St. Foseph Catholic Church

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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

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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

AUGUST 13. 2023



THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • August 14 Deuteronomy 10:12-22/Matthew 17:22-27 No Mass

Tuesday • August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Revelation 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB/1 Corinthians 15:20-27/Luke 1:39-56 7:00 p.m. Mass †Ann Green By: Dan and Margaret Jorae

Wednesday • August 16 Deuteronomy 34:1-12/Matthew 18:15-20 12:05 p.m. Mass The Education Trust Fund

Thursday

August 17 Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Matthew 18:21--19:1 8:30 a.m. Mass *†James Ray LeVeque* By: Dan and Margaret Jorae

Friday • August 18 Joshua 24:1-13/Matthew 19:3-12 8:30 a.m. Mass *†Walt, †Lil and †Larry Schafer* By: The Schafer Family

Saturday • August 19 Joshua 24:14-29/Matthew 19:13-15 5:00 p.m. Mass +Donald and +Laura Jorae By: John and Camilla Vitek

Sunday • August 20 Isaiah 56:1, 6-7/Romans 11:13-15, 29-32/Matthew 15:21-28 8:00 a.m. Mass †Alan Simon By: Roy and JoAnn Simon

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

12:00 p.m. Mass †Judy Ann Fedewa By: Her family

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Please join us on the church steps *today*, August 13, 2023, (the anniversary dates of the Fatima Apparitions)

> at 5:00 p.m. to pray the Rosary

for Life, Marriage and Family, Conversion of Souls, Reparation for Sin, State and National Leaders.

> Rest in Peace Our prayers and sympathies

to the family and friends of

Ralph S. Dara

Parish office hours

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

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

"Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us!"

Psalm 95:6

Are you interested in committing to a weekly or monthly Holy Hour?

Call/text Rebecca at 989-292-2072 for more information. There are several hours that are in need of an adorer.

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 Friend Marcia Goerge Melissa 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 praver list. please call: 989-224-8994 or email Stiosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com *Please note: only immediate family members may add names to the bulletin prayer lists.

THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED



WE ARE ALL Evangelizers

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

OLD WORDS WITH TIME-LESS APPLICATION

Sometimes I come across a writing or a speech that is a bit dated, but whose words are timeless. Such is the case, with a publication from Hillsdale College of noted Catholic author and speaker Bishop Robert Barron, who gave the commencement address at Hillsdale last May. Though his words were directed at young college graduates, they are noteworthy for all of us.

Bishop Barron recalled that noted abolitionist Frederick Douglas spoke at Hillsdale 160 years ago and the title of his lecture was "Popular Error and Unpopular Truth" in which he said "there is no such thing as new truth; error might be old or new, but truth is as old as the universe." Those words were never as applicable as they are in today's society as faithful Christians are aware. These words will be my comeback the next time someone tries to tell me I'm on the wrong side of history. Truth is truth. The world can't change the truth just because there's some who believe that by changing a definition or substituting a word for another they've changed truth.

Bishop Barron went on to look at a specific truth that philosophers have long debated and it's not what each individual ought to do, but what kind of person we ought to be. "Do we hunger and thirst for righteousness? Or do we seek our own advantage? In a way, he says "there is no question in the moral order more fundamental than that."

The bishop used an example from Plato's dialogue Gorgias in which the character named Gorgias is a sophist -- an expert in teaching the art of persuasive speech. What this leads to, of course, are a group of people who aren't necessarily seeking the truth, but want to appear truthful or just, and thus convincing to others. This was obviously very useful to lawyers and politicians of ancient Greece and in the bishop's words "it should be equally obvious that their descendants are rather thick on the ground today." There's much more to get to in this speech than I have space for today, so expect a second column on this topic soon. But to wrap up this dialogue we see Socrates denying Gorgias that he would be using this skill to acquire the power of life and death over others. Socrates said he would not because he believed to put someone to death unjustly is no power at all. It is better to suffer wrongdoing, he said, than to do wrong oneself. Let's ponder that until next time.

(MOVIE NOTE) My wife and I stumbled upon a wonderful movie this weekend entitled "Dreamin' Wild." It just might get lost amidst the summer blockbusters, but is a great look at faith in family. It's the true story of a west coast musician, Don Emerson, who gets "discovered" some 30 years after he and his brother recorded their first album. The cast includes several well-known actors such as Beau Bridges and Casey Affleck and is rated (get this) PG.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

your attention please

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.



St Monica Ladies Auxiliary

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 14th at the Columbian Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to participate in this evening of Faith, Fellowship and Food. Come help us plan for coming events such as the Women of Hope Retreat and the

Women's Advent celebration. Your input is welcome and appreciated. There will also be time for our usual enlightening discussions of Jesus's difficult teachings.

Mark your calendars for the Women of Hope Retreat with the theme Faith, Not Fear...or Worry on October 7th at the St. Francis Retreat Center. Hoping to see many new faces with great ideas. Questions can be directed to Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088.

K-9th Religious Education Registration

Registration for religious education classes is now available for all families with children in K-9th grades.

The first class for K-8 grades is on **Wednesday**, **September 13**, **at 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** with a **parent meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria**. 9th grade Confirmation students and sponsors meet on Sunday, September 24, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Calendars and registration forms for all K-9th grades are available at <u>st.joecatholic.com</u> and registration forms are also in the church entrance.

