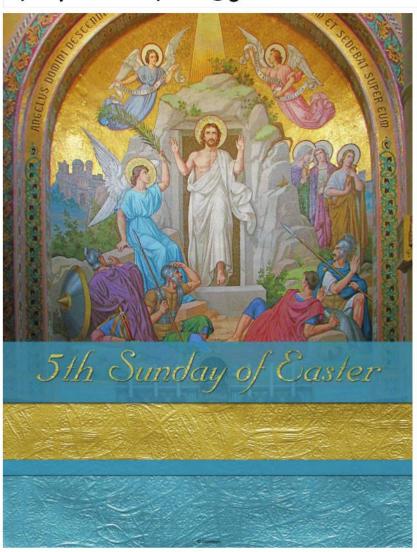
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Fr. Michael Williams Deacon Marv Robertson (retired) Deacon Jerry Fust Deacon Eric Elstro

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Music • Jeff Richards

Parish Life

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Family Ministries

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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



THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Acts 14:5-18/John 14:21-26

No Mass

Tuesday ● May 9

Act 14:19-28/John 14:27-31a

7:00 p.m. Mass †Bob Sherman By: Charlie and Lisa Wieber

Wednesday ● May 10

Acts 15:1-6/John 15:1-8

12:05 p.m. Mass †Tony and Theresa Wieber

By: Rick and Connie Wieber

Thursday ● May 11

Acts 15:7-21/John 15:9-11

†Rev. James Richard Shaver 8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday ● May 12

Acts 15:22-31/John 15:12-17

8:30 a.m. Mass †John and Ruth Hall

By: Rick and Connie Wieber

Saturday ● May 13

Acts 16:1-10/John 15:18-21

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Mass

Sunday ● May 14 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Peter 3:15-18/John 14:15-21

†Art Halfmann

8:00 a.m. Mass †Germaine (Theis) Pohl

By: Chris and Shelley Wells

12:00 p.m. Mass †Marvin and Rita Harr

By: Family

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

For the Holy souls of purgatory

By: Eric, Monica and Camilla Hufnagel

By: Monica Klaver and family

Will burn from May 7 to May 13, 2023 In memory of

Clarence and Foan Mikolajczak

The Sanctuary Lamp



McKenzie Koenigsknecht & Benjamín Feldpausch

Parish office hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to noon 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



The Rosary is prayed every Saturday afternoon a half an hour before the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday and every Sunday morning before the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and Noon Masses



Eucharistic Adoration

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration." St. Teresa of Calcutta

Are you interested in making a monthly Holy Hour on First Friday? 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

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, 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)

"The Way, the Truth & the Life" vs "Nefarious"

Today's gospel from John uses different terminology, but it gives us the same message that we received last week - the path to heaven goes through Jesus. Last week, Jesus described himself as the Good Shepherd, the gate to the sheepfold. Today, he tells us that he is "the Way, the Truth and the Life" through whom we can find eternal rest, described as "a place I have prepared for you" and "in my Father's house."

But we also know the journey is not an easy one because there is a powerful entity that is trying to stop us from entering into the divine sheepfold or in following "the Way." This entity is known by numerous titles: the evil one, the devil, Satan, demon and so on. In a recentlyreleased movie he is known as Nefarious, which is also the name of the film. In the movie, Nefarious is a demon controlling a man on death row who confronts an atheistic psychiatrist who must determine whether the convicted killer is sane enough to be sent to the Electric Chair.

In a style reminiscent of the C. S. Lewis classic book The Screwtape Letters, we get an insight into the demon's universal plan to slowly work his way into the psyche of all people, slowly turning us away from God and toward evil. Without going into too much description of the movie, which I highly recommend, I will mention that its promoters are calling it a horror movie, perhaps to draw in a younger audience. It really is much more a psychological or psycho-spiritual thriller. The demon Nefarious is scary more along the lines of Norman Bates or Hannibal Lector than Freddy Kruger or any of the "chop 'em up" killers associated with typical teen-oriented horror movies.

His message should scare all of

I think it's worth noting that the Rotten Tomato critics are only giving Nefarious a 33 out of 100 rating, while viewers are giving it 97 out of 100. Those who are paying for their tickets are highly recommending it.

Last week, I focused on joy and the fact that it lies at our inner core, allowing us to be joyful even when events in our lives are making us unhappy. That's because we are following the Good Shepherd aka the Way, the Truth and the Life. But it's also important for all us to remember that there is evil in our world, as this movie points out. Our kids and grandkids need to know it is an active force trying to divert us away from "the Way," down a path to spiritual ruin. So let's stay joyful, but remain ever-alert.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

From Fr. Mike:

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 All ladies of the parish are invited to our monthly is no longer able to get to Mass and other sacraments, please let us know by calling the parish office.





St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary

Monthly Meeting May 8, 2023 6:30 p.m **Columbian Hall**

meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 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 principal@stjoecatholicschool.org. 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 8 - MAY 12, 2023

Monday: Taco salad in an edible bowl, yogurt, fruit,

and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy,

corn, applesauce, and milk

Wednesday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Hamburger on a bun with cheese, fried chips,

fresh fruit, and milk

Friday: Macaroni and cheese, pretzel, green beans,

fresh fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 13/14

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Icnacio O.

