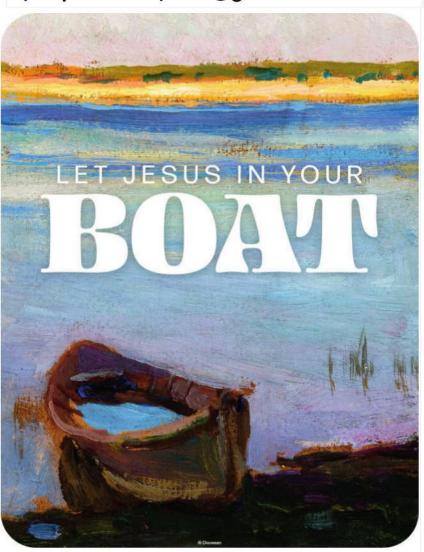
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St. Joseph is a place of refreshment, peace and love, a place of ministry and renewal. We welcome you to be part of our faith community where the Word of God is proclaimed, friendship is offered and the Sacraments are celebrated.

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 Christian Initiation of Adults • Amanda Grigar

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



THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday ● July 17

Exodus 1:8-14, 22/Matthew 10:34--11:1

No Mass

Tuesday ● July 18

Exodus 2:1-15a/Matthew 11:20-24

7:00 p.m. Mass †James R. LeVeque

By: Knights of Columbus

Wednesday ● July 19

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12/Matthew 11:25-27

12:05 p.m. Mass Living and deceased members of the Orson and

Smith Families By: Kathy Orson

Thursday ● July 20

Exodus 3:13-20/Matthew 11:28-30

8:30 a.m. Mass †Ann Green By: Lisa and Charlie Wieber

Friday ● July 21

Exodus 11:10--12:14/Matthew 12:1-8

8:30 a.m. Mass †Deceased members of the Arnold and Irmina

Thelen Family By: Verena DeBoer

Saturday ● July 22

Songs of Solomon 3:1-4b or Corinthians 5:14-17/John 20:1-2, 11-18

5:00 p.m. Mass Special Intention By: Kathy Orson

Sunday ● July 23

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19/Romans 8:26-27/Matthew 13:24-43

8:00 a.m. Mass †Brian Ritter By: Family

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

12:00 p.m. Mass Luttig and Rigg Family

By: Family

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

The Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn from July 16 to July 22, 2023 In memory of

Clarence & Foan Mikolajczak

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of

Fosephine Rogers

Parish office hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 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.

Friday

The Path of Divine Hope Grief Ministry invites you to join us in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 5:00 p.m. Mass July 29, 2023, for those who are passing away and who have passed away this month.

We hope that you can join us."

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

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 Brenda Higgins Judy Kissane Korine

Mary

Matthew
Myah
Noah
Danielle P.
Patricia
Jenny Pytlowanyj
Jerry Schafer
Joany Schrauben
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)

Hitting the Ground Running

Sometimes we can ease back into routine following a vacation and sometimes we have to hit the ground running, like we've never left. This year it was the latter. Our trip ended on Tuesday after 12 days on the road and about 24 hundred miles added on to our car's odometer. Wednesday it was a couple of home visits with the Eucharist and a meeting with Fr. John at Most Holy Trinity and the start of Sunday homily prep. Thursday and Friday had similar obligations. I'm not looking for pity. I am well aware that my church obligations pale in comparison to Fr. Mike and all other pastors, but I was kind of planning to ease out of vacation mode into everyday mode. "Que sera sera."

In reality, I would much rather have something to do, than not have anything to do. And I truly enjoy my deacon responsibilities. I tell everyone who's considering retirement to keep working unless they have a plan to keep active somehow. I've known too many people who've retired without a plan just fade away into boredom, withdrawing from life.

God has given us abilities for our entire lives, not just our working lives. There are numerous organizations, including St. Joe's, who can use retirees with professional skills, whether physical or cerebral in nature. Maybe you just like to help people. The St. Vincent dePaul store has just expanded and as such, has more space to cover, more product to price and sort and consequently, needs more people. The only skill needed is a willingness to volunteer. Same thing for organizations such as Meals for Wheels. Service organization membership is down just about everywhere. Help is needed across the board. Stay active.

