

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

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • September 4

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18/Luke 4:16-30

No Mass

Tuesday • September 5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11/Luke 4:31-37

7:00 p.m. Mass

**For the generational healing of
Lisa Gruber**

By: Barb Yaich

Wednesday • September 6

Colossians 1:1-8/Luke 4:38-44

12:05 p.m. Mass

†Rick Hjelm

By: Chuck and Linda Biewer

Thursday • September 7

Colossians 1:9-14/Luke 5:1-11

8:30 a.m. Mass

†Mike Lewis

By: The Kramers

Friday • September 8

Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30/Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

8:30 a.m. Mass

**For the sick and troubled who seek help
and cure through the Blessed Frederick
Ozaman**

By: Society of St. Vincent DePaul

Saturday • September 9

Colossians 1:21-23/Luke 6:1-5

5:00 p.m. Mass

†Jim Stehlik

By: Roger and Liz Cook

Sunday • September 10

Ezekiel 33:7-9/Romans 13:8-10/Matthew 18:15-20

8:00 a.m. Mass

The People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Mass

†Cindy Nunn

By: Joe and Marilyn
Armbrustmacher

12:00 p.m. Mass

†Judy Merrill

By: Deacon Eric and Mary Beth
Elstro

6:00 p.m. Mass

†Paul Biewer

By: Chuck and Linda Biewer

Please Note:

The Parish Office
will be closed on Monday,
September 4th in
Observance of Labor Day

The Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn from September 3 - September 9, 2023
In memory of

Brenda Hogan



*Kaleigh Schneider &
Gavin Percha*

The Rosary is prayed every weekend
1/2 hour before Mass

at the 5 p.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and Noon Masses



In a Lansing Hospital and need the Anointing of the Sick?

When you or your loved one is ill, receiving the Sacrament of the Sick is important. When in a Lansing area hospital, please let your attending nurse know you would like the Anointing of the Sick. They will contact the chaplain who will, in turn, contact a local priest who is "on call" to come and give you the sacrament. This is the quickest way for you or your loved one to receive the sacrament, if they didn't already receive it before going into the hospital.

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
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
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bulletin prayer list,
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***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)

A Lament for the Ages

"You duped me, O Lord
And I let myself be duped;
You were too strong for me,
And you triumphed.
All the day I am an object of
laughter;
Everyone mocks me."

Ouch! Jeremiah really lays it on
Our Lord in today's first reading.
After years of prophesying for
God, Jeremiah called out in frustra-
tion, because not only were
the Israelite leaders of the time
not heeding his warnings from
the Lord for their behavior, he
had been locked in the stocks -- a
subject of public ridicule.

Jeremiah's lamentation came
shortly after his time in the
stocks, whereby he lashed out at
the chief priest Pashur. He
prophesied that Pashur and his

family would be taken away into
exile after the Babylonians cap-
ture Jerusalem and ultimately
destroy the temple. In other
words, he got God's message out
one more time, then emotionally
drained, fell into today's lament.
It carries much the same tone as
Jesus' lament in the form of the
22nd Psalm, which begins with
the words "My God, My God,
Why have you abandoned me?"

One of the great aspects of learn-
ing more about Scripture is that
we can sometimes read a passage
and say "Wow, I can relate to
that." or "People and their emo-
tions really haven't changed
much over the last three thou-
sand years." And so it is here,
because many of us undoubtedly
have had moments in our lives
where we got fed up with God.
We have felt that we have tried
hard to live the Christian life, yet
the Lord hasn't come through
when we've most hoped - when
we just don't want to hear one

more time "Only God knows the
big picture."

The word "duped" is a really
strong word and I don't know
that I would ever use in my
prayerful lament, but I can see
how others might. I think that is
probably not the worst word that
has been aimed at God and I'm
sure he can handle it because he
understands human emotion. The
important part of today's lament
as well as that of Psalm 22, is
that the lamenter works through
his hurt. Jeremiah says that as
soon as I say that I "will speak in
his name no more" there is a
burning in his heart to continue,
like Rocky continually getting up
off the mat against Apollo Creed.
And in Psalm 22 which biblical
scholars believe Jesus prayed
silently after the opening vocal
verse, ends with the psalmist
calling for praise to the Lord.

