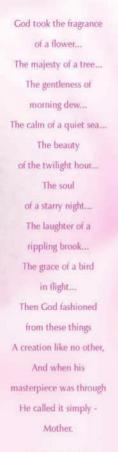
MAY 14, 2023

St. Foseph Catholic Church

**109 Linden Street** Saint Johns, Michigan 48879-1837 (989) 224-8994 Fax: (989) 224-3475 www.stjoecatholic.com stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com



-Herbert Farnham

In Honor of Our Mothers

#### **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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023



## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • May 15 Acts 16:11-15/John 15:26--16:4a No Mass

 Tuesday • May 16

 Act 16:22-34/John 16:5-11

 7:00 p.m. Mass
 Deceased members of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul

 By: Society of St. Vincent DePaul

By: Ruth Henning

By: Linda and family

Wednesday ● May 17 Acts 17:15/John 16:12-15 12:05 p.m. Mass †Brenda Hogan By: John Swanchara

Friday • May 19Acts 18:9-18/John 16:20-238:30 a.m. Mass†Joe KeilenBy: Charlie and Lisa Wieber

Saturday • May 20 Acts 18:23-28/John 16-23b-28 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass People of the Parish

 Sunday ● May 21

 Acts 1:1-11/Ephesians
 1:17-23/Matthew 28:16-20

 8:00 a.m. Mass
 †Fred P. Orson
 By: Kathy Orson

10:00 a.m. Mass *†Ken Weber and Urban and Marie Weber* By: Janet McKeown

12:00 p.m. Mass *†Brian Ritter* 

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish



# The Baccalaureate Mass

Will be celebrated Sunday, May 21, 2023 at the Noon Mass Reception following Mass in the Church Basement.

Seniors: Please be in the church basement by 11:40 a.m., wear your cap and gown.

<u>Please RSVP</u> at the parish office 989-224-8994 or by email stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com

The Rosary is prayed every weekend a half hour before all Masses.



## **Parish office hours**

Monday - Thursday Friday

#### 9:00 a.m. to noon 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. to noon 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



# **Eucharistic Adoration**

"The sovereigns of the earth do not always grant audience readily; on the contrary, the King of Heaven, hidden under the Eucharistic veils, is ready to receive anyone..." St. Alphonsus Liguori

We can stop in to visit the King of Heaven at any time our church is open.

Please call/text Rebecca at 989-292-2072 for more information. Would you like to learn more about the National Eucharist Revival going on right now or to sign up for weekly reflections, videos, and resources? Visit www. Eucharisticrevival.org.

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.

THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## WE ARE ALL

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

#### "To All Moms, "Thanks"

When I look at Mothers Day, I feel quite blessed in saying that not only did I have a great Mom, but I have a wife who is a great mother, in addition to three sisters, two daughters and two daughters-in-law who have been, and are continuing to be, wonderful mothers.

Being a good mother has always been difficult and trying to raise a Christian family in today's antireligion culture is even harder. So I would like to offer a sincere "thankyou to all mothers who give (and gave) their all to bring up children as strong Christians. Faith magazine has a wonderful article this month on "What Catholic motherhood looks like in 2023." Five mothers from around the diocese discuss the joys and trials of raising children in the 21st century.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the

Mother of us all remains an inspiration to them, as she has for innumerable others for over two thousand years. So I offer this letter to our Blessed Mother for all of us:

Dear Blessed Virgin Mary,

I would like to start this letter by wishing you a "Happy Mother's Day" (although I guess when you are in heaven with Jesus, every day is a happy one). When you were walking the earth, there was no special "mother's day." Now, it is an occasion to recognize all the wonderful things mothers do for their families, much of which goes unnoticed.

I've always liked Mother's Day because it made me stop and think of what a great mother I had. She was always a big fan of yours and I guess you've probably met her by now. She's pretty social, and I'm pretty sure she's been up in your neck of the woods for quite a few years now. Anyhow, I'm writing to ask a favor of you. I was wondering if you might pray for all the mothers in the world today. Being a mother nowadays is an extremely difficult job, and I was hoping you might intercede with your son - asking him to give all mothers an extra shot of grace to help them be the best they can be.

