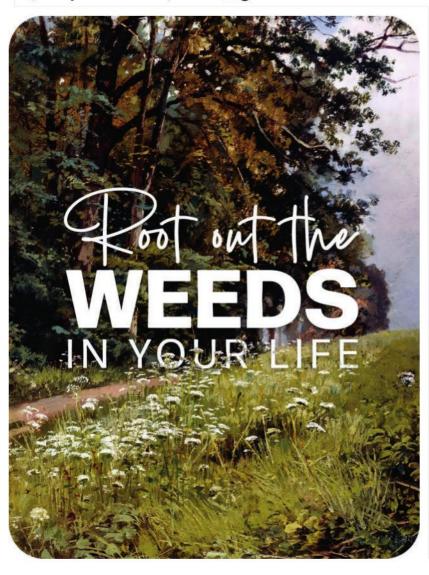
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Regular Mass Schedule

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

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday ● July 24

Exodus 14:5-18/Matthew 12:38-42

No Mass

Tuesday ● July 25

2 Corinthians 4:7-15/Matthew 20:20-28

No Mass

Wednesday ● July 26

Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15/Matthew 13:1-9

No Mass

Thursday ● July 27

Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Matthew 13:10-17

No Mass

Friday ● July 28

Exodus 20:1-17/Matthew 13:18-23

No Mass

Saturday ● July 29

Exodus 24:3-8/John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

5:00 p.m. Mass †Carol Burns

By: Diane Burns and Family

Sunday ● July 30

10:00 a.m. Mass

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12/Romans 8:28-30/Matthew 13:44-52 or Matthew 13:44-46 8:00 a.m. Mass

†Sister Donna Marie Koenigsknecht By: The Koenigsknecht Family

By: Family

†Marie Thelen

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

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Looking Ahead

There will be no Masses or Confessions

July 24 through July 28

July 31 through August 4 There will be confessions heard on Saturday

July 29 and August 5 at 4:00 p.m.



Diving Mercy Chaplet

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.



Eucharistic Adoration

"Eucharistic adoration is the greatest power in the universe, capable of transforming us and changing the face of the world."

Saint Maximillian Kolbe

Are you ready to be transformed? Join our Adoration Team as a regular monthly adorer or as a sub. We are in need of a second monthly adorer a t these times: First Friday: 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Saturday (following First Friday): 1:00 a.m. Call/text Rebecca at 989-292-2072 with guestions or if you are interested.

Pray For Peace

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 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)

A Couple More Thoughts

I've got some additional thoughts and information to support Fr. Mike's great homily from last weekend. First of all, I would like to follow up on his comments in relation to the pro-life sign that was destroyed along M-21 between St. Johns and Ovid. I don't know exactly how many of those signs were destroyed, but I know of at least three, in addition to the Clinton County Right to Life banner I mentioned last week which was also ruined.

Reflecting on last Sunday's gospel of the Sower and the Seed, I wonder what type of soil the perpetrators of the vandalism possessed, the soil of the path or rocky ground in which God's word never took root, or that in which it received God's word and was choked off by thorns before bearing fruit. Will this stop other churches from displaying pro-life, pro baby signs? Is putting up more signs just going to invite more vandalism? Or do we continue to publicly promote life and pray that

there will be no more destructive acts? We'll see, but this is a time when we can answer Jesus' call for us to "love our enemies?" Let's heed that call.

In a similar vein, Fr. Mike talked about the movie "Sound of Freedom", which some news outlets are calling controversial. The fact is that it is astounding a great number of critics who predicted mediocre success, because people who are going to see it don't see it as controversial. They see it as a darn good movie. It was actually finished in 2018, but the studio which originally owned the rights, Fox, was reluctant to release it. Then the Disney Corporation bought Fox and thus the rights to the movie, and it also refused to release it.

The rights were purchased this year by Angel Studios, best known for quality Christian movies and series such as "The Chosen". Through two weekends, it grossed 85 million dollars. It was second nationally last weekend only to Tom Cruise's "Mission Impossible" film. In fact, "Sound of Freedom" became the first film in American film history to pass a specific jump in gross.

Newsweek magazine says this about the increase in box office numbers:

"There have only been 10 widerelease movies in box office history that have had a second-weekend increase greater than 35 percent over their opening weekend. All of them achieved this milestone during Christmas.