Deacon Eric

deaconeric@hotmail.com



Senior Luncheon will be
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

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.



Save the Date: First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Families with children that are seeking their First Reconciliation and First communion this year (2023/2024) are scheduled for a parent/child meeting on Thursday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Please contact Jen Nelson for questions at 989-224-8537 or dre.stjoesph@gmail.com

Beacon Conference

September 27, 2023

Beacon is a conference for family members of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Mass begins a day filled with inspirational talks and practical presentations on an array of topics including navigating SSI benefits, working with your school district to obtain services, and planning for the future. A vender exhibit and the opportunity to meet with professionals are also offered.

Suggested donations is \$20 a person. To register or find more information, please visit

<https://www.stfrancis.ws/beacon>



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 5 - 8, 2023

Monday: **No School - Labor Day**
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, applesauce, and milk.
 Wednesday: Macaroni and Cheese, pretzel, green beans, fruit, and milk.
 Thursday: Hot dog on a bun, French fries, fresh fruit, and milk.
 Friday: Chicken salad in an edible bowl (chicken, cheese, lettuce), yogurt, warm apples with cinnamon, and milk.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 9/10

Altar Servers:
 5:00 p.m. Charleigh F. Averie D.
 8:00 a.m. Joanne H. Audrey D.
 10:00 a.m. Brayden C. Anna H.
 12:00 p.m. Lauryn S. 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. Shelia B.
 8:00 a.m. Lu Anne C.
 10:00 a.m. Jane M.
 12:00 p.m. Debbie T.

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

Collection Counters: September 5 Group 1

Sanctuary Cleaners: Shari Pung and Hannah Spitzley

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of August 27, 2023

Adults (183) Envelopes/Gifts:\$13,521.48
 (Including online giving)
 Loose Cash:.....\$554.00
 Total:.....\$14,075.48

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:\$31.00
 Building Fund:.....\$581.00
 Tuition Scholarship Fund:\$176.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$16,570.32. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

SEPTEMBER 2023

Abbreviations: (C) Church, (C/D) Coffee and donuts room, (CL) Choir Loft, (G) Gym, (K) Kitchen, (CK) Knights of Columbus, (CH) K of C- Columbian Hall, (L) Library/conference room, (RCIA) Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, (SCR) Small Conference Room (SH) Social Hall/School Cafeteria, (CHB) Church Basement

Please Note: Events on this calendar can change at any time. Please see the current bulletin or our Facebook page for the most up to date information.

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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: **mi1803** -- 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 20, 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.



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.*



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.

If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact our

Music Director,

Jeff Richards, at musicdirector.stjoseph@gmail.com



If you were raised as a child in the parish:

- And are now over 18 years of age
- And you did not fill out a parish registration form
- You are NOT a registered parishioner!










Why is it important to be registered in the parish:

- We can reach you with important information about the parish and it's ministries
- We have a more accurate idea of the number of parishioners we have in the parish.
- It allows us to seek your input and feedback.
- It allows you to formally support the parish financially, since envelopes will be issued to you for your use.
- We can start a sacramental record for you.
- Finally, registering can also help you have a greater sense of belonging to and ownership of the parish.

Please note:

The **envelopes** you receive when registering **will now play an important role in the reception of the sacraments.** (i.e. Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Godparents, and Marriage) in the parish. We're asking all parishioners to get into the habit of using your envelopes in the weekly collection. Even if you give online or don't have anything to put in the envelope, please submit an empty envelope. It will help us know how many registered parishioners attend a given Mass and it will also come in handing for determining if a person, presenting themselves for a sacrament, is attending Mass regularly as is required.

You can obtain a registration form from our website at www.stjoecatholic.com under forms or stop in the parish office.

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