I would also like to ask you, Mary, to pray for all those, young and old, who have lost their mothers in the last year. Today will be a sad day for them, even those who are mothers themselves.

And I would ask for a special intercession, Mother Mary, for all the women and girls who sadly chose not to become mothers this year terminating pregnancies before their children were born into this world. I pray that they may seek your son's mercy.

I will share this letter with others and I'm sure many people will join with me in praying a daily rosary in your honor. Together, we say "Happy Mother's Day, and thank you for your 'Yes' to the Lord."

## Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com



# 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!



A special day set aside to thank our mothers for our lives. It is through our moms that God grants us His precious gift of life. As a way to celebrate and thank our mothers, Clinton County Right to Life will have a special bookmark in the pews for moms.

There will also be carnations available after Masses. Clinton County Right to Life uses flower donations to provide education and support our effort to protect the gift of life.



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## **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 <u>www.school.stjoecatholic.com</u>.

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.

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### St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

food availability from suppliers. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Menu is subject to change, based on

#### For the week of May 15 - 19, 2023

Monday:	French toast for the younger kids until we run
	out and pancakes for the older kids,
	syrup, sausage, hash browns, fruit, and milk.
Tuesday:	Ziti, bread sticks, green beans, fruit, and milk.
Wednesday:	Chicken poppers, carrots, strawberry short
	cake, and milk.
Thursday:	Hot dog on a bun, french fries, fresh fruit,
	and milk
Friday:	Cheese pizza, corn, fruit, and milk.
Lunches are \$3.25	Milk \$0.50

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS May 20/21

Altar Servers:	5:00 p.m.	Charleigh F. Averie D.
	8:00 a.m.	Joanne H.
		Audrey D.
	10:00 a.m.	Kara B.
		Bryson S.
	12:00 p.m.	Lauryn S.
		Anna H.

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

	5:00	p.m.	Group 3
	8:00	a.m.	Group 3
	10:00	a.m.	Group 3
	12:00	p.m.	Group 3
Lectors:	5:00	p.m.	Beth S.
	8:00	a.m.	Bob P.
	10:00	a.m.	Tori S.
	12:00	p.m.	Mary Beth E.
Ushers:	5:00	p.m.	Group 5B
	8:00	a.m.	Group 8B
	10:00	a.m.	Group 10D
	12:00	p.m.	Group 12C
Collection Count	ers:	May 15	Group 1
Sanctuary Cleane	rs:	Shari Pun	g & Hannah Spitzley

## **STEWARDSHIP**

#### For the weekend of May 8, 2023

Adults (186) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$24,262.63
(Including online giving)	
Loose Cash:	\$844.41
Total	\$ 25 107 04

#### **Other Gifts Received**

Education Trust Fund:	\$125.00
Building Fund:	\$33.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$ 21.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is \$18,961.08. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

# BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

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#### MOTHER'S DAY (AS IT APPEARED IN THE BULLETIN MAY 14, 1972) OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF WOMAN. CHRISTIAN MOTHER TYPE. CLASS A-1 Brain: Used extensively. Usually filled with penetrating insights, complex scheduling, and poetry. Has unusual ability to focus on many Eye objects at once, responds to bright colors, spring flowers, and morning smiles. used for teaching songs in nursery school Lips: and calling children in for supper, also good for welcoming husband. Shoulder: Comfortable for supporting head of husband, child, or scared puppy. Backbone: stiff enough to support grief-stricken friends, but flexible enough to bend, not break, in family crisis. Knee: used mainly for stooping, to get file for boss, prop baby for feeding, wax floor, excellent base of operations for daily praver. Foot: used almost exclusively for walking: shop ping, leading nature hikes, count-less trips up stairs, Also good for jogging to next task. Hand: adept at arranging teenager's hair, playing pat-a-cake with toddler, expressing love.

Conclusion: God Bless you!



# WE DID IT!!

Thank you to the 297 families who have pledged \$110,969.34 to DSA. This is 105.4% of our \$105,307.00 goal or 30% of our 990 active families.

From this point on, we will receive 50% of all our parishioners pledges. This adds up to several thousand dollars that help us with our budget for everyday expenses.

