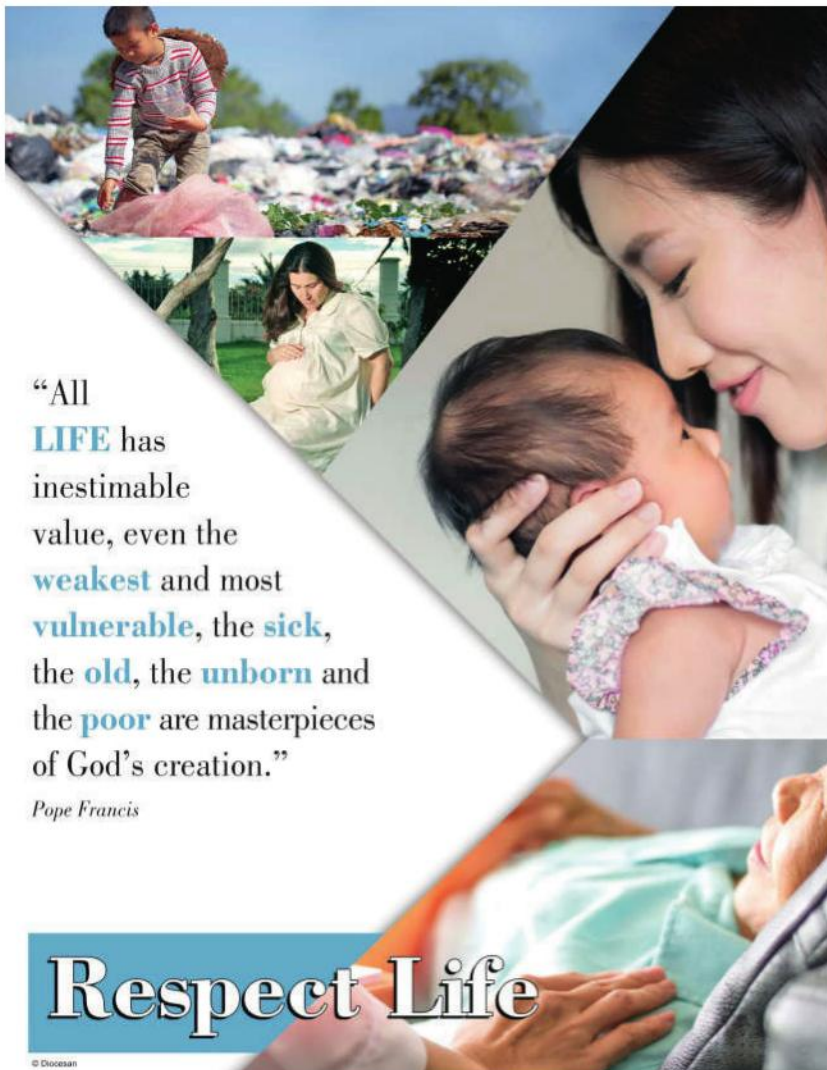


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“All
LIFE has
inestimable
value, even the
weakest and most
vulnerable, the **sick**,
the **old**, the **unborn** and
the **poor** are masterpieces
of God’s creation.”

Pope Francis

Respect Life

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
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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

