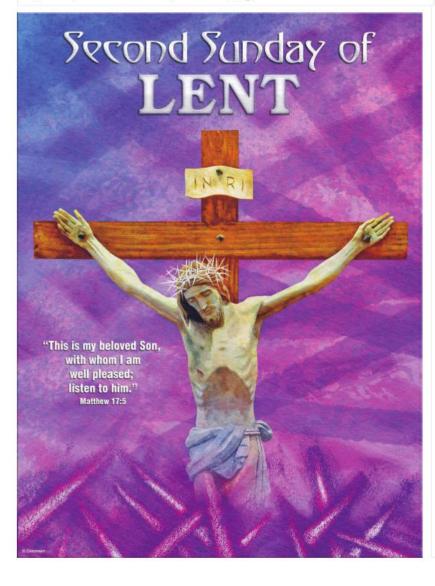
MARCH 5, 2023

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 High School Catechesis • 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

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 to stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com

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This Week's Liturgies

Monday
March 6
Daniel 9:4b-10/Luke 6:36-38
No Mass

Tuesday March 7	
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20/Matt	thew 23:1/12
7:00 p.m. Mass	†Jeanette Schomisch
	By: Husband

Wednesday • March 8 Jeremiah 18:18-20/Matthew 20:17-28 12:05 p.m. Mass †Deacon John Sundwick

Thursday ● March 9 Jeremiah 17:5-10/Luke 16:19-31 8:30 a.m. Mass †Lorraine Davis By: Robert and Ellen Davis

Friday
March 10
Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
8:30 a.m. Mass
†Janet Sinke
By: Larry and Mary
Smith

Saturday • March 11 Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass †Larry Randolph

Sunday • March 12 Exodus 17:3-7/Romans 5:1-2, 5-8/John 4:5-42 8:00 a.m. Mass †Bill Lapeer By: Ann Green

10:00 a.m. Mass 12:00 p.m. Mass **†Laree Geller** By: St Joseph School Staff
People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish



Daylight Savings Time Starts March 12, 2023 Don't forget to SPRING forward one hour!

The Sanctuary Lamp Will burn from March 5 to 11, 2023 In memory of

Jan Sípkovsky

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of

Kevin Daly

Reconciliation

When was the last time you felt renewed by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation? It is so easy to celebrate Reconciliation with Fr. Mike. St. Joe has scheduled times of Tuesday's at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday's at 4:00 p.m. If you can not make one of these times, call the parish office to schedule an appointment with Fr. Mike, it can be very confidential, no name is needed. Schedule a time, and meet Fr. Mike by the confessional.

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.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially: Adam Ann 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

By: St Joseph School

Staff

Millie Wassa Fr. Don Wieber Bill Darnell Susan Darnell

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)

SETTLING IN

Well, here we are at the Second Sunday of Lent, settling in on our Lenten routine. "Second Sunday" sounds like it's only the beginning, but in fact, we are ten days into Lent, meaning one-quarter of this penitential season is already behind us. It's time to look at our checklist and see how well we've done in meeting our own personal goals for increased prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

If we're meeting them, great -- we just have to "keep on keepin' on." If we can meet our goals for ten days we can meet them for 20 and if we can meet them for 20 we can meet them for 40. But if we've slipped in one area or another, we still have 30 days to prepare ourselves for the Easter Triduum, which culminates with Easter Sunday, or perhaps more appropriately, Resurrection Sunday. So, great if we're staying the course, but we shouldn't panic and throw in the towel if we've stumbled. When the devil tempted Jesus in the desert, as we heard in last Sunday's gospel, he was very specific in what he offered Jesus. From the sensual pleasure of food at a time when Jesus was very hungry, to the power and honor that would come with ruling all the kingdoms here on earth, he tried to take advantage of Jesus after his 40-day fast in the desert. But with us the devil is more subtle, just trying to steer us off course a little bit at a time in Lent to the point we say "I give up." Then we abandon one or more of our Lenten goals. His temptations to us are like ruling the world, but something smaller like deferring our planned "extra" daily prayer until later in the day, hoping we fall asleep or just plain forget about it.

