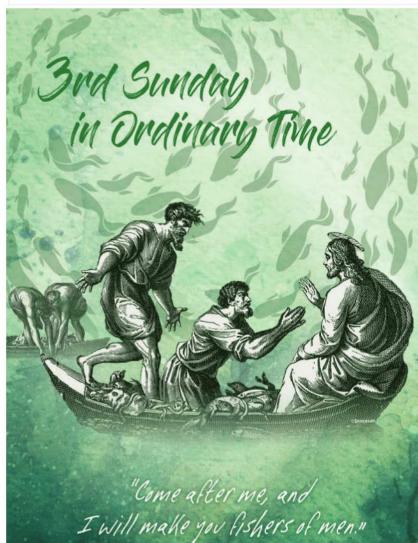
St. Foseph Catholic Church

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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

Mt. 4.19

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** Mondays at Noon for the following weekend. Send to stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • January 23 Hebrews 9:15, 24-28/Mark 3:22-30 No Mass

Tuesday 

January 24 Hebrews 10:1-10/Mark 3:31-35 7:00 p.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel) *†Stu Fitzpatrick* By: Charles & Lisa Wieber

Wednesday • January 25 Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mark 16: 15-18 12:05 p.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel) †Jan Sipkovsky By: Millie Fox

Thursday • January 26 2 Timothy 1:1-8, or Timothy 1:1-5/Mark 4:21-25 8:30 a.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel) †Bill Asher

By: Kathy Randolph

Friday • January 27 Hebrews 10:32-39/Mark 4:26-34 8:30 a.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel) *†Deceased members of the Henney family* By: Susan Mahoney

Saturday • January 28 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19/Mark 4:35-41 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (in the church) **†Don VeCasey** By: Charles & Lisa Wieber

Sunday • January 29 Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13/1 Corinthians 1:26-31/Matthew 5:1-12a 8:00 a.m. Mass (in the church) People of the Parish 10:00 a.m. Mass (in the church) †John Fox By: Duane and Mary Jane Boak 12:00 p.m. Mass (in the church) *†Eunice LaBar* By: Family

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

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE -**ACCESS TO THE CHURCH

Even though we have a temporary permit that allows us to hold our weekend Masses in the church, the church will still be off-limits Monday through Friday for a couple more weeks while workers finish some essential items.

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 (within two weeks)
- Pews (February 3, 2023)
- **Baptismal bowl** (within two weeks)
- Statues (mid-March)
- Icons (Late March)
- Holy water fonts (early May)



# **Eucharistic Adoration Team**



"Only with prayer--prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls-will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life." US Bishops, Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life-Activities.

Monday, January 23, 2023, is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Please consider taking some time on Monday to stop by the Day Chapel to pray for this intention before our Eucharistic Lord..

# **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 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.

THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED



#### WE ARE ALL Evangelizers

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

### When Ordinary Isn't Ordinary

We are in a period in the Church's liturgical cycle known as "Ordinary Time," but that really is a bit of a misnomer. In Church vernacular, "ordinary" refers to order, not a vanilla flavor to the season. This order is shown in the numerical progression of the cycle. For example, today is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

It's a season of the Church that dominates in number, covering generally 34 of the 52 weeks of the year. But we really shouldn't approach them with a sense that they don't really matter the way Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter matter. While the Church may use numbers to show order, this is a great time for us to put our lives in order. Without all the distractions that come with the Advent/Christmas seasons, our lives can be put back in order. That means focusing on God, allowing us to make the Lord our number one priority again. We can take this quiet time and turn it into something extraordinary.

Today's gospel is one of those that the Church allows us some leeway, giving each presider an option of the short form or the long form. The short form focuses on Jesus as he comes out of his 40 days in the desert combating the temptations of the devil. Matthew tells us that when Jesus had heard that John the Baptist had been imprisoned, it was "show-time," it was time to move into his ministry. What a great opportunity for us to reflect on what that moment must have been like for Jesus. He knew he was here for a greater purpose than carpentry, but being fully human as well as fully divine, that must have been an emotional moment for him. It was most certainly not an "ordinary" moment.

The short gospel version today ends with Jesus' first words to the public "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Not coincidentally, these are the same words John the Baptist preached regularly in preparing the way for Jesus. The long version of today's gospel is a continuation of the short selection. Matthew recounts for us the calling of the fishermen to be a part of his ministry. Again, in this story of which we are all familiar, we can take some time to reflect on that moment for Simon, Andrew, James and John. They were having an "ordinary" day of fishing when the Savior of the world comes by and says "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Their ordinary day suddenly became an extraordinary day in salvation history.

The bottom line is that these seven weeks of Ordinary Time leading up to Lent, needn't be ordinary for us. Each day the Lord gives us is a precious day. Each day is a gift. And each day, the Lord asks us to *"Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."* Each day he asks us to drop our nets and follow him. If we do, we will find that what we thought of as ordinary time, will now indeed become extraordinary.

#### Deacon Eric

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## 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. This Monday, January 23, 2023, is to be observed as "**a particular day of prayer** for the full restoration of legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of human person committed through acts of abortion," as called for by the Catholic Church in our Country.