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • October 2

Zechariah 8:1-8/Matthew 18:1-5, 10

No Mass

Tuesday • October 3

Zechariah 8:20-23/Luke 9:51-56

7:00 p.m. Mass

†Carol Burns

By: Diane Burns and Family

Wednesday • October 4

Nehemiah 2:1-8/Luke 9:57-62

12:05 p.m. Mass

†Dale and †Isabell Baker

By: Jim and Pat Brya

Thursday • October 5

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Luke 10:1-12

8:30 a.m. Mass

†Mike Norris

By: Knights of Columbus

Friday • October 6

Baruch 1:15-22/Luke 10:13-16

8:30 a.m. Mass

†Deceased members of the Martin and Simon Families

By: Roy and JoAnn Simon

Saturday • October 7

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29/Luke 10:17-24

8:30 a.m. Mass and Benediction

For the end to abortion

5:00 p.m. Mass

†Josephine Rogers

By: Lee and Dori Smith

Sunday • October 8

Isaiah 5:1-7/Philippians 4:6-9/Matthew 21:33-43

8:00 a.m. Mass

The People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Mass

†Bill Lapeer

By: Celestine and Joan Schaub

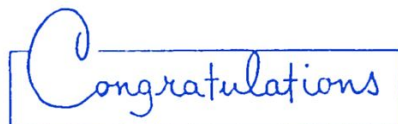
12:00 p.m. Mass

†Bob Frechen and †Ray Trevino

By: The Family

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

For the Holy Souls in Purgatory



Gavin and Kaleigh (Schneider) Percha

Who were married here at St. Joseph's on
September 23, 2023

The Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn from

October 1 to 7, 2023

In memory of

*Deceased members of the
Knights of Columbus*

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on October 6/7

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on First Friday, October 6 and Reposed prior to 8:30 a.m. Mass on First Saturday morning, October 7.

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 at 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.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Please pray for
our parishioners
and their families,
especially:**

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Beverly
Sawyer Ballinger
Daniel Blair
Bob
Joan Bozung

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
Michael VanElls
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

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tin prayer lists.**



WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

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

Is it Exciting, or is it Boring?

I was listening in my car to the Catholic Channel on Sirius-XM recently when the announcer said something that really caught my attention. He said he thinks that Mass is boring. My immediate reaction was "how is this guy going to keep his job?" -- considering his channel is funded by the Archdiocese of New York. Unfortunately, I arrived at my destination before he went any further in his discussion about the Mass, so I wasn't able to hear his explanation or point to which he was trying to make. But I would like to state that the Mass is not intended to be entertainment. It is worship, it is prayer, it is a Eucharistic celebration - the "source and summit" of our faith.

The radio discussion, however, did lead me off to thinking about other parish faith offerings, since it came only a couple days before I attended a diocesan conference about parish stra-

tegic planning. St. Joe's planning team members will be working on more than just a new mission statement, but will try to identify the needs of the parish going well into the future and thus prepare St. Joe's to meet them.

The toughest question to answer is what can we offer beyond the Mass and other existing liturgies that will help adults grow in their faith. Of big concern is what parishioners under the age of 45 desire to help build their faith going forward, because there are a large number of parishioner-led ministries driven by retirees. We would like to hear from that age group to allow us to lay the foundation for them, because there will be a changing of the guard sometime, and ideally we will have desired programs in place to allow that to take place somewhat smoothly.

October provides great opportunities for parishioners who haven't been involved to sample some of what we offer. Our pro-life leaders will display the small white crosses across the church grounds as a reminder to all of us of the number of babies aborted each year in the state of Michigan. Why not stop in church regularly this month to pray for the unborn? Along

those lines of promoting life, please support the October dresser ministry to help mothers and their infants by donating baby goods.

Next weekend there are two worthwhile events to consider. The first is the "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop for those struggling from the loss of a loved one. The other is the "Women of Hope" day-long retreat, a great opportunity for prayer and quiet reflection prior to the craziness of the upcoming holiday season.

Our Christian Initiation Director, Amanda Grigar, has three items of note: first a book club study this Wednesday, showing of the faith-based series "The Search" each Thursday and a presentation of a Eucharistic Miracle walk-through display the next two weekends as part of the Church's year-long devotion to the Real Presence.

It's important for all of us to support these ministries so that parishioners can grow in their faith. Remember, God created us to "do," not just "be." So "do" and grow.

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SENIOR APPRECIATION MASS AND LUNCH

**Wednesday, October 18 at noon
at the Columbian (K of C) Hall,
1108 N. US-127**

We will start with Mass at noon followed by lunch and more!
All seniors of the parish and those who care for them
are invited !!

