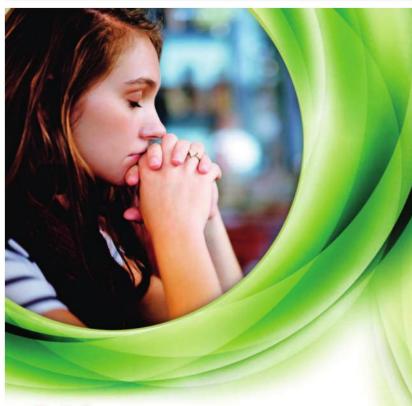
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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

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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.

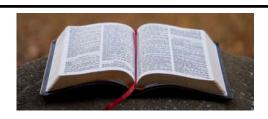
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THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday ● July 10

Genesis 28:10-22a/Matthew 9:18-26

No Mass

Tuesday ● July 11

Genesis 32:23-33/Matthew 9:32-38

7:00 p.m. Mass †Margaret Mary Klein

By: Dan and Margaret Jorae

Wednesday ● July 12

Genesis 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Matthew 10:1-7

12:05 p.m. Mass †Herb, Marian, and Roy Armbrustmacher

Bv: Family

Thursday ● July 13

Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5/Matthew 10:7-15

8:30 a.m. Mass †Cheryl Rogers By: Brian and Deb Szpont

Friday • July 14

Genesis 46:-1-7. 28-30/Matthew 10:16-23

8:30 a.m. Mass †Tom and Nancy Hufnagel

By: Brian and Deb Szpont

Saturday • July 15

Genesis 49:29-32, 50:15-26a/Matthew 9:24-33 5:00 p.m. Mass †Lorraine Davis By: Chris By: Chris and Brenda DeLiso

Sunday ● July 16

Isaiah 55:10-11/Romans 8:18-23/Matthew 13:1-23

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Mass †Justin Fox By: Family

12:00 p.m. Mass †Margarita Alor

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

In Honor of Matias Adriel Gonzales-Aparicio



Please join us Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. On the steps of St. Joseph Church as we pray the rosary. We will pray one decade of the Rosary and focus on prayer to

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Our Diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering. Please use the white Peter Pence envelope found in your bi-monthly envelope packets.



The Sanctuary Lamp Will burn from July 9 to July 15, 2023 In memory of

Kathleen Reynolds

Parish office hours

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

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

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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 please call: 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)

When the Saints Come Marchin' In...



When I was 12 years old, the last of my three sisters got married. The Mass was in the morning and the reception was in the afternoon, so then some relatives and close friends came back to our house to continue to celebrate the marriage. At some point, the group decided to start singing -- not necessarily because they were such great singers, but because -- well, you know why.

Anyhow, I don't remember any of the other songs the group sang, but they did start singing the classic Louie Armstrong song "When the Saints Come Marchin' In." It is a peppy tune, but more associated with New Orleans funerals, than with weddings. Though I was only 12, I knew people couldn't sing a song about marching while standing still. My family at some point started marching right out the front door and down the street and around the block. Fortunately, there was no such thing as neighborhood associations in 1960's Detroit because it was

well after dark and the group could be heard the whole time they were marching.

For those unfamiliar with the song, its lyrics are about saints marching into heaven. I can neither confirm nor deny that those who were singing that day marched into heaven when their time came. I pray that all the deceased singers are now with the Lord, whether they marched or crawled into the promised land. Actually, this memory was just supposed to be an introduction to today's topic, but it's taken up more than half of my column space. Oh well.

The topic is all the saints that are on the Church's General Roman Calendar this week. Marching their way into the Masses of the week are: St. Benedict, St. Henry, St. Kateri Tekakwitha and St. Bonaventure.

St. Benedict is a very well-known saint of the fifth and sixth centuries, who in essence created the framework around which most monastic orders are formed. He became so disgusted with the immorality of Rome that he went off and began a life as a hermit. Many of his disciples followed him and so established deaneries of ten monks apiece. Benedict established a set of guidelines that Benedictines still fol-

low today called simply "The Rule." These guidelines emphasized authority, obedience, stability and community life.

