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BAPTISM of the LORD

“I, the LORD, have called you for
justice, I have grasped
you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you as
a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon,
those who live in darkness.”

Isaiah 42:6-7

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 16

Hebrews 5:1-10/Mark 2:18-22
No Mass

Tuesday • January 17

Hebrews 6:10-20/Mark 2:23-28
7:00 p.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)
†Kay Boynton By: Ann Boynton

Wednesday • January 18

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17/Mark 3:1-6
12:05 p.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)
†Gordon Lindsey

Thursday • January 19

Hebrews 7:25-8:6/Mark 3:7-12
8:30 a.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)
†Dennis Vick By: Pat and Debbie Thiede

Friday • January 20

Hebrews 8:6-13/Mark 3:13-19
8:30 a.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)
†Mike Lewis By: St. Joe Classmate

Saturday • January 21

Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14/Mark 3:20-21
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (to be determined)
People of the parish

Sunday • January 22

Isaiah 8:23-9:3/1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17/Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
8:00 a.m. Mass (to be determined)
†Rita Cuthbert By: Jeff Cuthbert
10:00 a.m. Mass (to be determined)
†Andy Minarik By: Terry and Sue Brya
12:00 p.m. Mass (to be determined)
†Robert and Gertude Norris
By: Mike and Linda Norris
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish (in the Day Chapel)

IMPORTANT NOTICE – MASS LOCATION

Masses for next weekend, January 21-22 will be held back on our home turf. HOWEVER, we do not know if we'll be in the gym or in the church. Please keep an eye on the church's Website (www.stjoecatholic.com) and Facebook page for the Mass location in upcoming weeks.

We will also channel Paul Revere. When you see "welcome" signs on the church lawn, that will be the *signal* that weekend Mass will be celebrated in the church again.

Lastly, weekDAY Masses will continue to be celebrated in the Day Chapel until Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

The Sanctuary Lamp
Will burn from January 15-21, 2023
In Memory of

Leah Radosa

Eucharistic Adoration Team



"Jesus had made Himself the Bread of Life. Night and Day. He is there. If you really want to grow in love, comeback to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration." *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

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.

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
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
To add or remove a 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)

From Nothing to Anything

My old buddy G.K. Chesterton turned up on the flip calendar again today and, as usual gives us an interesting thought to ponder:

“When men chose not to believe in God, they do not thereafter believe in nothing, they then become capable of believing in anything.”

That struck me as something that seem so obvious that I'm disappointed that I didn't think of it myself. If we don't have God as our focus in life, then we are susceptible to believing some ideas that seem so outrageous that it's beyond comprehension how anyone could believe them. Men having babies comes to mind.

The bottom line is that young minds have to be better prepared for discerning fact from fantasy as they grow into adulthood. They need to become better critical thinkers and need a core belief to build upon. Catholic schools prepare children for the adult world, not only in core academics but in the

understanding of our faith. I've had the wonderful opportunity over the past year to baptize about 25 children, one of the many “perks” that come with being a deacon. I mention in my baptismal homily each time of the need to start faith education at home, but it can't stop there.

Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner and this month's Faith magazine is devoted to Catholic education. It has a variety of wonderful articles that are truly worth your time, whether you have school-age children or not. The issue asks parents to take another look at today's Catholic schools in the Lansing Diocese; a guide to Catholic homeschooling; and the rise of classical education. It also takes a look at the presidents of the four Catholic high schools, which includes Dominic Iocco, a graduate of St. Joe's who now heads Lansing Catholic High School.

The article that caught my eye was a look at classical education and how it is drawing more parents to invest in Catholic education, with its focus on the liberal arts and the three-stage concept of children's learning development. Though the piece acknowledges that a true concept of “Catholic classical education” is hard to pin down, it's

important to note two points: “faith is the golden thread through everything” and that the goal is giving the students “the ability to think.”

As a graduate of Catholic schools in Detroit, I am quite thankful that my parents found a way to pay for Catholic school education for 12 years for me. My high schools motto was “goodness, discipline and knowledge” and it has served me well over more than 50 years to strive to live a life that met those goals. Catholic high school education for our community is difficult for many reasons, but grade school Catholic education is very doable. I ask parents to consider Catholic education.

Remember Chesterton's quote with which we started. Look at the part of the world that will accept virtually anything as truth, no matter how bizarre, and we can see how God is our anchor. Without him we are a ship adrift, with no direction and in Chesterton's words “capable of believing anything.”

