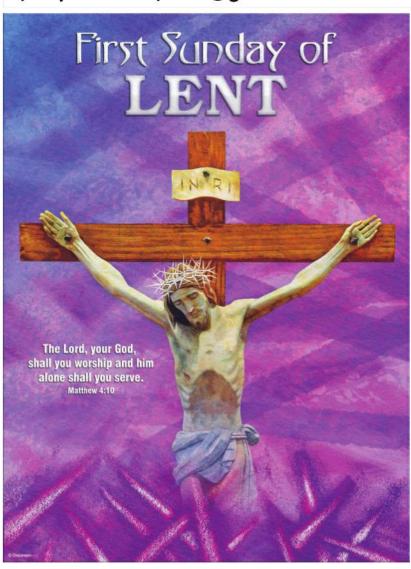
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Regular Mass Schedule

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 church)

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

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This Week's Liturgies

Monday ● February 27

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/Matthew 25:31-46 No Mass

Tuesday ● February 28

Isaiah 55:10-11/Matthew 6:7-15

7:00 p.m. Mass †Marie Thelen By: Denny and Pat

Koenigsknecht

Wednesday • March 1

John 3:1-10/Luke 11:29-32

12:05 p.m. Mass **†Brian Somers** Bv: Ann Wieser

Thursday ● March 2

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Matthew 7:7-12

8:30 a.m. Mass †Stu Fitzpatrick By: Chuck and Linda

Biewer

Friday • March 3
Ezekiel 18:21-28/Matthew 5:20-26

†John Smith 8:30 a.m. Mass By: Family

Saturday ● March 4

Deuteronomy 26:16-19/Matthew 5:43-48

8:30 a.m.

For an End to Abortion

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass †Sally Lorenc By: Sue Detloff and

family

Genesis 12:1-4a/2 Timothy 1:8b-10/Matthew 17:1-9

8:00 a.m. Mass

†Pat Andersen By: Terry and Sue Brya

10:00 a.m. Mass The People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. Mass †Celester and Bernita Fedewa and

Family

By: Ken and Mary lane Fedewa

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

MORE RENOVATION NEWS!

We will be blessed to welcome Bishop Boyea with us for 5:00 p.m. Mass on March 4th during which he will dedicate our new altar.

The Sanctuary Lamp Will burn from February 26 to March 4, 2023 In memory of

Jeanette Schomisch

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration this First Friday, March 4, 2023, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

All are welcome!

We are in need of an adorer at the following times this month: March 3: 10:00, noon. 2:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.

March 4: 1:00 and 4:00 a.m.

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

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

Also, there are prayer cards and instructions available to offer prayers for one of our parishioners during the Holy Hour. They are located at the ramp entrance on the bottom of the bulletin shelf.

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 Sherri Couch 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 Bill Darnell Susan Darnell

Please pray for our parishioners in the service, especially: Bryce Bongard William Hess Jake Hoskins

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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To add or remove a name from the bulletin prayer list. please call: 989-224-8994 or email Stiosephchurchstjohns@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)

PLENTY OF POINTS TO PONDER

In the nine years of writing this column, there have been many times when my mind went as blank as the computer monitor I was staring at. When I suffer this writer's block, I pray to the Holy Spirit for inspiration and direction. Eventually he always comes through for me. Today I have a dilemma from the opposite end of the information spectrum -- too many items (16) and not nearly the amount of space necessary to present them. Today I need the Holy Spirit to be my editor.

The Holy Spirit is actually at the heart of one of the stories, the Asbury Revival. Today (Sunday the 19th) is the 11th day of a spontaneous 24/7 spiritual revival at Asbury University in central Kentucky. A regular student prayer service became a deep spiritual experience when students felt the Spirit's presence and couldn't pull themselves away. Slowly, word spread through campus and their chapel was filled.

When word got out, people came from miles around, and by this past weekend there were long lines of people of all Christian denominations waiting to get in the Asbury chapel for prayer, praise, songs and testimonials. It was livestreamed for days before the university president announced that the revival had to be limited to two sessions a day -- an afternoon one for the public and an evening session for young adults. Check detroitcatholic.com for a Catholic perspective.)

This revival started just a couple of days before the tragic shootings at MSU. Many of us have children at MSU and many of us work there as well. That's in addition to all of us who are graduates of Michigan State. The two buildings where the shootings occurred are very familiar to me because I took so many classes at each. Though it's been decades since I've been a student, I could vividly picture the Berkey classroom in which many students were shot. Thousands of graduates have similar remembrances.

The stark contrast between these two events is immediately apparent. First, the glory of God through the Holy Spirit is celebrated, then the evil in man becomes apparent. Police say the MSU shootings were triggered by the shoot-

er's perception that he was "slighted" by many people. The first murder in the bible, of course, came as a result of Cain being slighted when God accepted Abel's offering over his.

There is understandable despair over the MSU shootings. Eight people were shot, tens of thousands of others were psychologically victimized. The blood from the students will be cleaned up, but that classroom will be bloodstained forever. We need to combat evil in our culture. We need to pray for all who share the pain of the MSU community.

All is not lost however, so we must pray for all those spiritually energized at Asbury as well. Though we don't know God's grand plan, and though the revival was not a Catholic endeavor -- something good is happening there. With thousands of spiritually energized young adults emerging from Asbury there is reason for hope in the future. And, as been stated here often, "hope does not disappoint." (Rom 5:5)

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com



Men's Retreats at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt March 10-12, 2023 or April 14-16, 2023.