From "The Rule" to a ruler. St. Henry was a Holy Roman Emperor in the early 11th century. Though he is the only saint of the four remembered this week whose feast is not considered "Major" by the Church, I note him here because Henry was my father's name and as a Louie Armstrong fan, he was in the march I outlined above - probably among the leaders.

Next we remember St. Kateri
Tekakwitha, the first canonized Native American. St. Kateri's statue is one of several new ones at. St. Joe's.
And finally, let's remember St. Bonaventure, one of the greatest theologians in Church history and one of only 37 Doctors of the Church -- a title given to saints who advance understanding of Church doctrine and dogma. He expanded on much of St. Augustine's work.

Let's remember them all in our prayers this week.



Deacon Eric deacon-eric@hotmail.com



Summer Scripture Days August 22-24, 2023

St. Peter: His letters and Life

Spend three summer days exploring the life and letters of St. Peter with our featured speaker, **Bishop Earl Boyea!**

Any adult over the age of 18 that is interested in deepening their understanding of St. Peter is welcome to attend.

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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 15/16

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

Audrey D.

8:00 a.m. Kara B.

Nolan C.

10:00 a.m. Mara T.

Ellis T.

12:00 p.m. Lauryn S.

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. Ann P.

8:00 a.m. Dean H. 10:00 a.m. Joe T.

12:00 p.m. Mary E.

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

8:00 a.m. Group 8E 10:00 a.m. Group 10D 12:00 p.m. Group 12B

Collection Counters: July 3 Group 10

Sanctuary Cleaners: Sue Fox

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of July 3, 2023

Adults (175) Envelopes/Gifts: \$10,486.23 (Including online giving)

Loose Cash: \$342.00

Total: \$10,828.23

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$193.00
Building Fund: \$609.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$45.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022 is \$10,828.23 If e continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

THE NEW PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY SIGN UP IS UNDERWAY

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

Please note there will be NO sign up July 8/9 weekend

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.

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.

Our church pictorial directory will not be complete without you.

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





2023 Vacation Bible School group photo.

The children had a great week learning about prayer, saints, making crafts, playing fun games and learning few new dance moves. What a great way to start the summer! See you next year!

Large-Print Living Faith Daily Devotionals

A parishioner recently donated about 10 large print Living Faith daily devotionals. Please stop into the parish office to get your copy. Enjoy!



Most Holy Trinity Parish Festival 4 on 4 Parish Volleyball

The 2023 MHT Parish 4-on-4 co-ed tournament with a competitive and recreational division will be Saturday, July 29th, behind the Waldron Middle School in Fowler. The cost is \$80 per team, with the first game starting at 8:00 AM, but teams should arrive at least 15 - 30 minutes early for registration. The entry deadline is Wednesday, July 26th. To enter your team, go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSe3nWXhumoc7ZdONR6MeNjH8z8dh1dDambpKjHC yKRVzapxw/viewform? usp=sflink or contact Mike and Rebecca at feldpauschmr@hotmail.com.

Just engaged? Congratulations!



Any engaged couple who would like to complete the sacrament of marriage at St. Joseph Church should meet with Fr. Mike nine months before the proposed wedding date. Please pick up a white folder titled "Holy Matrimony" located on the brochure rack in the new gathering space. Once you have completed the first steps, place call the parish office to schedule a meeting with Fr. Mike.

Traveling this summer?

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



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Psalms 50:14-15

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Husband's, dad's, brother's, son's and grandson's.... All are invited to join us for the **Average Joe's** Men's Group.

We meet each Saturday morning in the church basement from 8:30 a.m. to

10:00 a.m. to discuss issues affecting men in our society today. Gatherings include speakers and videos to provide a variety of perspectives on how men think about and then action challenges in everyday life. The informal meetings also provide an op-portunity for men of the parish to learn from each other.

All faiths are welcome.



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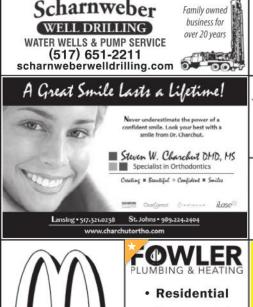
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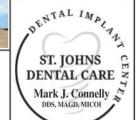
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