I am not an accountant (nor do I play one on TV) but I do know that numbers don't always tell the whole story. The following, however, says a lot about this movie: a rating measurement called Rotten Apples which tabulates critics' views on new movies, gives Sound of Freedom a 75 out of 100 rating. The service also gives a rating of viewers and in this case gives the movie a perfect 100 out of 100 score. There's no right-wing conspiracy in those numbers. This means the movie which has now shown a profit of 70 million dollars over its 14 million dollar budget is getting great word of mouth. This scenario brings to mind a line from an old Life cereal commercial:

"Hey, Mikey, he likes it."

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

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

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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 29/30

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Volunteers

Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Audrey D.

Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Brayden C.

Anna H.

12:00 p.m. Lyndie R.

Elijah S.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

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Lectors: 5:00 p.m. Beth S.

8:00 a.m. Lu Anne C. 10:00 a.m. Karen D.

12:00 p.m. Mary Beth E.

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

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Collection Counters: July 24 Group 3

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STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of July 17, 2023

Adults (206) Envelopes/Gifts:\$13,852.23 (Including online giving)

Loose Cash:\$622.75

Total:\$14,474.98

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$66.00
Building Fund: \$2,125.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$101.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is \$15,740.69. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

THE NEW PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY SIGN UP IS UNDERWAY

Church sign-ups for Photo Session will be available after Mass July 22/23 and July 29/30

You may also sign up online, Weekdays (Mon-Fri ONLY) through the end of July.

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.

We are so excited to be able to update our church family photo album and we want EVERYONE to be a part of it!

- 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!!

- DATES: AUG 1-3; AUG 8-9; AUG 17-19; SEP 12-16
- In Church Basement, Library, use Ramp Entrance
- Sign up One *or* Two volunteers per shift; couples are encouraged to sign up together. What a great way to meet other parishioners!
- HOST INSTRUCTIONS will be available at Registration Table as well as sent via email 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

The Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn from July 23 to July 29, 2023 In memory of

Brian Ritter



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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.



This summer, read *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis in your preferred format (book, ebook, or audiobook - there is even a free audio recording on YouTube).

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



Matias Adriel Gonzalez-Aparicio

was Baptized on



Sunday, July 16, 2023

He is the son of

Manuel A. Gonzalez-Chicatto

and

Ana Karen Aparicio-Del Valle



Surviving Divorce Sessions

St. Mary's Parish is pleased to announce that we will be offering Surviving Divorce sessions which bring hope and healing to anyone who has experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage.

Surviving Divorce will help you work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce, gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences. The program will help you to navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances.

This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help you to discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you, find answers to your questions, restore your hope, and begin authentic healing.

Surviving Divorce will be held every Monday starting September 11, 2023 to December 11, 2023 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Library at St. Mary, Westphalia (No meeting on November 20 for Thanksgiving).

The program fee is \$20 to cover the cost of the Personal Guide.

To register please go to https://goo.gl/forms/kITjVnkMxEv0mtAl3 or contact St. Mary's Parish at 989-587-4211 by September 8, 2023.

From Fr. Mike:

The Importance of Mass

If I can't receive Communion because I have not been to Confession, or am living in a manner that I know the Church teaches is mortally sinful, do I still have to attend Mass?

Yes. The obligation still applies even if you may not receive Holy Communion. Besides, at Mass we are in place to hear God's word proclaimed, and to receive the graces of conversion that the Holy Spirit bestows in the community worship. The celebration of the Mass is important for all because we are in the community of the Church where we are loved, and where great spiritual things happen. If we stay away, we make I impossible for these things to happen. Maybe that's where God wants us so that He can communicate a special grace for conversion to us.



Grief Support Workshop 2023

Co-hosted by St. Joseph Church and the Catholic Community of St. Jude

October 6, 2023 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. *Saturday, October 7, 2023 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Catholic Community of St. Jude 801 N Bridge Street, DeWitt

Grieving with Great HOPE is a weekend grief support workshop that offers a prayerful, practical, and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend.

Presenters include Deacon Elstro, and John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from *Good Mourning Ministry*, a local Catholic bereavement apostolate.

For registration form and details visit: www.goodmourningministry.net or call Jackie at 517-449-2928. Seating is limited. Registration is \$10.

Please register by September 13, 2023

*with light breakfast options available at 9:30 a.m. and lunch.

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



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.

The prayer list published in the bulletin is not the same as the Prayer

To add an immediate family member to the bulletin prayer list call the office 989-224-8994.

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