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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.

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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



THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday ● September 25

Ezra 1:1-6/Luke 8:16-18

No Mass

Tuesday ● September 26

Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday

September 27

Ezra 9:5-9/Luke 9:1-6

No Mass

Thursday • September 28

Haggai 1:1-8/Luke 9:7-9

No Mass

Friday • September 29

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelations 12:7-12a/John 1:47-51

8:30 a.m. Mass

†Dolores Ziealer

By: Pat and Debbie Thiedt

Saturday ● September 30

Zechariah 2:5-9. 14-15a/Luke 9:43b-45

5:00 p.m. Mass The People of the Parish

Sunday ● October 1 *Ezra 18:25-28/Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Matthew 21:28-32*

8:00 a.m. Mass *†Society of St Vincent DePaul*

By: Society of St. Vincent DePaul

10:00 a.m. Mass †Dale, †James and †Agatha Feldpausch

By: The Family

12:00 p.m. Mass †Judy Fedewa

By: The Family

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

†Karl Hufnagel

By: Eric, Monica and Camilla Hufnagel

your attention please

there will be No Mass or Confessions Tuesday- Thursday this week.

Please pray for the priests of our diocese who will be at their annual Convocation

> The Sanctuary Lamp Will burn from September 24 -30, 2023 In memory of

Jeanette Schomisch

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

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families. especially:

Adam 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

To add or remove a name from the bulletin prayer list. please call: 989-224-8994 or email Stiosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com *Please note: only immediate family members may add

names to the bulle-

tin prayer lists.



WE ARE ALL
EVANGELIZERS
(and whatever else is on
Deacon Eric's mind)

The Contemplative's Buffet

This Sunday's readings are so abundant with riches, that it's hard to pull one idea from the rest to focus on, so we won't. These readings allow us to isolate a single wonderful thought or consume a little bit of each. It's similar to grazing at a five-star restaurant's Christmas party -- we can go all in on the prime rib or shrimp, or sample a bit of all the tasty delights. Let's call the set of readings the "contemplative buffet." We can grab a single thought from a reading and reflect on it and how it affects our lives. Or we can spend some time with each.

In our first reading from Isaiah, the Lord tells us that we have to trust his actions even when we can't understand why something happens in our life because we will never be able to think like him:

"my thoughts are not your thoughts, says the Lord.

As high as the heavens are above the earth.

so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts."

In our responsorial hymn the refrain was "The Lord is near to all who call upon him."

From St Paul's letter to the Philippians we get a glimpse into his inner struggle:

"I long to depart this life and be with Christ...

Yet that I may remain in the flesh is better for your benefit."

Then among the many available quotes in the gospel from Matthew in today's gospel I offer the penultimate (I only recently learned that word's meaning) line:

"Are you envious because I am generous?"

I propose that we take at least one of those quotations and take some time today or early this week and just ponder what they might mean in our lives. Or perhaps we can pray for wisdom into Scripture so that we might better understand the reading(s) as a whole. For example, scholars believe the section of Isaiah from which the first quote is taken, was written while the Israelites were in Babylonian captivity. Many of them most certainly questioned God's call to them as his Chosen People. Perhaps we are in a season of our lives when we feel a bit captive.

As we look at this mental and spiritual exercise, we need not limit ourselves to my suggestions. If there's another word or phrase that catches us, let's go for it. On that five-star buffet there might be a great salad or a vegetarian lasagna that some of us may prefer over prime rib or shrimp. The idea is to find something in the readings that really speaks to us as individuals. The key is setting up a quiet time to do this and it may be difficult for some of us, especially when small children are involved.

So, let's grab a knife and fork and chow down at the "contemplative's buffet."

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

Senior Luncheon

Wednesday,
October 18, 2023
Mark your calendars!
More details to follow.

If you would like to help with this event, please contact the parish office.





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.

High School Faith Formation Nights

High School Faith Formation (9-12 grades) will start on Wednesday, September 27, with a social night at 7:30 -8:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Teens will meet two Wednesdays a month with a new curriculum, and a social on the third Wednesday. For a complete calendar, please see the stjoecatholic.com website or pick up a calendar on September 27. If you are able to help with snack/drink donations. please email Jen dre.stjoseph@gmail.com. Thank you! For guesplease contact Jen dre.stjoseph@gmail.com or 989-224-8537

Reminder: Religious Education K-9th Registration

K-9th grade religious education programs start soon! Registration forms and calendars can be found on line at stjoecatholic.com or in the church entrance. Please register before classes start, so we are prepared with texts and materials for each child. K-8th grade classes start September 13 at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. The 9th grade Confirmation class begin on Sunday, September 24 at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (in the school cafeteria). For questions please contact Jen Nelson at 989-224-8537 or dre.stjoseph@gmail.com

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 SEPTEMBER 25-29, 2023

Monday: Pancakes with syrup, sausage, hash

browns, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Lasagna, breadsticks, green beans, fruit,

and milk.