Lizzy M.

8:00 a.m. Nolan C.

Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Cassie S.

Maggie K.

12:00 p.m. Marie W.

Volunteer

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. Diane A.

8:00 a.m. Rich H. 10:00 a.m. Steve M. 12:00 p.m. Linda S.

Ushers: 5:00 p.m. Group 5A

8:00 a.m. Group 8A 10:00 a.m. Group 10C

12:00 p.m. Group 12B

Collection Counters: May 10 Group 4

Sanctuary Cleaners: Mary Beth Elstro & Deb Szpont

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of May 1, 2023

Adults (193) Envelopes/Gifts:\$15,045.33 (Including online giving)

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$737.00
Building Fund: \$565.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$130.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is \$18,821.40. 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.



Please Welcome Dean Sharick

who has entered into full communion with the Holy Catholic Church on Tuesday, April 25, receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist.

What is the Prayer Tree?



The Prayer Tree is an organized group of individuals who pray for our parish family. Prayer requests are confidential and are not shared with anyone outside of the prayer tree members. Parishioners can add their prayer requests for themselves, family members, or friends by contacting the Parish Office at 989-224-8994. The prayer request will be passed on to the prayer tree participants within one business day.



St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary

Hosts
Women of Hope Day
Retreat
On October 7, 2023
At the
St. Francis Retreat Center
More details to follow.



Congrats to all of the families with children who celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend!

Layne Aldrich
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Axel Denovich
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Brantlee Drabek
Cash Feldpausch
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Liam Kuchuk Kaden Longoría Emma Miller

Willow Rademacher

Jackson Randolph

Carlos Carvajal Rubio

Naomi Carvajal Rubio Emalee Sanchez

Christopher Sanchez

Gracelyn Schafer

Lucas Schafer

Kaynin Schmitt

Paisley Spitzley

Owen Thalison

Vera Thelen

Nicholas Blaise Vollman

Macy Weismiller

Thank you to the teachers/catechists who helped prepare and pass on the faith to the children; Mrs. Nancy Goerge, Ms. Jessica MacDonald, and Mrs. Jen Brewbaker.

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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!

Next weekend is Mother's Day

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. CCRTL uses flower donations to provide education and support our effort to protect the gift of life.

Caregiver Retreat

Lansing Community College ~ West Campus
5708 Cornerstone Dr., Lansing
Key note speaker Jolene Brackey,
Creating Moments of Joy

Join us for the 16th Annual Lansing Caregiver Retreat. This is an opportunity to reset and recharge while learning healthy ways to cope with the stress of caring for others, and identify how to take care of you!

This free even includes: Breakfast, and lunch, Panel discussion with Local Experts, Massages, Reiki, Manicures and Day Look, Virtual Dementia Tour, Door prizes, retail therapy, sponsors in healthcare, Elder law, Home based services and more.

Register by May 8th by email:

 $Care {\it giver Retreat} @ {\it outlook.com}, send a Facebook message to \\ Lansing Care {\it giver Retreat} or call (989) 640-0002$



Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. This week we have reached our goal, one-half of all additional contributions received will be returned to our local parish for our use. If you have not yet made a a pledge, please consider supporting our appeal with a gift that will benefit the work of Christ in our parish and through the wider church. You may submit your gift online at the www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal or with a DSA pledge envelope to the parish office.

As of 5/1/2023, 292 families have donated \$105,569.34, which is 100.2% of our goal of \$105,307.00 or 29.5% of our 990 active families. *Any pledge over and above our goal will be returned 50% to our parish.*

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St. Joseph Catholic School

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The Food Box

The Food Box donations help families in our community through the Emergency Food Assistance Program at Capital Area Community Services (CACS). Donations can be placed in the wooden box in the back of church, at the top of the stairs by the office.

A thought: If each family brought just one item for the Food Box each Sunday, we could fill that wooden box every week.





Tuesday, May 9

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

Wednesday, May 10

12:05 p.m. Mass 5:15 p.m. Bible Study (C/D) 7:00 p.m. Choir practice (C)

Thursday, May 11 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (L)

Friday, May 12

Saturday, May 13

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

Sunday, May 14

3:45 p.m. Spanish Ministry

FOURTH ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY AT THE STATE CAPITOL

You are invited to join the 4th Annual monthly Rosary Rally Campaign at our Lansing State Capitol. This has been organized by a group of Catholics committed to praying publicly for our state and nation on the 13th of each month, May through October, the dates of Our Lady's Fatima Apparitions. Please join us on **Saturday, May 13, at 3:00 p.m.** in front of the steps at the Michigan State Capitol building in Lansing where we will be led in prayer for our state and nation. It will last about an hour.

A public square rosary rally is a time to give witness to people of all races and beliefs, keep polarizing politics out, and focus o prayer to unite our nation. If you are interested in helping with this campaign or hav any questions, please reach out to Sandra Sherwood at eisherwood@charter.net.



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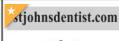
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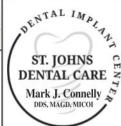
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