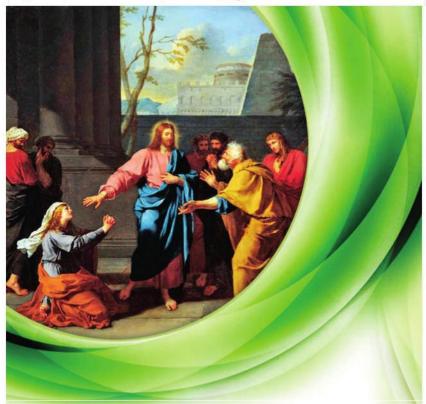
St. Foseph Catholic Church

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# 20<sup>th</sup>Sunday in Ordinary Time

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.

Matthew 15:28

Christ and the Canaanite Woman by Jean Germain Drouals, 1784

#### **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

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

## AUGUST 20. 2023



# THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • August 21 Judges 2:11-19/Matthew 19:16-22 No Mass

Tuesday • August 22 Judges 6:11-24a/Matthew 19:23-30 7:00 p.m. Mass The Canonization of Frederic Ozanam By: Society of St Vincent DePaul

Wednesday 

August 23 Judges 9:6-15/Matthew 20:1-16 12:05 p.m. Mass +Mary Louise Rhynard By: Chuck and Linda Biewer

Thursday • August 24 Revelation 21:9b-14/John 1:45-51 8:30 a.m. Mass †Doris Orson By: Kathy Orson

Friday 
• August 25 Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Matthew 22:34-40 8:30 a.m. Mass *†Lawrence J (L.J.) Donahue* (10th Anniversary) By: Deacon Eric and Mary Beth Elstro

Saturday • August 26 Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17/Matthew 23:1-12 5:00 p.m. Mass *†Peter and †Marian Kurncz* By: Kurncz, Barber, Kent, and Connelly Family

Sunday • August 27 Isaiah 22:19-23/Romans 11:33-36/Matthew 16:13-20 8:00 a.m. Mass The People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Mass †Jim Jorae By: Jenny Jorae and Family

12:00 p.m. Mass St. Monica By: The St. Monica Guild

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

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 August 26, 2023, for those who are passing away and who have passed away this month.

We hope that you can join us."

Rest in Peace Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of



The Sanctuary Lamp Will burn from August 20 to August 26, 2023 In memory of

alan Simon



William Michael

Sprague-Rice

was Baptized on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

He is the son of

Aiden M Sprague-Rice

and Amber R. (Fisher) Sprague-Rice

# 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 Friday 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

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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)

## MORE "OLD WORDS"

(If you were tuned in last week, I explained that I had come across the commencement speech noted Catholic theologian Bishop Robert Barron gave to the graduating class of Hillsdale College in May. It was so loaded with good information that I decided to present its highlights over two weeks.)

I left everyone last week with this point to ponder from Greek philosopher Socrates: "it is better to suffer wrongdoing than to do wrong oneself." Though that thought has been challenged by other philosophers, Socrates' position is sound. Bishop Barron condenses Socrates stand on this issue thusly: "surely suffering is terrible, but what is worse is the corrosion of the soul that takes place when one commits injustice...being unjust is far more damaging to the moral structure of a person's character than enduring the slings and arrows of injustice."

Of course, Bishop Barron moved his focus from the classical Greeks to the

Scriptures and to Christianity, as one might expect from a Catholic bishop. The prophets, he notes, didn't look at the current battle for hearts as we do -- religion versus secularism. Instead the prophets saw the world as being divided between those who worshiped the one true God and those favoring idolatry or false worship.

That's best seen in the great story of Elijah against 450 followers of the pagan Baal. Elijah had what could be called a "pray-off" with the 450 Baal priests to show the power of the one true God. The priests' prayer for Baal to ignite their sacrifices failed, but Elijah went so far as to douse the wood around his altar with water three times and in one prayer to God the Lord ignited the wood and consumed the sacrificial bull.

Bishop Barron says that this is much more than a story of "My God is bigger than your god," but rather the dynamics of true and false worship. The worship at the altar of anything other than that of the one true God -- the altars of wealth, power, honor or physical pleasure will leave us feeling empty. Or in the bishop's words, "worldly things cannot, even in principle, satisfy our hungry souls." At this point he asked the students "at which altar will you worship?

Then Bishop Barron turned to his intellectual hero, St. Thomas Aquinas who noted that in order for us to live a happy life, we need to love what Jesus loved on the cross and despise what Jesus despised. Many of us seek wealth, but on the cross he was poor. Many of us worship pleasure, but on the cross he suffered greatly. Some of us worship power, but on the cross Jesus had no power. And finally, many of us seek honor. On the cross, Jesus was scorned and ridiculed. But on the cross, he loved doing the will of his Father.

In the end, this speech to young college graduates applies to all of us. We all need to ask ourselves whether we are willing to suffer wrongdoing, rather than do wrong ourselves and whether we may be worshipping at the wrong altar.

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 will be hosting **Women of Hope** Day Retreat **Faith, Not Fear....or Worry** at the St. Francis Retreat Center DeWitt MI Saturday, October 7, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost - \$30.00

Watch for final details in next week's bulletin

# 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, from 6:00 p.m. 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 <u>dre.stjoesph@gmail.com</u>

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.

### Pictorial Directory Photos are underway.

If you didn't get a chance to sign up yet, <u>it's not too late</u>. ONLINE sign-up is still going on.