No cost for attending.

If you need extra help getting to this event, please call the parish office at (989) 224-8994



Women of Hope Day Retreat

Saturday, October 7, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
St Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt MI

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary will host a one-day retreat titled "Faith, Not Fear...Worry". The day includes a continental breakfast followed by presentation, discussion and reflection. Lunch will be provided. Tickets cost \$30.00 and can be purchased at the parish office. This day will provide an opportunity to gain insight on how to address the challenges faced in our world.

For more information, call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088.

K-12 Youth Mass for Religious Education

The K-12 Religious Education Wednesday Youth Programs and families are scheduled for a **Youth Mass on Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m.**

K-12 Religious Ed Classes are scheduled as usual, children will attend Mass during class. Please mark your calendars and we'll see you there.

For questions, contact Jen Nelson at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com

Donations for All Saints Family Night

The K-8 grade religious program is seeking donations for their annual **ALL SAINTS FAMILY NIGHT ON OCTOBER 18th.**

We are looking for any (used or new) holy items such as: holy cards, crucifixes, statues, prayer books, Bibles, saint pictures, rosaries, etc. The items are used for prizes and a lesson on Sacramentals. Please drop off your donations at the parish office before Tuesday, October 17th.

Thank you!

Contact Jen Nelson at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com for questions.

Do you have questions about St. Joseph Catholic School or are interested in registering this 2023/24 school year?

Please contact Chris wells at principal@stjoecatholicsschool.org.



St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

Menu is subject to change, based on food availability from suppliers.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2-6, 2023

Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, applesauce, and milk.
Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup with crackers, blue berry muffins, fruit, and milk.
Wednesday: Cheese pizza, carrots, fruit, and milk.

Thursday-Friday No school - St. Joes students only

Students: \$3.25 (includes milk) Milk \$0.50
Adults: \$5.00 (includes milk)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

October 7/8

Altar Servers:

5:00 p.m.	Volunteer
	Volunteer
8:00 a.m.	Volunteer
	Volunteer
10:00 a.m.	Volunteer
	Volunteer
12:00 p.m.	Volunteer
	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.	Beth S.
8:00 a.m.	Dean H.
10:00 a.m.	Ted S.
12:00 p.m.	Mary Beth E.

Ushers:

5:00 p.m.	Group 5A
8:00 a.m.	Group 8B
10:00 a.m.	Group 10D
12:00 p.m.	Group 12A

Collection Counters: October 2 Group 1

Sanctuary Cleaners: Bonnie Wohlfert/Jodie George



STEWARDSHIP


For the weekend of September 25, 2023

Adults (179) Envelopes/Gifts:\$14,723.76
(Including online giving)
Loose Cash:.....\$955.00
Total:\$15,678.76

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:\$1,071.00
Building Fund:\$265.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:\$95.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$16,828.94. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CALENDAR				OCTOBER 2023		
		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 KC Pancake breakfast (SH) 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass Noon Mass 6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish	2 <u>No Mass</u>	3 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (L) 6:30 p.m. Confession 7:00 p.m. Mass	4 12:05 p.m. Mass 5:15 p.m. Bible study (L) 6:30 p.m. RCIA (ROR) 7:00 p.m. All religious formation and families Mass (C) 7:00 p.m. Choir practice (CL)	5 No school 8:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. RCIA (ROR)	6 First Friday No School 8:30 a.m. - Mass Exposition of Blessed Sacrament until Benediction and Mass tomorrow. Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit (CHB) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	7 First Saturday 8:30 a.m. - Mass & Benediction 8:30 a.m. Average Joes (RR) 4:00 p.m. Confession 5:00 p.m. - Mass Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit (CHB) 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
8 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass Noon Mass 1:00 p.m. Baptisms 6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit (CHB) 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	9 <u>No Mass</u> 6:00 p.m. PSC (TL) Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit (CHB) 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	10 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (L) 6:30 p.m. Confession 7:00 p.m. Mass Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit (CHB) 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	11 12:05 p.m. - Mass 5:15 p.m. Bible Study (L) 7:30 p.m. H.S. Faith Formation (S) 7:00 p.m. Choir practice (CL) Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit (CHB) 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	12 8:30 a.m. - Mass 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. RCIA (ROR) Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit (CHB) 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	13 No school 8:30 a.m. - Mass Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit (CHB) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	14 8:30 a.m. Average Joes (RR) 4:00 p.m. Confession 5:00 p.m. Mass Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit (CHB) 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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October Dresser Ministry

