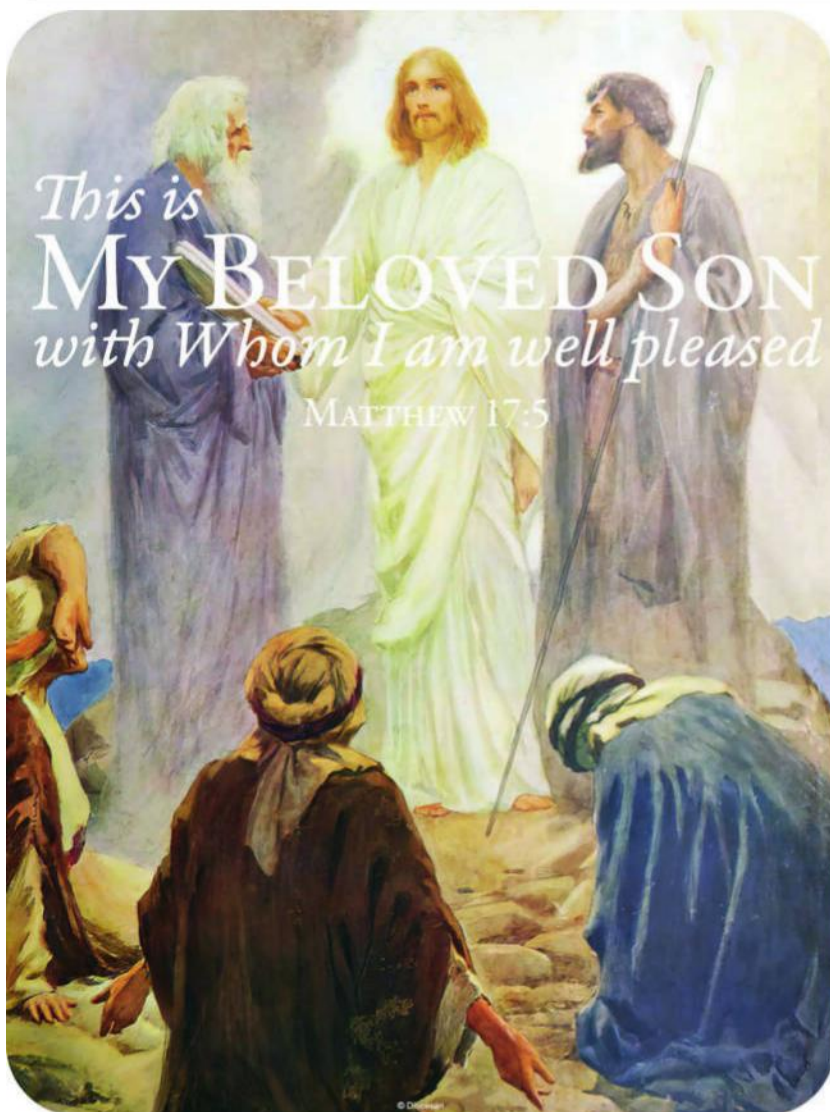


# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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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

### 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](mailto:stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com)



## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

### Monday • August 7

*Numbers 11:4b-15/Matthew 14:13-21*

**No Mass**

### Tuesday • August 8

*Numbers 12:1-13/Matthew 14:22-36*

**7:00 p.m. Mass** †**Peter W. Klein** By: Dan and Margaret Jorae

### Wednesday • August 9

*Numbers 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/Matthew 15:21-28*

**12:05 p.m. Mass** †**Theresa Brewbaker**

By: Margaret Kramer

### Thursday • August 10

*2 Corinthians 9:6-10/John 12:24-36*

**8:30 a.m. Mass** †**David and †Steve Pierce**

By: The Kramer Family

### Friday • August 11

*Deuteronomy 4:32-40/Matthew 16:24-28*

**8:30 a.m. Mass** †**Cosme and †Maria Villarreal**

By: The Knights of Columbus

### Saturday • August 12

*Deuteronomy 6:4-13/Matthew 17:14-20*

**5:00 p.m. Mass** †**Marian and †Peter Kurncz**

By: Kurncz, Barker, and  
Kent Connolly Family

### Sunday • August 13

*1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a/Romans 9:1-5/Matthew 14:22-33*

**8:00 a.m. Mass** *The People of the Parish*

**10:00 a.m. Mass** †**Vernetta E Price**

By: The Family

**12:00 p.m. Mass** †**Dennis M Fox**

By: His wife

**6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish**

## The Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn from August 6 to August 12, 2023

In memory of

*Liz Koenigskech*

## Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies  
to the family and friends of

*Walter S. Pierce*

## 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.



## Eucharistic Adoration

"When I am tempted to despair, I have only one resource: to throw myself at the foot of the tabernacle like a little dog at the foot of his master."

