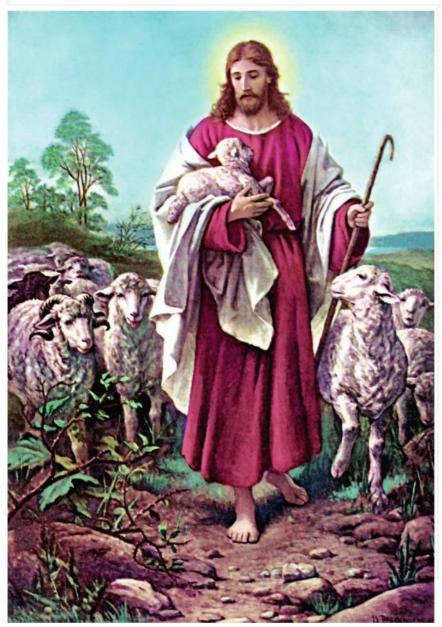
APRIL 30, 2023

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

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

APRIL 30, 2023



THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • May 1 Acts 11:1-18/John 10:11-18 No Mass

Tuesday • May 2Act 11:19-26/John 10:22-307:00 p.m. Mass†Carrie HuardBy: Barb Yaich

Wednesday • May 3 1 Corinthians 15:1-8/John 14:6-14 12:05 p.m. Mass †Don Rademacher By: Bill and Judy Fox Family

Thursday ● May 4 Acts 13:13-25/John 13:16-20 8:30 a.m. Mass †Alvino Alverado By: Susan Cardosa

Friday • May 5 Acts 13:26-33/John 14:1-6 8:30 a.m. Mass †Lewis Kramer By: Kramer Family

Saturday • May 6 Acts 13:44-52/John 14:7-14 8:30 a.m. For an end to abortion

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass †Don VeCasey

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Sunday • May 7 Acts 6:1-7/1 Peter 2:4-9/John 14:1-12 8:00 a.m. Mass †Helen and Wayne Weller By: Family

10:00 a.m. Mass *†Sister Donna Marie Koenigsknecht* By: Jane Ulrich

12:00 p.m. Mass People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish For the Holy souls of purgatory By: Eric, Monica and Camilla Hufnagel



First Holy Communion

will be celebrated next weekend May 6 and 7 at the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass 10:00 am and Noon Sunday Mass

These Masses may be a little more crowded than normal as we welcome our First communicants to the Lord's Table.

The Sanctuary Lamp Will burn from April 30 to May 6, 2023 In memory of

Alvina Alverado

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of *Joseph Keilen*

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament May 5/6

Following 8:30 a.m. Mass on May 5, the Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration until Benediction prior to the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, May 6th

All are welcome to attend this beautiful time of prayer in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord! You do not have to be scheduled for a specific hour; however, we are in need of subs for the following hours this month: 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. and Saturday at 1:00 a.m.



Please call/text Rebecca at 989-292-2072 if you will plan to attend at one of these hours or if you have questions. Thank you for helping to make this time of Adoration possible!.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially: Adam Beverly Sawyer Ballinger Daniel Blair Bob Joan Bozung

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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 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)

The Joy of Joy

There are certain times in our lives that we find it difficult to be joyful. In saying that, let's differentiate between being joyful and being happy. Being joyful is a deep peace that is anchored in the belief in Jesus and eternal life. Pure joy is perhaps best stated by the Jewish greeting "Shalom, shalom." This is not just a well-wishing of peace for someone we know and love, but that of a deep inner peace. With such peace, one can remain joyful, even if there is sadness in our lives.

Happiness, however, is more fleeting, like the seed that falls among the thorns in the parable of the sower and the seed. That seed did produce some plant growth, but the thorny bush eventually choked it and the plant withered away. The seed that fell on rich soil, in contrast, produced great fruit. That plant's strength mirrors joy.

Joy is on my mind primarily because of the Easter season and the great joy that goes with it. The Church celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus for 50 days, which contrasts directly with the 40 days of repentance we experience in Lent. But it's also in the forefront for me because I've read some excerpts from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel* as part of my Easter reading.

In addition, joy is also on my front burner because there have been several recent deaths on the outskirts of my life in recent weeks and I've been praying for several others facing serious illnesses. I know there are many others among us in the same situation, so I think it's important for all of us to remember the strength we can summon through the joy in our hearts. In his writing on joy, the Pope addresses this situation: Joy is not expressed the same way at all times in life, especially at moments of great difficulty. Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures, even as a flicker of light, born of our personal certainty that when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved. I understand the grief of people who have to endure great suffering, yet slowly but surely we all have to let the joy of faith slowly revive as a quiet yet firm trust even amid the greatest distress.

The bottom line is that we have to embrace "the joy of joy" the way Linus always clung to his blanket in the Peanuts comic strip. Even when our lives seem to be coming apart, we always know that joy will win out. Though the darkness of the moment may block our vision temporarily, the light of the Resurrection will always win. So let's enjoy our joy for giving us the strength we need, when we most need it.