For *Shared Pregnancy* in
Lansing

October is "Respect Life" month. You can help fill the Pack 'n Play located in the new gathering space for babies and moms who need our help. All donations will go to Shared Pregnancy in Lansing.

Shared Pregnancy is an organization dedicated to providing women in unexpected and challenging pregnancies with emotional, material, and spiritual support.

Some suggested items:

Diapers (especially sizes 4 or 5)
Baby wipes, Baby wash, rash ointment, mittens and gloves (12 months-2T) winter hats, (18 months -2T) coats or snow suits (12 months-2T) Bottle brush, breast pump, diaper backpacks, car seat covers, board or soft books, towels.



ADULT FORMATION

October Book Study

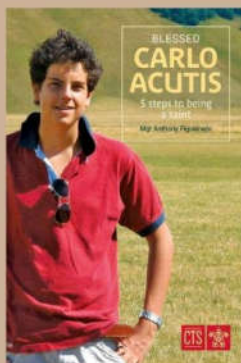
Blessed Carlo Acutis 5 Steps to Being a Saint

by Mgr. Anthony Figueiredo

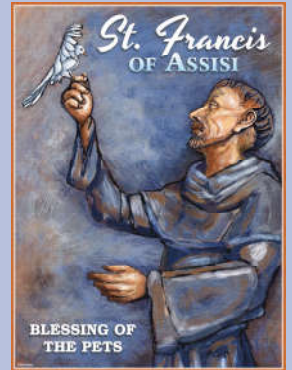
A limited number of copies of this book are available for purchase in the parish office for \$10.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, the patron of the Internet, is the first Millennial to be beatified. Through this study, learn about Bl. Carlo's life and simple steps to holiness. St. Joseph Parish will be hosting the International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles in October, which was curated by Blessed Carlo Acutis.

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023
6:30 PM, Church Basement**



To celebrate the Feast of
St Francis of Assisi,
known for his love of all
God's creatures,
we will be holding a
Blessing of the Animals
service
Wednesday, October 4
At 5:30 p.m.
at the school parking lot



The Vatican International Exhibition: Eucharistic Miracles of the World



*Coming to St. Joseph Parish,
October 6-15*

With an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions, the exhibition presents viewers with the opportunity to make a spiritual pilgrimage to over twenty countries as they learn about 152 of the **Eucharistic miracles** recognized by the Church. Complete details coming soon.

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you...
Jer. 1:5

Life Chain 2023

**Sunday, October 1
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

Grand River Avenue
From E. Lansing to Williamston

The Lansing Area Life Chain provides a powerful witness to the sanctity of human life.

Join us for an hour of prayer for the hearts to change and abortion to end in our state, our nation and around the world.

(meet at Abbot Rd in downtown East Lansing, Brookfield Plaza in East Lansing, St. Martha Church in Okemos or Main Street in Williamston near St. Mary's)



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 1, 2023

THE SEARCH

Do you wonder why happiness is fleeting?



The things we expect to fulfill us don't... Why is life this way? Why are we here? Why do we exist? Why are we filled with longing?

Even if you have a good grasp on the answers to these questions, *The Search* will help you deepen it. If you know someone who is grappling with these questions, **bring them along**, this is a great series to share with them.

The Search features people from all walks of life, and their search for meaning.

This fall,
explore life's mysteries at
St. Joseph Parish

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October 19, October 26,
November 2, and November 9.

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