Deacon Eric
deaconeric@hotmail.com

Reconciliation

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.
All Confessions are held in our **Day Chapel**.

The
CHOSEN

If you thought it couldn't get any better after Season Two, you are mistaken!
Season Three
begins on Thursday, February 9, 2023,
(6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the coffee/donuts room)
and continues through Lent.
Save the Date!

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.



We will 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.

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Are you interested in serving the Church in the Diocese of Lansing? They are currently accepting resumes for a **Regional Staff Accountant** to serve the Great Lansing Region. To learn more about this position and to apply, please visit our careers page at: <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers>



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

January 8, 2023

Axel J. Denovich
and

Thea Marie Denovich

(Son and daughter of Jason and Amber Denovich)

What is the Prayer Tree?

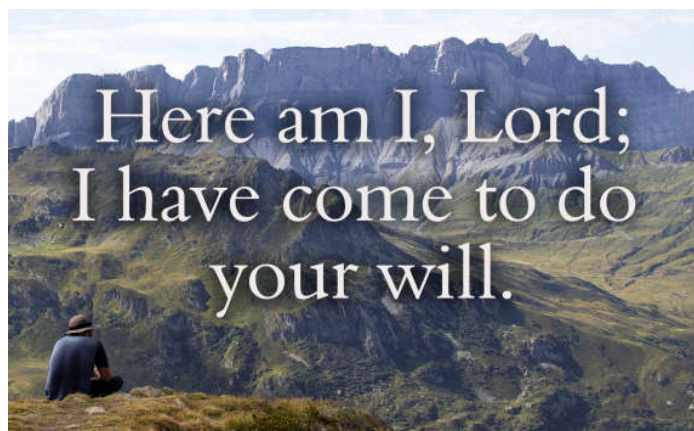
The Prayer Tree is an organized group of individuals who pray for our parish family. Prayer requests are confidential and are not shared with anyone outside of the prayer tree members. Parishioners can add their prayer requests for themselves, family members, or friends by contacting the Parish Office at 989-224-8994. The prayer request will be passed on to the prayer tree participants within one business day.

The prayer list published in the bulletin is not the same as the Prayer Tree.

To add an immediate family member to the bulletin prayer list call the office 989-224-8994.



The Rosary is prayed every Sunday morning a half hour before Mass at the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and Noon Mass.



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. 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

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of January 8, 2023

Adults (125) Envelopes/Gifts: \$21,848.81
(Including online giving)
Loose Cash: \$359.00
Total: \$22,207.81

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$258.00
Building Fund: \$93.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$190.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is \$19,107.31. 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



- Men’s Retreat - Rescue and Response: Jan 20-22, 2023
- 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 www.stfrancis.ws or call 517-669-8321.

*Praise
the Lord
Oh my Soul!*



Church of the Resurrection

Is hosting a musical celebration of its' 100 years

Saturday, February 4, 2023

at 6:30 p.m. (following 5:00 p.m. Mass).

This is a free concert honoring the legacy of Ursula Klein. Miss Klein served the Parish for over 50 of those 100 years, teaching music to all ages. She played and sang for countless weddings and funerals, and encouraged generations to persevere in their musical endeavors.

Choirs of former and current

Resurrection musicians and students will perform in tribute, along with organists Dr. Conrad Donakowski, Doug Austin and Michael Garnett.

Reception and exhibits to follow in Mercy Hall.

Please come and be inspired!

1505 E Michigan Ave., Lansing

[Www.corlansing.org](http://www.corlansing.org)

DISCOVER *your* PLACE

PROSPECTIVE FAMILY NIGHT
Wednesday, January 18
6:30 - 8 pm

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT
Tuesday, January 24
6 pm

LANSING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

LANSINGCATHOLIC.ORG/VISIT

Discover your place at Lansing Catholic High School

We invite you to join Lansing Catholic High School at one of our upcoming events. stop by **Prospective Family Night on Wednesday, January 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm**. Students and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and meet with faculty and administration. Curious about financial aid? Come to **Financial Aid Night on Tuesday, January 24 at 6 pm** in our Library. Parents are invited to learn more about financial aid, review the process, and get their questions answered. Or Visit lansingcatholic.org/visit to learn more.



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 www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.



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



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OF
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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.

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph Catholic School!

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