Speaking of prayer and the devil's efforts to dissuade us from praying, Bishop Robert Barron turns to the classic C.S. Lewis novel Screwtape Letters. The Bishop points out that one of the recommendations the training devil gives to his apprentice in the book "is to encourage his 'client' to think that prayer is something very 'interior ' and 'mystical' having little to do with the posture or the position of the body." The training devil, through the apprentice, is telling us the "how-to' of prayer is meaningless. That's just not true.

The most effective prayer is a conversation we have with the Lord. When we pray in church we don't lay down on the pew to pray, we sit, stand, and kneel purposely as we communicate with Jesus. The same holds true at home. How we position ourselves, especially for special Lenten prayer, says a lot about the attitude we bring with us to the prayer. If we invite Jesus into our home, we shouldn't lie down on the couch or slump into a bean bag chair to talk with him. If we've fallen into such poor prayer habits, let's straighten ourselves up and show the Lord we want to have a heart-to-heart talk. Or should I say heart-to Sacred Heart?

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com



St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting Monday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbian Hall

All ladies of the parish are invited to come share in food, faith, and fellowship. We will

discuss future SMLA events and continue our series on the "difficult teachings" of Jesus. For more Information, call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday Lent at 1:45 p.m. (with the school children) and 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Soup Suppers

The Lenten Season is upon us with it's three pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary is offering an opportunity to fast and give alms by providing two Lenten Soup Suppers. The soup supper provides a simple meal of bread and soup. The money you would have spent on a full supper can then be donated to the featured charity. The first soup supper will be on Wednesday, March 15 at the Columbian Hall (K of C 1108 N US 27) at 5:30 p.m. The charity for this supper is the Good News Kitchen run by the St. Johns Lutheran Church. They provide a free meal every Tuesday. St. Monica is asking for donations of soup and bread for the soup supper. There will be a sign-up sheet in the new church gathering space.

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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.

If you bring us a box full of coins and bills, we will not be able to post it in your donor records.



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.

This institution is an equal St. Joseph Catholic School opportunity provider. LUNCH MENU Menu is subject to change, based on FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, food availability from suppliers. 2023 Chicken salad in an edible bowl, yogurt, fruit, Monday: and milk. Tuesday: Chicken poppers, lettuce salad, fruit, and milk. Loaded Bake potato soup with crackers, grilled Wednesday: cheese sandwich, fruit, and milk. Thursday/Friday: NO LUNCH WILL BE SERVED - Please bring a cold lunch - Early release -students out at noon Milk \$0.50 Lunches are \$3.25

LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 11/12

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

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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	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.	Trevor H
	10:00 a.m.	Jane M.
	12:00 p.m.	Dawn L.
Ushers		
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5:00 p.m.	Jay H.	Group 5A
8:00 a.m.	Tom C.	Group 8B
10:00 a.m.	Cindy C.	Group 10B
12:00 p.m.	Pat T.	Group 12B

Collection Counters

March 6
Group 2

Sanctuary Cleaners: Judi Thelen and Thelma Miller

40 Days For Life

40 Days for Life is a worldwide pro-life event that provides a peaceful and prayerful presence outside of abortion clinics. The prayer vigils have brought about the saving of many babies as well as the closure of abortion clinics. 40 Days for Life began on Ash Wednesday and will continue through Lent. The vigil site in Lansing is located near the Planned Parenthood in Frandor Center. Vigil participants stand on the grassy public space (SE corner of Vine and Clippert). The 40 Days for Life at this site is held during the hours Planned Parenthood is open. I have signed up to pray every Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please join me in prayer. If this time is not convenient, please join others in prayer during PP business hours. Contact Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088 for more information.