Please contact Jen Nelson for questions at 989-224-8537 or dre.stjoesph@gmail.com

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.



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

Part-time Maintenance Position St. Therese Parish 102 W Randolph St., Lansing

St. Therese Parish, is accepting applications for a part-time janitor position. This is an afternoon/evening position to clean the grounds and buildings. We are looking for a person who is able to work 19 hours a week.

If interested, please call Jim at the parish office at (517) 487-3749.

AUGUST 13, 2023

LITURGICAL MINISTERS August 19/20

Altar Servers:	5:00 p.r	n.	Icnacio O.	
			Audrey D.	
	8:00 a.r	n.	Nolan C.	
			Kara B.	
	10:00 a.r	n.	Caroline V.	
			Quinn D.	
	12:00 p.r	n.	Lyndie R.	
			Anna H.	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:				
	5:00 p	.m.	Group 1	
	8:00 a	.m.	Group 1	
	10:00 a	.m.	Group 1	
	12:00 p	.m.	Group 1	
Lectors:	5:00 p		Ann P.	
	8:00 a		Trevor H.	
	10:00 a		Ted S.	
	12:00 p	.m.	Mary E.	
Ushers:	5.00 p	m	Group 5C	
Ushers:	5:00 p 8:00 a		Group 8E	
	0.00 a 10:00 a		Group 10A	
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	12:00 p	.111.	Group 12A	
Collection Cou	nters: A	ugust 14	Group 2	
Sanctuary Clear	n ers: Bo	onnie We	ber and Mary Cole	

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of August 7, 2023

Adults (186) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$25,691.89
(Including online giving)	
Loose Cash:	\$439.00
Total:	\$26,130.89

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$301.00
Building Fund:	\$173.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$ 75.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$17,319.54. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

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BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

AUGUST 13, 2023



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.

ST. MARY 5 MILE RUN, 5K RUN/WALK, AND KIDS RUN – Registration now open!

Saturday, September 23, 2023 209 N Westphalia St., Westphalia 8:00 a.m.

As part of St. Mary Parish Family Fest 2023, we are pleased to welcome runners, walkers, and strollers to the 5 Mile Run, 5K Run/Walk, and Kids Run on Saturday, September 23.

Registration is now open! Register online at https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Westphalia/ StMaryFamilyFest. In addition, paper registration forms are available for download at this site.

Please contact Darren & amp; Becky Kramer at (517) 626-2098 or at stmaryrunwalk@gmail.com with any questions.

Thank you in advance for your support. See you at the starting line!



Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast

Everyone is invited for fellowship and good food at the pancake breakfast sponsored by the St. John Knights of Columbus. They will be held on the first Sunday of every month from September until June in the school cafeteria.

The first breakfast will be September 10th (to accommodate Labor Day weekend).



8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Pancakes, sausage links, coffee and orange juice will be served.

A suggested donation of \$5.00 is kindly requested.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

for Hospital Ministry

Lansing Catholic Hospital Ministry is looking for Eucharistic Ministers to distribute Communion to Catholic patients at Sparrow Hospital and McLaren Greater Lansing. We were away from the hospitals during the pandemic and are in a slow process of returning to the hospitals and rebuilding our ministry. A general orientation for new volunteers is provided by each hospital before a more specific training for hospital ministry is provided. Eucharistic ministers usually volunteer one day each month but may choose to volunteer more than one day a month or even one day at each hospital. This is usually a commitment of 2-3 hours but may vary slightly as the number of Catholic patients fluctuates from day to day. If you are interested in hospital ministry, please feel free to contact me: Cassian Hardie at (517) 364-2902 or <u>cassian.hardie@sparrow.org</u>.



THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

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, then meet to discuss it with others.

Wednesday, September 6 6:30pm

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL OF MICHIGAN

Comprehensive. Live. Expert Teachers. Cast Your Net into the Deep with the Catholic Biblical School in East Lansing.

Be ready for whatever life brings you with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan's new weekly classes starting Sept 18th at: St. Thomas Aquinas East Lansing (Mondays 7-9 pm) or Online (any day/time). Powerful, live teaching from Katrina lamarino MA brings the Old Testament to life with relevance and application to our lives today as Catholic disciples.

Find out more at an Info Night at St. Thomas Aquinas on Aug 28th 7 pm–or an Online Info Night on Aug 27th or Sep 5th 8 pm. Through donations, CBSM is accessible to all with 100% of requests for financial aid granted. Find out more at cbsmich.org or call/text 586-438-3085.

Right to Life of Michigan

Will be hosting a Capital City **Baby Shower**

Saturday, August 19, 2023 Noon to 2:00 p.m. Sharp Park 1401 Elmwood Rd., Lansing

This event is for anyone who is facing an unexpected pregnancy, questioning if you can parent, wanting encouragement and support, or is in need of items for your baby

RTL is in need of donated items to be given away at this event:

Diaper Bags Baby Clothes Diapers Wipes Formula Pacifiers **Burp Cloths**

If you would like to donate to this worthy event, please contact Mary Beth at 989-227-0088.





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Prayer for Travelers

Gracious God, we thank you for making this beautiful world and for calling us your people. Bless us with every heavenly blessing and give us a safe journey. Help us to enjoy these days of vacation and

let them be a time of refreshment and joy. Give us grace that we may serve you each day and grow in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





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