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com

THE CHOSEN

For those of you who have either missed the series or would like to watch it again, the first three seasons of "The Chosen" is now available on DVD.

Please contact Deacon Eric at deaconeric@hotmail.com or the parish office.



In Lansing and need the Anointing of the Sick?

When you or your loved one is ill, receiving the Sacrament of the Sick is important. When in a Lansing area hospital, please let your attending nurse know you would like the Anointing of the Sick. They will contact

the chaplain who will, in turn, contact a local priest who is "on call" to come and give you the sacrament. This is the quickest way for you or your loved one to receive the sacrament, if they didn't already receive it before going into the hospital.

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary

Monthly Meeting May 10, 2023 6:30 p.m Columbian Hall

All ladies of the parish are invited to our monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2023 at the Columbian Hall. Plans for coming events will be discussed. All your input is greatly appreciated. Once the business is completed, we will have faith sharing by discussing one of Jesus's difficult teachings. This part of the meeting brings out great blessings to those who participate. As always, there is



plenty of time for fellowship and snacks. Please look ahead for the June meeting which will be a special pot luck meeting - more details to follow. Call (989) 227-0088 for transportation assistance.

First Grade Teaching Position

St. Joseph Catholic School in St. Johns, MI is accepting applications for a **full time First Grade teaching position**. Candidates must hold a valid teaching certificate, with an Elementary Education endorsement (Reading and Language Arts preferred) for the 2023-2024 school year. The candidate will also be attending Protecting God's Children (VITUS) training and pass a criminal background check.

The successful candidate must be dynamic, enthusiastic and possess the ability to work collaboratively within the school environment. The candidate will be teaching Religion daily and therefore the hired candidate's employment will be considered ministerial under the First Amendment. Similarly, the successful candidate should be a practicing Catholic who can speak thoroughly to his or her ability to infuse Catholic faith and teaching throughout the curriculum. The ultimate hiring decision is made in consultation with St. Joseph's pastor. To learn more about St. Joseph Parish and School, please visit our website at www.school.stjoecatholic.com.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter of application, resume' and credentials to: Chris Wells, Principal, to <u>principal@stjoecatholicschool.org.</u> drop off at the school, or send to the following address: St. Joseph Catholic School, 201 E. Cass Street, Saint Johns, MI 48879.



St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

Menu is subject to change, based on food availability from suppliers. This institution is an equal

opportunity provider.

For the week of May 1 - May 5, 2023

Monday:	Cheese stuffed breadsticks with dipping sauce, lettuce salad, fruit, and milk.	
Tuesday:	Pigs in a blanket, tator tots, blueberry crisp, and milk.	
Wednesday:	Chicken fettuccini, bread sticks, carrots, fruit and milk.	
Thursday:	Hot dog on a bun, french fries, fruit, and milk.	
Friday:	1/2 day - No lunch will be served, students released at 11:00 a.m.	
Lunches are \$3.2	25 Milk \$0.50	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS May 6/7

Altar Servers:	5:00 p.m.	lcnacio O. Caroline V.
	8:00 a.m.	Mara T. Filis T.
	10:00 a.m.	Brayden C.
	12:00 p.m.	Quinn D. Lyndie R. Anna H.

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.	Ann P.
	8:00	a.m.	Lu Ann C.
	10:00	a.m.	Karen D.
	12:00	p.m.	Mary E.
Ushers:	5:00	p.m.	Group 5C
	8:00	a.m.	Group 8E
	10:00	a.m.	Group 10B
	12:00	p.m.	Group 12A
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Collection Co	ounters:	May 1	Group
Sanctuary Cle	eaners:	Ramona	Smith & Leona Thayer

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of April 24, 2023 Adults (194) Envelopes/Gifts:\$16,545.55

(Including online giving)	
Loose Cash:	\$504.25
Total:	\$ 17,049.80

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$63.00
Building Fund:	\$210.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$ 75.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is \$18.895.29. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



IT'S TIME FOR A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!

St. Joseph Catholic Church Family Directory will *not* be the same without you! Be sure to join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album. **PHOTO SIGN-UP DATES** will be announced soon.

Photography dates are scheduled for August and September.

Watch the bulletin for upcoming details.

Pregnancy Resource Center (224 N Ball St., Owosso) Spring Event Celebrate Life! May 13, 2023 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. We are going medical, complete with free ultrasounds!! Come celebrate with us! Food Trucks, bounce house, free tours and free ice cream. For more information, call

or more information, ca 989-723-4025



MacKenzie Koenigsknecht & Benjamin Feldpausch

HEART OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Marcel Portelli invites you to join him on a memorable pilgrimage through the heart of Italy this October. Pray at the mountain-top monastery of St. Benedict, the tombs of saints Francis and Clare in Assisi, the tomb of the incorrupt body of St. Padre Pio, and the grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Tour magnificent Florence and the Amalfi Coast. In Rome, we'll venerate the relics of St. Paul, visit St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican museums, then attend an audience with Pope Francis. Call (989) 426-7154 or download full brochure here:

https://bit.ly/3SxegQw

The hands of Mary rosary makers

is having a training session for anyone who wants to learn how to make Rosaries whether it is cord rosaries or military or wire rosaries.. It will be Sat. May 6th at 9:15 am and Monday May 8th at 6:30 pm. It will be in the St Vincent DePaul room which is just north of the church office at Immaculate Heart of Mary church at 3815 S Cedar St Lansing MI 48910

FORMED

Would like to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ?