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

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2023 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND

This weekend is our Diocesan Services Appeal Commitment Weekend. I invite all members of our parish community to join in support of our annual peal. Our parish goal is \$105,305.79. No gift is too small... every dollar donated helps those in our parish and in our unified efforts in the wider church. Further, one-half of all paid contributions received, over and above our parish goal, will be returned to our parish for our local use here at St. Joseph Parish.

You can submit your DSA pledge envelope during Mass this weekend - or take your DSA envelope home to prayerfully consider your gift decision. Those paying by cash or check are invited to return your completed pledge form, in the DSA envelope, to our parish office. Those who wish to pay by credit card or electronic funds transfer may enter your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa. I encourage every one of our parish households to reflect on the many blessings we have received from the Lord and share these blessings through a generous gift to our DSA.



Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY Please read and help!

This Disciple Maker Index Survey is currently open and will be live until March 27, 2023. This survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete. We will also have paper copies in the main entrance of the church for those without computer access.

https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/gkcx34

The Disciple Maker Index Survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are hoping to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Mike and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/ summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project.



STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of February 27, 2023		
Adults (178) Envelopes/Gifts: \$11,228.08		
(Including online giving)		
Loose Cash: \$548.66		
Total:\$11,776.74		

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$5.00
Building Fund:	\$970.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$0.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is \$18,807.32. 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

MARCH 5, 2023

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday, March 6 6:30 p.m. "The Chosen" (C/D) Tuesday, March 7 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (L) 6-8 p.m. Spanish Ministry worship (C/D) 6:30 p.m. Confessions (C) 7:00 p.m. Mass Wednesday, March 8 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 9 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (L) Friday, March 10 1:45 p.m. (school) Stations of the Cross (church) 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (church) Saturday, March 11 8:30 a.m. Average Joes (L) Sunday, March 12 3:45 p.m. Spanish Ministry (C/D)





Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 1108 S US 27

4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. \$15.00 each Cash/check ONLY

Limited Menu

Baked fish with baked potato Or Fried Fish with french fries Sides include: Green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, and dinner roll

Coordinator of Communications position

The Catholic Community of St Jude is hiring a parttime (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



Candidate Chris Fry and Catechumen Nani Cabrera attended the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at St Gerard Parish on Sunday, February 26. Pictured with Bishop Boyea and RCIA Director, Amanda Grigar. Please keep Nani, Chris, and Joana Gutting in your prayers, all three will be completing their initiation into the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil.

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

If you would like to make a donation of any amount towards our various Easter flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please use the form found below and put it in the pink trimmed "Easter Flowers, Decorations & Other Liturgy Expenses" envelopes found in your March/April packets.

Dedicated by:

In Memory of (for the deceased)

In Honor of (for the living)

Please return to the parish office by **Monday, March 27th** to be included in the memorial list.

or

*Donations received in excess of flower costs will be applied towards decorations and other liturgical expenses.

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FEAST AND RAFFLE 2023 IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING!

Please consider donating in any or all of the following three ways:

<u>Come to the Event:</u> 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. Dinner tickets can be purchased at <u>one.bidpal.net/sjf</u> or from the school office. We still have lots of space available so please consider buying tickets. It is an excellent opportunity to meet other supporters, build relationships, have fun, and raise money for our school!

<u>Bid in the Auctions/Buy Raffle tickets</u>: Live auction items and 50/50 will only be available at the in-person event. To view and bid on silent auction items, scan the QR code or go to <u>one.bidpal.net/sjfr</u>. Gator/\$15,000 raffle tickets can be purchased through a committee member, at the school office, at the church office, or at Smith Lawnscapes. Tickets are 1 for \$100, 2 for \$175, and 3 for \$250.

Donate: Any monetary donation, talent, or treasure is appreciated! Donations could be anything from tickets to a sporting event, a weekend at your cottage, an experience at your farm, and everything in between! We use donated items and experiences for the silent or live actions. We use donated money to try and make more money or it goes towards the overall profit. To donate, please use the QR code or the link: <u>one.bidpal.net/sjfr</u>. You can also use the brochure that is at the school and church to donate or stop into the school office for more details.



Thank you for your support!



