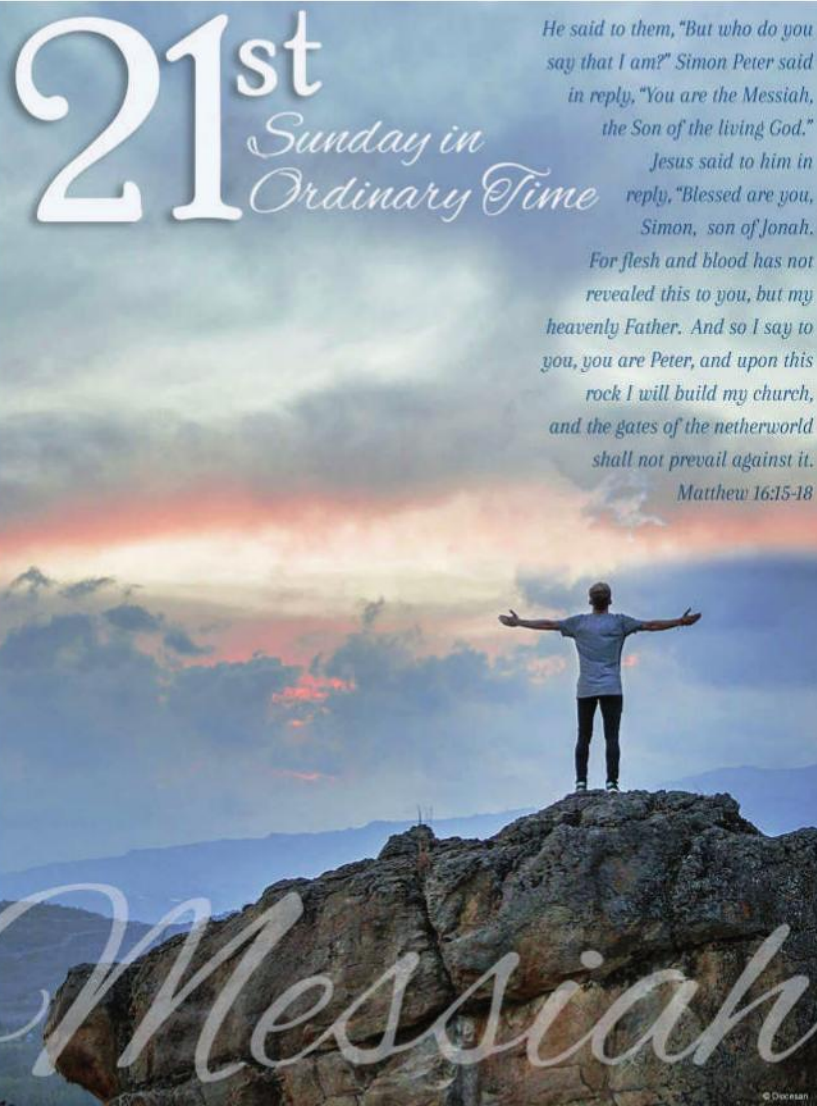


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Religious Education • Jen Nelson
Confirmation • Jen Nelson
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Regular Mass Schedule

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

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays at Noon for the following weekend. Send to stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com



THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • August 28

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10/Matthew 23:13-22

No Mass

Tuesday • August 29

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8/Matthew 6:17-29

7:00 p.m. Mass

†Don Rademacher

By: Dennis and Pat Koenigsknecht

Wednesday • August 30

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13/Matthew 23:27-32

12:05 p.m. Mass

†Ron Schneider

By: Eileen Schneider

Thursday • August 31

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13/Matthew 24:42-51

8:30 a.m. Mass

†Bill Lapeer

By: Celestine and Jean Schaub

Friday • September 1

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8/Matthew 25:1-13

8:30 a.m. Mass

†Brenda Hogan

By: Doug Hogan

Saturday • September 2

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11/Matthew 25:14-30

5:00 p.m. Mass

The People of the Parish

Sunday • September 3

Jeremiah 20:7-9/Romans 12:1-2/Matthew 16:21-27

8:00 a.m. Mass

†Leon Kramer

By: Knights of Columbus

10:00 a.m. Mass

†Nicholas Kurncz

By: Frances Jorae and Family

12:00 p.m. Mass

†Joan Epkey

By: Bill and Judy Fox

6:00 p.m. Mass

Lucia Lima Mendez

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies
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Bill Fox

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Will burn from August 28 to September 2, 2023

In memory of

Michael Schneider

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on September 1st and 2nd



The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on First Friday, September 1 and Reposed prior to the 8:30 a.m. Mass on First Saturday morning, September 2.

All are welcome to attend this beautiful time of prayer in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord! You do not have to be scheduled for a specific hour, however, **we are in need of subs for the following hours this month:**

Friday: 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 1:00 a.m.

Please call or text Rebecca at 989-292-2072 if you plan to attend at one of these hours or if you have questions.

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

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Korine
Mary
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Myah
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Millie Wassa
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Jake Hoskins

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

REFLECTING ON G.K.

It's a good thing I don't have to pay residuals to G. K. Chesterton for using his wisdom in a veiled attempt to advance the appearance that I may have some of my own. Again I'm starting today's column with one of Chesterton's insightful thoughts: "All science, even the divine science, is a sublime detective story. Only it is not set to detect why a man is dead; but why he is alive."