Do you know someone who has fallen away from the Church and you want to reach them but you just don't know how to?

This is why our parish has invested in FORMED, so that each of us might grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our Faith with others, especially those closest to us.

With your free access to FORMED, 24/7 on your smartphone, computer, iPad, or Kindle, you can:

- Prepare for Mass each week by watching an insightful fiveminute video on the Sunday Readings
- Enjoy movies as a family that are both nourishing and entertaining
- Enrich your marriage with the award-winning video program Beloved
- Help your children grow in faith and character with engaging children's materials.

Sign up for your free Formed account at: <u>STJOECATHOLIC.FORMED.ORG</u>



Athletic Summer Camps at Lansing Catholic High School

Registration for summer camps is now open! Lansing Catholic High School is hosting nearly 20 camps this summer with at least one offering for each grade level K-12. Register now at

lansingcatholic.org/summercamps or with this QR code.



THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

Congratulations to our newly baptized April 16, 2023



Kendall Marie Sheis, the daughter of Nicholas and Alexandra (Hallenbeck) Theis and

Kent Michael Motz, the son of Anthony D. and MacKenzie (Graff) Motz



Baby Shower Ministry

May is the month of Mary. In honor of our Holy Mother, we will be filling a dresser for babies and their moms to be

donated to the Baby Pantry in St. Johns. The Baby Pantry will accept all baby item donations but especially needs the following:

- Larger diapers (sizes 4 and up)
- Pull ups
- Baby wipes
- Paper products: facial tissue, toilet paper, and paper towers.
- Personal care items

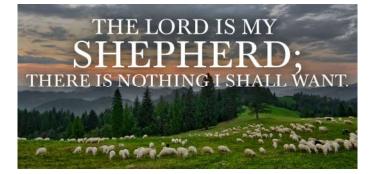
Please place items near the dresser in the new gathering space.

Thank you in advance for your support!

St. Joseph Catholic School

is currently enrolling for the 2023 - 2024 School Year Contact the school at 989-224-2421 for more information







Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. The programs and services funded by DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families, and to parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies. A "Sacrifice of 100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20%

Thanksgiving" is occurring in the Church right now through our contributions to DSA helping to support dozens of ongoing ministries

As of 4/24/2023, 268 families have donated \$102,678.34, which is 97.5% of our goal of \$105,307.00 or 26.6% of our 990 active families. Any pledge over and above our goal will be returned 50% to our parish. If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, I invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal. Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

St. Gerard's Spring Festival May 5 and 6, 2023

Friday night activities include a 7th and 8th grade dance. Euchre tournament and poker tournament. Saturday activities consist of a 5K race. children's games, outdoor games, cake walk, live music, fast food, and entertainment tent. For more information, please see our website:

https://stgerard.org/ spring-festival.org



Tuesday, May 2 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (L) 6:30 p.m. Confessions (C) 7:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, May 3 12:05 p.m. Mass 5:15 p.m. Bible Study (C/D) 6:00 p.m. May Crowning (Religious Ed) (C) 7:00 p.m. Choir practice (C)

Thursday, May 4 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (L)

Friday, May 5 Saturday, May 6 8:30 a.m. Average Joes (L)

Sunday, May 7 3:45 p.m. Spanish Ministry

FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

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If you were raised as a child in the parish:

- And are now over 18 years of age
- And you did not fill out a parish registration form
- You are NOT a registered parishioner!

Why is it important to be registered in the parish:

- We can reach you with important information about the parish and it's ministries
- We have a more accurate idea of the number of parishioners we have in the parish.
- It allows us to seek your input and feedback.
- It allows you to formally support the parish financially, since envelopes will be issued to you for your use.
- We can start a sacramental record for you.
- Finally, registering can also help you have a greater sense of belonging to and ownership of the parish.

Please note:

The **envelopes** you receive when registering **will now play an important role in the**

reception of the sacraments. (i.e. Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage) in the parish. We're asking all parishioners to get into the habit of using your envelopes in the weekly collection. Even if you give online or don't have anything to put in the envelope, please submit an empty envelope. It will help us know how many registered parishioners attend a given Mass and it will also come in handing for determining if a person, presenting themselves for a sacrament, is attending Mass regularly as is required.

You can obtain a registration form from our website at <u>www.stjoecatholic.com</u> under forms or stop in the parish office.



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