*St. John Vianney*

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 adorers.

## KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for  
our parishioners  
and their families,  
especially:

Adam  
Beverly  
Sawyer Ballinger  
Daniel Blair  
Bob  
Joan Bozung

Carol Burgdorf  
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  
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## WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

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

### Never Get Weary

Never get weary. It seems like an impossibility, doesn't it? Even the most energetic of people get weary. Parents know that little ones are usually full of energy (often considerably more than Mom and Dad) but eventually their EverReady batteries run low. They'll be recharged by 6:00 a.m., but they do need their rest, as we all do.

Actually, when placed in context with my point of the day, "never get weary" proves to be difficult, but not impossible. What I am referring to is a verse from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians in which he urges Christians to "Never grow weary of doing what is right, brothers." (2 Thes 3:13) This came up recently in my Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer, and though it is a verse that I've read often it really struck me this week as being quite appropriate for the times we live in.

National and state legislatures across the country are passing laws making it harder and harder for Christians in general, and Catholics more specifically, to take our religion outside the

church walls. Catholic hospitals and schools are extremely vulnerable to mandates and judicial decisions that run counter to Catholic teaching. Those are keeping the courts busy and it is why St. Joe's is part of a lawsuit to protect churches from similar mandates that would affect what the Church has been teaching from its beginnings.

The situation for St. Paul with the Thessalonians differed from ours. He faced a Christian segment that had just stopped working, thinking the Second Coming of Jesus was imminent, thus not only disrupting the way of life in Thessalonica, but hindering the spread of the faith. In his time, as in ours, however, the message is the same -- keep persevering and never grow weary of doing what is right.

**OTHER NEWS AND VIEWS:** For those who have some interest in "The Chosen" video series, but do not have TV streaming services like Netflix and or a DVD Blu-Ray player, you can now view the series TV on the CW channel. You will not be able to binge watch it like those who have access to the other services, but you can watch it like a regular weekly series. It is available over the air on digital channel 53.2. If you have

Spectrum cable it's on channel 5 and on AT&T U-Verse channel 54. "The Chosen" airs at 8:00 p.m. every Sunday night. They are only a couple episodes into season one, so you should be able to pick up the characters in short order. And for those anxiously awaiting season four's release, note that filming has been completed. No definitive date has yet been released for starting the next season.

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS:** This has been in the bulletin already, but I would like to give a personal promo for an upcoming Book Club discussion moderated by our RCIA director Amanda Grigar. Amanda is encouraging people to read "The Screwtape Letters" by C. S. Lewis. It is a wonderfully-crafted satirical look at how the devil looks to draw us away from God. A book club can't exist without members, so I highly encourage joining Amanda in dissecting this book, which though short, conjures up plenty of questions and discussion items.

Deacon Eric  
[deaconeric@hotmail.com](mailto:deaconeric@hotmail.com)

### JUST TO LET YOU KNOW

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.**



**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.

**The Food Box**

The Food Box donations help families in our community through the Emergency Food Assistance Program at Capital Area Community Services (CACCS). Donations can

be placed in the wooden box in the back of church, at the top of the stairs by the office.

**A thought:** *If each family brought just one item for the Food Box each Sunday, we could fill that wooden box every week.*

**WEEKEND RETREATS FOR MEN AND WOMEN**

**WOMEN** September 15-17, 2023  
October 6-8, 2023  
October 27-29, 2023  
January 12-14, 2024  
March 15-17, 2024  
April 19-21, 2024

**MEN** January 19-21, 2024  
January 26-28, 2024  
March 8-10, 2024  
April 12-14, 2024

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For more information & to register: [www.stfrancis.ws/weekend-retreats](http://www.stfrancis.ws/weekend-retreats)

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

August 12/13

<b>Altar Servers:</b>	5:00 p.m.	Charleigh F. Averie D.
	8:00 a.m.	Joanne H. Volunteer
	10:00 a.m.	Kara B. Logan B.
	12:00 p.m.	Lauryn S. Volunteer

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

5:00 p.m.	Group 3
8:00 a.m.	Group 3
10:00 a.m.	Group 3
12:00 p.m.	Group 3

<b>Lectors:</b>	5:00 p.m.	Lisa W.
	8:00 a.m.	Bob P.
	10:00 a.m.	Tori S.
	12:00 p.m.	Dawn L.