VACATION NOTES: In the Good News - Bad News Department, it was mostly good news. We saw three of our five children, eight of our 13 grandchildren, visited my 84-year old brother, whose travel is very limited nowadays, two nephews, a niece and two great nieces. The highlights during family time were baptizing my granddaughter Alora and celebrating my daughter's 40th birthday.

Outside of family time, the highlight was attending Mass in the new cathedral of the Diocese of Knoxville, Tennessee. I highly recommend a visit to the cathedral if you are ever in the area. It has some of the great quality and character of the wonderful European basilicas and cathedrals built hundreds of years ago. Yet it somehow retained a warm and inviting feel. Knoxville was only named a diocese in 1988 and had been using an existing church as its cathedral until the parish council decided that due to a great increase in the number of Catholics in the new diocese, a new cathedral needed to be built. The new building was completed in 2018.

The "bad news" was the report we received from here in Clinton County that the pro-life banner which we portray here at St. Joe's each October had been destroyed while in front of another church. Please pray for those who did this, that the Lord soften their hard hearts. Let's remember them all in our prayers this week.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

On another note: Stop by the church's gathering space this weekend (July 15/16) to pick up some information about the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan's bible study series starting up this fall. More bulletin information coming next month.

Do you have a beautiful baby in your life?

Why not enter him or her in the annual Mint Festival Baby Contest being held in the Clinton County Right to Life Booth at the Mint Festival? To enter, submit a photo of your baby with an entry fee of \$5.00. The baby should be two years of age or younger and the photo no larg-



er than 5 x 7. Voting for the babies is done at the booth by making a donation of \$1.00 per vote. The top three vote getters will receive gift certificates and all babies entered do receive a prize. Winners will be announced at 4:00 pm Sunday, Aug. 12th.

For an entry form or more information, please contact Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088.

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary

will be hosting
Women of Hope
Day Retreat
Theme:
Faith, Not fear...or Worry

St. Francis Retreat Center DeWitt, MI

October 7, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic School – St. Johns, MI. 2nd Grade Teaching position

St. Joseph Catholic School in St. Johns, MI is accepting applications for a full time Second Grade teaching position. Candidates must hold a valid state of Michigan teaching certificate, with an Elementary Education endorsement for the 2023-2024 school year. The candidate will also be attending Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) 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.



Do you have questions about St. Joseph Catholic School or are interested in registering this 2023/24 school year?

Please contact Chris wells at princpal@stjoecatholicschool.org.

Part-Time Food Service St. Joseph School

St. Joseph Catholic School is accepting applications for a part-time food service position. This position has the potential to increase to full-time employment. The applicant will work along with the food service supervisor in the areas of ordering supplies, bookkeeping, and preparing school lunch. This position will be 2 days per week for the 2023-2024 school year.

Interested persons please contact Chris Wells, principal@stjoecatholicschool.org or Ann Parker, mrsparkerstjoecatholic@gmail.com for further details.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

July 22/23

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Charleigh F.

Averie D.

8:00 a.m. Joanne H.

Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Marie W.

Nolan C.

12:00 p.m. Cassie S.

Nolan P.

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. Diane A.

8:00 a.m. Kathleen W. 10:00 a.m. Rose R. 12:00 p.m. Linda S.

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

8:00 a.m. Group 8A 10:00 a.m. Group 10A 12:00 p.m. Group 12C

Collection Counters: July 17 Group 2

Sanctuary Cleaners: Pat Snyder and Mary Harr

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of July 10, 2023

Adults (239) Envelopes/Gifts:\$21,325.87 (Including online giving)
Loose Cash:\$593.00
Total:\$21,918.87

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$71.00

Building Fund: \$127.00

Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$102.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is \$16,373.55. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

