

See what the hubbub is all about. Give it two weeks and chances are you'll want to stay with us throughout Lent. You're planning to do something Scriptural for Lent anyhow, "Right?"



#### **Eucharistic Adoration Team**

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: February 3/4

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration this First Friday, February 3, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning in the Day Chapel. All are welcome.

We are in need of an adorer at the following times this month: February 3 at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and February 4 at 1:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m.

Please text or call Rebecca at 989-292-2072 if you will attend at one of these hours. It is not necessary to have an assigned hour; however, it does help to make Exposition possible.

Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. there will be a **Spanish led Rosary**, prayers and song. All are welcome!



# Catholic Schools Week 2023

January 29-February 4

www.NCEA.org/csw #CSW23

#### St. Joseph Catholic School Week Activities

Sunday - Kick Off Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday - Rural Appreciation Day (Flannels,

Camos ,Overalls, etc.,) Star Lab Planetarium

Tuesday - Sports Teams or Favorite Activity Day

Vocations presentation Grades 3-6

All School Mass with Fr. John Whitlock in

Gym School children only

Wednesday - Peter's Sunny Day Foundation

(green or yellow)

Financial Donations accepted all week

Thursday - School Spirit Day **BINGO** with Fr. Mike

Friday - Grade-level Colors Day

Mass at 7:45 a.m. for school only

Adoration

Afternoon Adventures

PSC - Will provide treats and prizes throughout the week.



# St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2023 MG

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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

Monday: Tortilla chips with cheese and meat, green beans,

fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Loaded bake potato soup with crackers, grilled

cheese sandwich, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Shrimp poppers, peas, apple crisp, and milk. Thursday: Sloppy Joe on a bun, french fries, fresh fruit, and

milk.

Friday: Taco salad in an edible bowl, yogurt, fruit, and

milk.

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

# LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### February 4/5

Altar Servers 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 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. Trevor H.

10:00 a.m. Karen D 12:00 p.m. Mary E.

#### Ushers

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

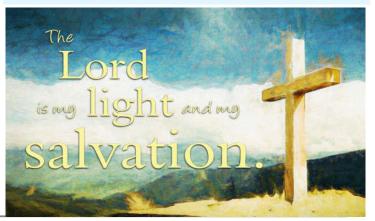
#### Collection Counters

January 30 ● Group 1

#### Sanctuary/Day Chapel Cleaners

On hiatus until after renovation

Rest in Peace
Our prayers and sympathies
to the family and friends of
Edward Canfield



BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

#### 8th Grade Confirmation Preparation Reminder

All 8th graders who are seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring of 2024 should register for Religious Education and plan on attending the Wednesday evening Religious Education Classes. Upcoming classes are February 1 and February 8, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Rite of Enrollment for 8th graders is Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Please meet at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria with candidates and sponsors. Contact Jen Nelson for more information at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com or (989) 224-8537.

#### 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! Dinner 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!



The Feast and Raffle is the pinnacle fundraiser at St. Joseph Catholic School. Proceeds of the event have provided the school with the ability to increase spending in facilities, technology and safety. We respectfully ask you for your support and consideration.



Use the link or QR code for all of your Feast & Raffle needs:



Ways to Support St. Joseph Catholic School

# 1.) Donate to the auction

Any monetary donation, talent, or treasure is appreciated! Donations could be anything from tickets to a sporting event, a weekend at your cottage, to an experience at your farm, and everything in between! To donate, please use the QR code or the link, one.bidpal.net/sifr.

#### 2.) Go to the event

Doors will open at 5:45 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. This year's in person event will be at:

> Smith Hall 819 W. Park Street St. Johns, MI 48879

All 50/50 tickets can be purchased at the event. Gator raffle tickets can be purchased through the school office or a committee member. Dinner tickets can be purchased online only at one.bidpal.net/sifr.

#### 3.) Bid in the auction

Live auction items will only be available at the in person event. To view and bid on silent auction items, scan the QR code or go to one.bidpal.net/sift.

# Diocesan Special Collections

Next weekend is World Wide Evangelization Appeal. This collection supports the church in Latin America, the Holy Land, Easter and Central Europe, and Africa. You can use the teal Worldwide Evangelization Appeal envelope found in your January/February envelope packets. Thank you in advance.

#### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Want to help out at the parish by becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Ushers 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.

#### **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.

#### STEWARDSHIP

#### For the weekend of January 23, 2023

Adults (173) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$14,115.57
(Including online giving)	
Loose Cash:	\$702.25
Total:	\$14,817.82

#### Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$130.00
Building Fund:	\$280.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$80.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is \$18,801.22. 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 Rosary is prayed every weekend a half hour before Mass at the 5:00 p.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and Noon Mass.



- Married Couples Weekend A Celebration of Holy Matrimony: February 10-12, 2023
- The Urgency of the Message with Fr. Jim Rolph: Saturday, February 11, 2023 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Women of Spirit Retreat "Joy" featuring Sheri Wohlfert: March 3-5, 2023
- Men's Retreat Rescue and Response: March 10-12, 2023
- Women's Retreat Rescue and Response: March 17-19, 2023.

More information and registration for any of these events can be found at <a href="www.stfrancis.ws">www.stfrancis.ws</a> or call 517-669-8321.

#### Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging?

Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on Feb 24-26, 2023. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room.

Visit <a href="mailto:www.ReflectRetreat.com">www.ReflectRetreat.com</a>, e-mail <a href="mailto:reflect.michigan@gmail.com">reflect.michigan@gmail.com</a>, or call (586) 770 -1772 for details.

### Are you "Under her Mantel?"

Do you want Peace in the world? Is that possible? Mary said so at Fatima by making the Five First Saturdays Devotion.



Join us on the First Saturdays from February to June at **St. Mary's Church, 201 N Westphalia St., Westphalia,** 8:15 a.m. as we heed Our Lady's request together!

https://www.facebook.com/stmarywestpahalia Click on the "videos" tab. Our Lady is asking, will you say yes?

Jod of all creation, we know you are for all of us and desire only what is good for us. Please guide those who make policy decisions and laws that affect all of us, that these decisions will work for the good of the most vulnerable in our society. Help us to have the courage to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Are you a homeschooling family looking for more support? Are you interested in homeschooling, but still want a "school" experience for your children? **Sanctuary Academy of DeWitt** may be for you! We are a Catholic Homeschool Support Program, and we meet two days a week. We are now enrolling for K-8 for the 2023/2024 school year. Please visit

www.sanctuaryacademydewitt.com for more information.

# Why Be Registered?

Are you registered as a St. Joseph parishioner?

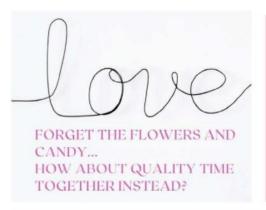
Often people will attend Mass at our parish for years, but never officially register. Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the St. Joseph parish community.

Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for baptisms, weddings, Faith Formation registrations, baptismal or confirmation sponsorship, and even funerals. To register, either stop by our parish office and fill out a registration form or you can visit our website at www.stjoecatholic.com/register

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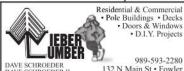
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