<b>Ushers:</b>	5:00 p.m.	Group 5B
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8D
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10A
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A

**Collection Counters:** August 7 Group 1

**Sanctuary Cleaners:** Judi Thelen and Thelma Miller

**STEWARDSHIP****For the weekend of July 31, 2023**

Adults (186) Envelopes/Gifts: .....	\$13,538.83
(Including online giving)	
Loose Cash:.....	\$518.62
Total:.....	\$14,057.45

**Other Gifts Received**

Education Trust Fund: .....	85.00
Building Fund:.....	\$201.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund: .....	\$ 70.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$15,557.27. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.



## 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](http://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 & Becky Kramer at (517) 626-2098 or at [stmaryrunwalk@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryrunwalk@gmail.com) with any questions.

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

## Pilgrimage to the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation In Carey, Ohio September 19, 2023

Holy Family Catholic Church adult faith formation leaders, Carol and Richard Theile, are organizing a pilgrimage chartered through Blue Lakes Charters and Tours. They have 18 seats left and are opening this up to our parishioners. The bus leaves Holy Family's parking lot on September 19, 2023 at 7:30 a.m.

Cost is \$81.00 per person and includes bus transportation, full lunch, morning and afternoon snack, including two bottles of water.

Return time to Holy Family Church will be between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Contact the parish office for more information.



## 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](mailto:cassian.hardie@sparrow.org).

# WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

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

## SAINT JUAN DIEGO

Juan Diego was born in 1474 and was known by the name Cuauhtlatoatzin ("the talking eagle"). He and his wife were baptized when he was 50 years old. On December 9, 1531 Juan Diego was walking to Mass when the Virgin Mary appeared to him, on Tepeyac Hill (which is now part of Mexico City, Mexico). The Blessed Mother asked Juan to go to the bishop and request that a shrine be built on that spot. The bishop didn't believe him, so Juan returned to the hill. Mary told Juan to climb a hill and pick some flowers, where he found roses growing despite it being winter. He took the roses to the bishop as proof of the vision, and when he opened his tilma (cloak) the roses fell out, and an image of Mary was impressed on the tilma.

He was canonized on July 31, 2002 by Pope John Paul II and is the first Roman Catholic indigenous saint of the Americas.

*Juan Diego, our first saint from the Americas, pray for us.*



*"I am a nobody, I am a small rope, a tiny ladder, the tail end, a leaf."*

**Feast Day: Dec 9**  
**Born 1474**  
**Died May 30, 1548**  
**Beatified July 31, 2002**  
**by**  
**Pope John Paul II**

### Attribute

In art, Saint Juan Diego is pictured with his Tilma and the roses and the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as does our of St. Juan Diego, which is in the devotional alcove on the south side of the worship space. He was chosen for our parish not just because he is from North America, but also because he is inseparable from Our Lady of Guadalupe, to which this parish has a long devotion

*Saint Juan Diego is the patron of Indigenous People of the Americas, as well as the diocese of San Diego, California.*





## Saint Juan Diego Pilgrimage

Although a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe is beyond the reach for many parishioners, a local visit to Saint Juan Diego parish in Detroit may be more manageable.

### Learn More

For a deeper dive into the life of St. Juan Diego, check out these videos:

- "Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe"
  - "Daily Reflections - Feast of St. Juan Diego - December 9, 2023"
  - "Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego"
  - "Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego"
- Or, read one of the many books about his life

(many of these titles, and others, are available in Spanish):

- "Prince of Eden: The Whole Story of Juan Diego" (St. Paul Film Foundation, ISBN 0966442326)
- "Saint Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe" (AuthorHouse, ISBN 1425981860)
- "Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego: The Historical Evidence" (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, ISBN 0742551059)
- "NICAN MOPOHUA: The Chronicles of the Marian Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Canonization of St. Juan Diego, and Devotions and Prayers" (Lulu.com, ISBN 1667125133)
- "Juan Diego: Mary's Humble Messenger" (children's title, Liguori, ISBN 0764822381)
- "Our Lady of Guadalupe: Our Lady of the Americas" (children's title, Catholic Book Publishing, ISBN 0899423906)
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