There is still time to participate and make your pledge before the Diocese wraps up this year's campaign. Either pick up a DSA envelope in the back of church or our parish office, or go on-line at dioceseoflansing.org/appeal. Be sure to select "St Joseph-St. Johns" as your parish affiliation.

# **Vacation Bible School**

and

# Prepare to Take Off!!

When:	June 19-22, 2023.
Who:	Kids ages 4 - 12 years old
where:	St. Joseph Parish/school
Time:	9:30 a.m. to Noon
Cost	\$25.00 and includes a T-Shirt.

# Registration Forms are at the back of church, school, and the parish office





## A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY **IS COMING!**

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 at Church

(weekend Masses)

100%

90% 80%

70% 60% 50% 40%

30%

20%

10%

- June: 3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25.
- July: 1/2, 15/16, 22/23, 29/30

Photo sign up online (weekdays, Mon-Fri only!)

### www.ucdir.com

Church Code: mi1803 Password: photos (Note: case sensitive) on-line opens Monday, June 5

## Photography Dates and Times (in church basement library) August 1-3, 8/9, 17-19 September 12-16

Weekdays: 2:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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## Summer Scripture Days August 22-24, 2023

Saint Peter: His Letters and Life

at Bethany House - DeWitt

Spend three summer days exploring the life and letters of St. Peter. Our featured speaker is Bishop Earl Boyea, who will be speaking on the life of Peter and his First Letter. More facilitators will be announced soon. Mass and sacraments will be celebrated.

Any adult over the age of 18 that is interested in deepening their understanding of St. Peter is welcome to attend. The retreat begins on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and concludes around 1:00 p.m. Thursday after lunch at Bethany House in DeWitt.

For more information go to www.stfrancis.ws or call 517-669-8321



## World Youth Day Fundraiser

St. Mary and MHT young adults are hosting a kayak triathlon to raise funds for their pilgrimage to Portugal for World Youth Day this summer. Please join us on June 17th in Lowell, MI to volunteer or race. Two divisions/distances of kayaking, biking, and running are being offered as well as the option of gathering a team to compete as a relay! All experiences are welcome and kayak rentals are available on a first-come-firstserve basis. For more information and to sign up, volunteer, or donate to this cause, see our official race page at https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Lowell/ RiverTrailTriathlon or scan the QR code!

Sign up deadline is May 31 for included t-shirt. If any local business owners are interested in

sponsoring this event, please reach out to rivertrailtri@gmail.com for sponsorship tiers and benefits.



# FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

## A Message from Fr. Mike:

I have some questions for you.

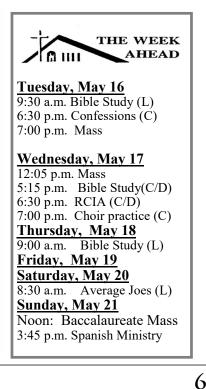
- How many of my family members are in the hospital or nursing home?
- What nursing homes and hospital are they in?
- What are their illnesses and conditions?
- Which of these family members would like their pastor to visit them?

Just like you have no idea what the answer are because I cannot possibly know these things about your family members-unless you tell me. If you or a member of your family is homebound and in need of communion or anointing of the sick, **please call the parish office** and let us know. That is most likely the only way I will ever know your loved one has a need we can help meet.



We are currently looking for ways to strengthen our connection with parishioners who are no longer able to attend Mass due to health reasons. One such way is to send to them, via postal mail, our bulletin and any other information about what is happening in our parish. If you know of a parishioner who is no longer able to get to Mass and other sacraments, please let us know by calling the parish office.





### MAY 14, 2023

# Saint Francis Retreat Center

#### **HOUSEKEEPING AND KITCHEN**

We have several openings for both housekeepers and kitchen staff/servers. These part-time paid positions offer flexible hours and the ability to work in an authentically Catholic environment with the mission of providing opportunities for guests to encounter our risen Lord. Ideal for anyone from High School to retirement.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We're looking for two volunteers that like tractors and want to get out in the sun this summer. Our nearly 100 rolling acres need a lot of care and some of our volunteer groundskeepers/mowers are unable to return this summer. We have spots for 2 volunteers that would like to help us mow one day a week to keep our grounds beautiful. We have the tractors if you have the time.

Please contact our Main Office at 517.669.8321 for more details.



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