#### 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, please call the church 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.

## AUGUST 20, 2023

# LITURGICAL MINISTERS August 26/27

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	10:00 a.n	n. Jo	е Т.	
	12:00 p.n	n. Lir	nda S.	
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## **STEWARDSHIP**

#### For the weekend of August 13, 2023

Adults (173) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$12,207.60
(Including online giving)	
Loose Cash:	\$663.00
Total:	\$12,870.60

#### **Other Gifts Received**

Education Trust Fund:	\$205.00
Building Fund:	\$288.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$ 147.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$16,683.97. 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



### Grief Support Workshop 2023

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.

. 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.



# Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast

September 10, 2023

(then every first Sunday of every month until June)

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

at the St Joseph School social hall.

Pancakes, sausage links, coffee and orange juice will be served. A suggested donation of \$5.00 is kindly requested.

# 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 <u>cbsmich.org</u> or call/text 586-438-3085.

# **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 cassian.hardie@sparrow.org.

# WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

An Introduction to the holy people who have joined our new worship space

# Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Elizabeth Ann (Bayley) Seton is the first person born in the United States to be declared a saint. Born in New York on August 27, 1774, she was an Episcopalean who converted to Catholicism in 1805. Her early life was marked with loss: her mother died when she was only three years old, and her husband, William Magee Seton, who she married at age 19, died in 1803.

In 1809 Elizabeth moved to Emmitsburg, Maryland. There she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's; this was the first community for religious women founded in the U.S. She also started St. Joseph's Academy and Free School.

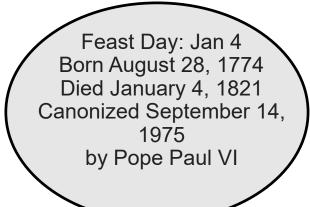
## Favorite Scripture:

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul. He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name. (Ps 23:1-3)

Faith lifts the soul, Hope supports it, Experience says it must be and Love says....let it be!

-Elizabeth Ann Seton





## Attribute

In art, St. Elizabeth is often depicted with a rosary and holding her Bible. Our statue has shows with the Blble open, presumably to Psalm 23, which was her favorite and was frequently referenced in her journal. She may also be depicted holding alms, flowers, bread, and a pitcher, or is pictured with the poor.

Besides being from North America, St. Elizabeth was chosen to be represented in our parish due to her connection with education.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is the patron saint of Catholic schools, grief, death of children, loss of parents, widows, in-law problems, sailors, and the diocese of Shreveport, Louisiana.

# FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

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### Pilgrimage

To learn more about Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, and to take time to make a special pilgrimage, consider visiting The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. 339 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727-9297 (<u>https://setonshrine.org/</u>). For a more local pilgrimage, visit parishes in Michigan named after St. Elizabeth, which are located in Troy and Bark River.

## Learn More

#### Look for these videos:

- "Elizabeth Ann Seton: Seeker to Saint" (On FORMED)
- "Daily Reflections Feast of Elizabeth Ann Seton January 4, 2023" (On FORMED)
- "East Coast Shrines: Elizabeth Ann Seton in NYC" (On FORMED)
- "East Coast Shrines: Elizabeth Ann Seton in Maryland" (On FORMED)
- "A Time for Miracles" (2014)

#### Or read any of the following books:

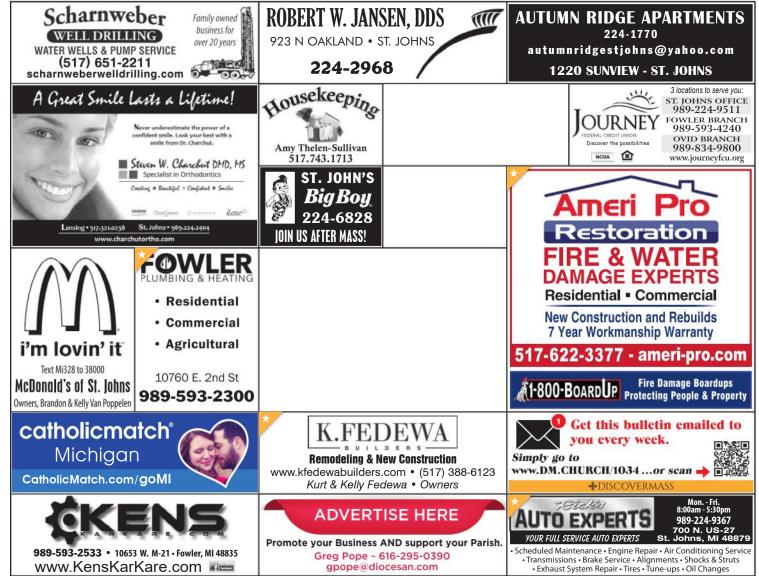
"Elizabeth Ann Seton" (Pauline Books & Media, ISBN 0819823805) "Elizabeth Ann Seton: Saint for a New Nation" (Paulist Press, ISBN 0809166925)

*"Elizabeth Seton: American Saint"* (Three Hills, ISBN 1501705784) *"Elizabeth Ann Seton: Mother for Many"* (children's title, Liguori,

ISBN 0764822411) "Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Daughter of America" (children's title, Pauline Books & Media, ISBN 0819870226)

"Kat Find a Friend: A St Elizabeth Ann Seton Story" (children's title, Behold Publications, ASIN B004Q09TDU)





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