Calling Catholic men: Did you know that 79% of Catholics do not attend weekly Mass? Or that 45% of Catholics never go to confession? Where are our leaders? Your family, church, and community are in serious need of leaders. Join us on a Rescue and Response men's retreat (based on the book Rescued by Fr. John Riccardo) to discover how to step into this role as a faithful and fearless leader. Our goal is to equip you to share the Gospel and broken world.

Suggested donation is \$200 for the weekend.

Check in at 5:00 p.m. Friday, dismissal at 11:00 a.m. Sunday. Registration and more information at www.stfrancis.ws/weekend-retreats.

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of

Marie C. Thelen

Save the date

Lenten Soup Supper
Hosted by
St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary
On Wednesday,
March 15, 2023
at the
Columbian Hall
1108 Old US 27, St Johns
More details to follow.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening in Lent at 6:00 p.m.



Lenten Almsgiving

This year's Lenten Almsgiving is for our local food banks.
There are boxes located at the back of church. Please take

one for your family. At the end of the Lenten season, please write a check for the amount collected in your box.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RITE OF ENROLLMENT MASS

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 is the Rite of Enrollment Mass for all current 8th graders (and their sponsors) who are seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation next year, 2024. Sponsors and candidates are scheduled to meet at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria and Mass is at 7:00 p.m. Contact Jen Nelson for questions at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com or 989-224-8537.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 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 1 8:00 a.m. Group 1 10:00 a.m. Group 1 12:00 p.m. Group 1

Lectors 5:00 p.m. Diane A.

8:00 a.m. Bob P. 10:00 a.m. Joe T. 12:00 p.m. **Volunteer**

Ushers

5:00 p.m. Denny K. Group 5C 8:00 a.m. Bruce P. Group 8A 10:00 a.m. Jim S. Group 10A 12:00 p.m. Ron D. Group 12A

Collection Counters

February 27 ● Group 1

Sanctuary Cleaners

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St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2023

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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

Monday: Chicken noodle soup with crackers, blueberry

muffins, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Chili with crackers, cinnamon rolls, fruit, and

milk.

Wednesday: Pigs in a blanket, tator tots, dried cherries, and

milk.

Thursday: Hamburger on a bun with cheese, fried chips

fresh fruit, and milk.

Friday: Cheese pizza, peas, fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

One does not live on bread alone, but oncevery word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Parents seeking Sacraments for Children:

If you are seeking a sacrament for yourself or your children, please make sure you are first an active, participating member of the parish. Being an active member means that you are formally registered and participating the life of the parish especially participating in community worship through weekly attendance at Weekend Masses. When you are here for Mass, it is important that you place your contribution envelope in the collection, even if it's empty. There is no other way I can possibly know how often, or even if, a person is attending Mass. Extra envelopes will be available in the back of the church in case you forgot to bring yours with you. So, please use your envelopes by placing them in the collection each time you come to Mass. This will allow me to verify a person's Mass attendance quickly and easily when they present themselves (or their children) for Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation or Marriage. When it comes to this policy, you should know, multiple envelopes put in at a weekend Mass will be considered participation for that one Mass. Additionally, envelopes dropped off or mailed into the parish will not be considered participation at Mass.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Blessing - Fr. Mike

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

From Fr. Mike:

The Importance of Mass

What if I'm too busy to go to Mass?

What's more important than God and fulfilling His commands? Rarely circumstances do arise that make it impossible to attend. We should still try to arrange our schedule to meet our duties to God. It has been my personal experience that even in the case of work, most employers will respect an employee's sincere desire to attend religious services on Sunday, and will arrange a work schedule to provide the time. It's not always possible, but it's worth a try. If a schedule really can't be changed, and there is no opportunity to attend Mass at another time, there is no sin. I would also say, that if you are really too busy to attend Mass, you really are too busy, and your health, and family life certainly are severely suffering. Even if we are very busy, don't we somehow find time to do what want to do?

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of February 20, 2023

Adults (176) Envelopes/Gifts: \$11,906.35 (Including online giving)

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$40.00 Building Fund: \$365.00 Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$110.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is \$18,932.70. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday, February 28

9:30 a.m. Bible Study (L)

6-8 p.m. Spanish Ministry (C/D)

6:30 p.m. Confessions (C)

7:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, March 1

12:05 p.m. Mass

5:15 p.m. Bible Study (C/D)

7:00 p.m. High School Catechesis

7:00 p.m. Choir practice (C)

Thursday, March 2

9:00 a.m. Bible Study (L)

6:30 p.m. "The Chosen" (C/D)

Friday, March 3

8:30 a.m. First Friday Adoration

1:45 p.m. SCHOOL Stations of the Cross

(church)

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (church)

Saturday, March 4

8:30 a.m. First Saturday Benediction

8:30 a.m. Average Joes (L)

Sunday, March 5

3:45 p.m. Spanish Ministry (C/D)

The Catholic Community of St Jude

is hiring a part-time (19 hours a week) Coordinator of Communications. For a full job description, please visit the Diocese of Lansing - careers page at https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/ human-resources/careers Abstinence and Fasting: Catholics of age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from ages 18-59 must fast (limit themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals) each of those days.

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If you lost it..... We probably found it!

We have quite a collection of lost and found items gathered over the past few months that are looking for a good home. Perhaps it's yours? Kindly check out our lost and found box located at the back of the church to see if we found your missing items. We have all sorts of things--hats, mittens, books, and even a ring! (But you'll have to identify the ring at the parish office).



Do you like to sing?

Have you ever thought about spreading the joys of our faith singing in our choir? We are always looking for new members, especially those interested in becoming Cantors! Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the church choir loft.

If you would like more information, contact our Music Director, Jeff Richards, at musicdirector.stjoseph@gmail.com



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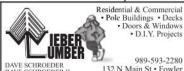
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