Wednesday: Mini corn dogs, carrots, apple crisp, and

milk.

Thursday: Hamburger on a bun with cheese, fried

chips, fresh fruit, and milk.

Friday: Macaroni and cheese, pretzel, fresh

carrots, fruit, and milk.

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

Adults: \$5.00 (includes milk)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 30/October 1

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Averie D.

Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Quinn D.

Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Mara T.

Ellis T.

12:00 p.m. Volunteer

Volunteer

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.m. Diane A.

8:00 a.m. Trevor H. 10:00 a.m. Tori S. 12:00 p.m. Linda S.

Ushers: 5:00 p.m. Group 5C

8:00 a.m. Group 8A 10:00 a.m. Group 10C 12:00 p.m. Group 12A

Collection Counters: September 25 Group 4

Sanctuary Cleaners: Tori Steingreaber/Susie Schroeder

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of September 17, 2023

Adults (173) Envelopes/Gifts:\$12,294.28 (Including online giving)
Loose Cash:\$600.25

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:\$140.00Building Fund:\$581.00Tuition Scholarship Fund:\$100.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$16,911.54. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.



The Help Spread the Faith Appeal

This benefits FAITH magazine, the Diocesan Outreach Mass, and national media programming.

Envelopes are found in your FAITH magazine. These envelopes do not directly cover your automatic subscription to FAITH through the parish. Each year it costs the parish over \$6,000 for each family to receive the magazine at no cost to them. If you would like to help the parish cover this cost, you can by paying your discounted subscription rate through the parish of \$6.00 by dropping an envelope marked "FAITH subscription" into the collection **OR** you can contact the office and request that you no longer get a subscription through the parish and subscribe yourself by calling 517-853-7600.

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 (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)

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.



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

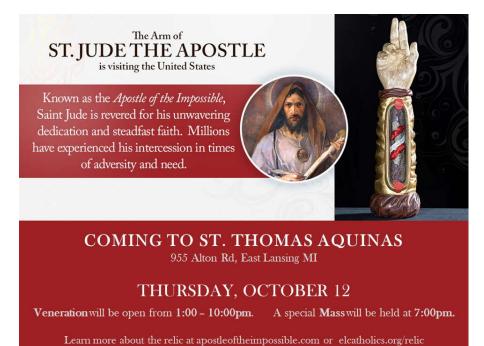
Grieving with Great HOPE is a weekend grief support workshop that offers a prayerful, practical, and personal approach **for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one**. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grand-child, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters include Deacon Eric 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 25, 2023

*with light breakfast options available at 9:30 a.m. and lunch.





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 Bluray player for the third season only).

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



October **Dresser Ministry**

For Shared Pregnancy in Lansing

Shared Pregnancy is an organization dedicated to providing women in unexpected and challenging pregnancies with emotional, material, and spiritual support. They are very grateful to receive any baby items or clothing. Large sized diapers (sizes 4 and 5) are especially appreciated.

Beginning October 1, the dresser will be back in the new gathering space at the back of church.

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.



All things are possible with God

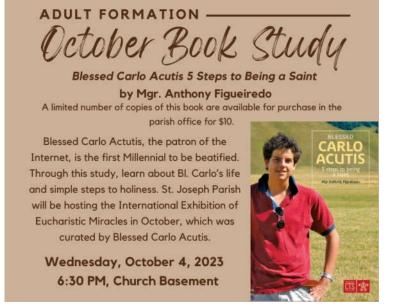
The Food Box The Food Box donations help

families in our community through the Emergency Food Assistance

KE BREAKFASTS!

Program at Capital Area Community Services (CACS). 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.





PANCAKES, SAUSAGE LINKS, ORANGE JUICE AND COFFEE

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> > \$5 SUGGESTED DONATION





OurSundayVisitor

Each week a generous donation from our local St. Vincent DePaul Society covers the cost of the Our Sunday Visitor newspaper for our parish. This newspaper is an excellent source of news and articles from a Catholic viewpoint. They are available by all of the doors so along with your bulletin, take a copy home to read and share!

SEARCH

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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

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the reception overflow room of the church basement

Thursdays: September 28, October 5, October 12, October 19, October 26, November 2, and November 9.



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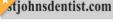
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