(Now there are two ways I could play this situation. I could pretend that this is a brand new beginning to my column. Or I could "fess up" and admit that my opening paragraph and accompanying Chesterton quote is the same one I used at the end of August 2020. But I happen to know that there are a few former teachers who read this column and recognize what I'll call "self-plagerism." I'm going back to the quote for one simple reason -- because I think it worth a reflection on a recurring basis.)

If we were the detective in the "sublime detective story," where would we start the search for the reason each of us is alive. We don't have the benefit of having Jesus standing next to us to spell it out like he did to Peter in today's gospel. Though there is no "Mission Impossible-like" phone booth mentioned in the gospel from Matthew, Peter's reason for life becomes apparent when Jesus says to him "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." His mission wasn't impossible, but it most certainly was challenging. More on that in a minute.

Let's flip back the pages on the calendar to the mid-16th century and take a look at some St. Francis de Sales advice. He said we need to ponder the reason God brought our souls and bodies together at the exact time he did. By doing this, we can reflect on what we may have done right or wrong up to this current moment, thus helping us guide our future thoughts, prayers and actions. What was God's purpose in giving us the parents he gave us, our family and life situations, and so on? The questions build one on top

of another for us to contemplate and hopefully guide us to our purpose going forward from whatever point in life we reside at the moment.

One morning Peter woke up as one of a group of 12 selected men following Jesus. By the time he closed the flap on his tent that night he knew he had a huge task lying in front of him for the rest of his life. He, of course, was flawed. He sinned, as we all do. He even denied Jesus three times. But he sought forgiveness and continued forward. As we know from the gospels and Acts of the Apostles this uneducated fisherman was dogged in fulfilling his mission. The Church Jesus built stands because of it. It will continue to stand if we are just as dogged in fulfilling our mission. Let's start by donning our detective hats and taking a look inside -- and asking "Why?"

Deacon Eric

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Thank you to the wonderful person(s) who donated the baby clothes and diaper bags for the Right to Life Baby Shower at Sharp Park. The organizers of the shower were very grateful for the donation. The shower helped over 85 mothers. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Mary Beth

We face many fears and worries in our world today. Nonetheless, with faith in Jesus we need not fear. Jesus says "Don't be afraid," but how we follow his directive can be a challenge for us. **St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary** is offering the ladies of the parish an opportunity to address this challenge by hosting a **Women of Hope day retreat** with the theme *Faith, Not Fear...or Worry*.

This retreat will be held at **St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt on Saturday, October 7th** from 9:00 until 3:00. The day will begin with prayer and a continental breakfast followed by discussions, prayers and time for reflection. Lunch and quiet time for walking the grounds will also be available. Cost for the retreat is \$30.00 and tickets will be available in the parish office starting next Monday, August 28th.

Questions can be directed to Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088.



The Pictorial Directory PHOTOS are underway! We thank those of you that have already gotten or signed up for your photo!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE... You may **still SIGN UP ONLINE** for your Photo Appointment. Online sign-up will continue in the coming few weeks. SIGN UP ONLINE: <https://www.ucdir.com/schedule/login.php> and use the Church Code: **mil803** -- Password Code: **photos**. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the parish office.

Upcoming Photo Session Dates: SEP 12-16
Additional Dates: SEP 21 & 22.
 Photo Session times are:
 Tuesday-Friday 2:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Saturdays - 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Every family photographed by Universal Church Directories will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 and a Parish Directory.
 Plan for 30-45 minutes at Photo Session: registration, photos, viewing, and selection.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

If you can spare a few hours of your time, we need a few more folks to Host the upcoming photo sessions in September.

- Sign up (2 volunteers per shift). Add a note in the space, if necessary.
- 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 at this Online Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f48afab22aafd0-volunteer#/>

Or contact parish office to be connected with a directory committee member.

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.



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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.

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.

**First Inaugural Hole-In-One Shootout
at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt MI**
Friday, September 4:00 p.m. to Dark

FORE! The Inaugural Hole-In-one Shootout Fundraiser is right around the corner. Our team of groundskeepers have crafted an approximate 150-yard, par 3 hole right here on the grounds of the St. Francis Retreat Center! If a golfer gets a hole-in-one, that golfer wins \$3,000.00. If no golfer gets the hole-in-one, the golfer closest to the pin wins \$1,000.00. Participants may donate \$50.00 for 1 shot or \$100.00 for 3 shots. *All proceeds will be used to purchase new furniture for outdoor and common spaces.*

For more information and the official rules, please visit <https://www.stfrancis.ws/shootout>.



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If you are part of a parish, school, or outside organization that meets at the Church or School building, all meeting and events **must** be scheduled through the parish office. **Don't assume we know about your meetings.**

We'd rather be told 10 times than not know at all! All organizations planning on fundraising after Masses must also confirm dates with the parish office.

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" is now available on DVD and Blu-ray (Must have a Blu-ray player for the third season only).

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

Do you like to sing?

Our choir is always looking for new members. Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the church balcony.

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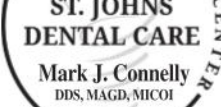
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