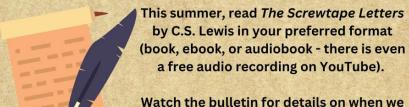


If you or a loved one ends up in a Hospital in Lansing and needs the Anointing of the Sick, please let your attending nurse know. For a number of years our parish has joined the Lansing parishes in providing funding for a chaplain (lay person) and a priest to be on call 24/7 for Sparrow and McClaren Hospitals in Lansing. Just let your nurse know you would like the Anointing of the Sick and he/she will contact the chaplain who will in turn contact a priest 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. Joseph Parish Summer Book Club

The Screwtape Letters

In this humorous and perceptive exchange between two devils, C. S. Lewis delves into moral questions about good vs. evil, temptation, repentance, and grace. Through this wonderful tale, the reader emerges with a better understanding of what it means to live a faithful life.



atch the bulletin for details on when we will meet to discuss the book in September.



The Rosary is prayed every Saturday afternoon 1/2 hour before Mass at the 5 p.m. Mass. Sunday morning 1/2 hour before Mass at the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and Noon Masses

THE NEW PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY SIGN UP IS UNDERWAY

Church sign-ups for Photo Session are available after ALL weekend Masses.

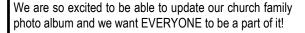
You may also sign up online, Weekdays (Mon-Fri ONLY)
Visit ucdir.com

Click on the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" link, use the church code: mi1803

Password Code: photos (case sensitive).

OR This **QR code** will take you directly to the online portrait scheduling login page.

If you have questions, contact the parish office.



- Every family photographed by Universal Church Directories will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 and a Parish Pictorial Directory
- ♦ Plan for 45-60 minutes at Photo Session: registration, photos, viewing, and selection.

volunteer opportunity!

If you can spare a few hours of your time, WE WANT YOU!!

We will need folks (couples would be nice) to be a Host/Hostess at the Church Pictorial Directory photo sessions. Our directory will be a wonderful tool to meet others in our faith community, and you can be a part of helping make it happen!

Sign up One *or Two* volunteers per shift; two would be most helpful. NOTE: Couples are encouraged to sign up together; and what a great way to meet other parishioners!

HOST/GREETER INSTRUCTIONS will be available at Photography Registration Table in addition to being shared prior to your volunteer date.

--> You may sign up to **volunteer** after all Masses or Online at this link (enter into the address bar of your browser)

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f48afab22aafd0-volunteer#/

Your time is valued and appreciated.

Thank you!

Pictorial Directory Committee

Traveling this summer?

MassTimes.org provides worship times, locations, contact info, websites and maps of over 117,000 churches in 201 countries and territories.

Why be registered?

If you seeking a sacrament for yourself or your child, or have been asked to be a Godparent or sponsor for a Confirmation Candidate, please make sure you are first an active, participating member of the parish. That means that you are formally registered and participating in 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 way I can possibly know how often, or even if, a person is attending Mass otherwise. Extra envelopes are 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, 1st 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 to the parish office will not be considered participation at Mass.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Blessings - Fr. Mike

From Fr. Mike:

The Importance of Mass

If I've been away from Mass for a long time, or even once, can't I just start over, and begin going to Mass again and start receiving Holy Communion?

Start coming to Mass right away, but as in the case of any other mortal sin, ask God's forgiveness immediately, but you must have all your mortal sins forgiven in the sacrament of Penance before you resume receiving Holy Communion again. Pope John Paul II wrote in Dominicae cenae, 24 February 1980, "But we must always take care that this great meeting with Christ in the Eucharist does not become a mere habit, and that we do not receive Him unworthily, that is to say, in the state of mortal sin. The practice of the virtue of penance and the Sacrament of Penance are essential for sustaining in us and continually deepening that spirit of veneration which man owes to God Himself, and to His love so marvelously revealed."





Learn more about the conference and register now at **MichiganCWC.org.**

Tickets are \$72.50 for regular admission. Seniors (62+) and students are \$65.

T-shirts are only available for purchase during registration. If you'd like a T-shirt, be sure to order when you register.

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" are now available on DVD and Blu-Ray (you must have a Blu-ray player for the third season only).

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

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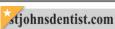
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