While Roe v Wade has been overturned to end the U.S. constitutional right for abortion, Michigan's passage of Proposal 3 puts the right to abortion into our state constitution. This proposal goes even further than Roe v Wade, as it allows abortion up to the birth of the child and could also remove some of the protections for babies and mothers such as parental consent, waiting periods, and inspection of facilities.

Prayers for Michigan are desperately needed so to bring a change of heart in many people. God's precious gift of life at all stages needs to be cherished and protected. There will be no specific pray services at St. Joseph's, but the Day Chapel will be open all day to allow for prayer time. It is through prayer that abortion will one day be unthinkable.

Please join us in prayer tomorrow, wherever you may be.



## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Will be kicking off the 2023 Catholic Schools Week with a Mass on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

## 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.

The Sanctuary Lamp Will burn from January 22-28, 2023 In Memory of

Brent Shelton

# Reconciliation

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

## St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2023 Menu is subject to change, based on food availability from suppliers.

Monday:	Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, applesauce, and milk.
Tuesday:	Ham, scalloped potatoes, fruit, and milk.
Wednesday:	Lasagna, bread sticks, green beans, fruit, and milk.
Thursday:	Hot dog on a bun, french fries, fresh fruit, and milk.
Friday:	No School

Lunches are \$3.25

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Milk \$0.50

# LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 28/29

Altar Servers

 5:00 p.m.
 Group 1

 8:00 a.m.
 Voluntee

 10:00 a.m.
 St. Joe So

 12:00 p.m.
 Voluntee

Volunteers St. Joe School volunteers 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
Lectors	5:00 p.m.	Lisa W.
	8:00 a.m.	Bob P.
	10:00 a.m.	St. Joe school student
	12:00 p.m.	Dawn L.

Ushers

5:00 p.m.	Jay H.	Group 5A			
8:00 a.m.	Bruce P.	Group 8A			
10:00 a.m.	Steve S.	Group 10D			
(With St. Joe school children assisting)					
12:00 p.m.	Butch S.	Group 12B			

## **Collection Counters**

January 23 • Group 4

Sanctuary/Day Chapel Cleaners On hiatus until after renovation





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!

# BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY





Enjoy a fabulous tasting event that showcases delicious food from local restaurants and sips of wine and beer from area distributors and brewing companies. Gather for a relaxed, casual evening with our Catholic community to connect and socialize, but most importantly to have fun! Celebrate all the good things in support of Lansing Catholic High School. Tickets are \$40 in advance. You must be 21+ years to attend. Please visit their website at www.lansingcatholic.org/cc for event details, online ticket sales, and sponsorship opportunities. Contact Paula Wilcox, Director of Mission Advancement at give@lansingcatholic.org or (517) 267-2121 for information.



DISCOVER

# WW PLACE

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

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT Tuesday, January 24 6 pm

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LANSINGCATHOLIC.ORG/VISIT

**Discover your place at Lansing Catholic High School.** There will be a **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 <u>lansingcatholic.org/visit</u> to learn more.

## **Diocese of Lansing**

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

### A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In Today's gospel we hear Jesus calling Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow him. Following Jesus was a difficult journey for these first disciples. It is difficult for us today. Jesus wants to teach us his way of thinking, acting and encountering the world. But it is not easy for us to embrace his teaching. Good stewards of Jesus' teachings realize they are on a spiritual journey, and must learn from their experiences of being open and resistant to the gospel. They realize the need to be liberated from those actions that keep them from enjoying a closer friendship with Jesus. What is it in our lives that we need to reform? What keeps us from revealing God's glory to others?

International Catholic Stewardship Council

## STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of January 16, 2023				
Adults (125) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$13,655.95			
(Including online giving)				
Loose Cash:	\$486.00			
Total:	\$14,141.95			

#### **Other Gifts Received**

Education Trust Fund:	\$90.00
Building Fund:	\$360.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$135.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is \$18,938.58. 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

FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



#### 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, <u>one.bidpal.net/sjfr</u>.

#### 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 <u>one.bidpal.net/sjfr</u>.

#### 3.) Bid in the auction

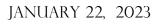
Live auction items will only be available at the in person event. To view and bid on silent auction items, scan the QR code or go to one.bidpal.net/sjfr.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MEETINGS AND EVENTS ARE ON THE PARISH CALENDAR: All it takes is an email or phone call to double check that your groups meetings are on the parish calendar. This is for both the church basement events in the school building. Help us make sure our schedule book is up to date so we do not overbook.

### PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE <u>BEFORE</u> YOU SCHEDULE FUNDRAISING BEFORE/AFTER WEEKEND MASSES:

Any groups who wish to do fundraising, ticket sales, etc. before or after weekend Masses <u>MUST</u> contact the parish office. Due to issues in the past, we only allow one group to fundraiser each weekend. There will be members of the Feast and Raffle Committee selling "Gator" tickets after all Masses next weekend January 28 and 29

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Each week a generous donation from our local St. Vincent DePaul Society covers the cost of the Our Sunday Visitor newspaper for our parish. This newspaper is an excellent source of news and articles from a Catholic viewpoint. Please take a copy home to read and share!

## 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



