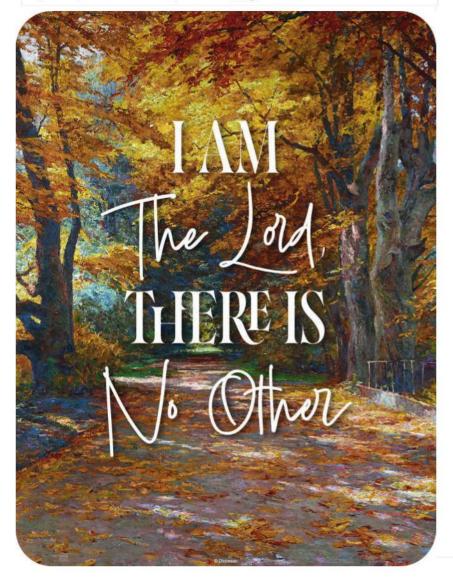
St. Foseph Catholic Church

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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 • October 23 Romans 4:20-28/Luke 12:13-21

No Mass

Tuesday • October 24Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Luke 12:35-387:00 p.m. Mass†Viola and †Francis FedewaBy: Fedewa Family

Wednesday • October 25 Romans 6:12-18/Luke 12:39-48 12:05 p.m. Mass In Thanksgiving By: Judy Kissane

Thursday ● October 26 Romans 6:19-23/Luke 12:49-53 8:30 a.m. Mass Education Trust Fund

Friday • October 27 Romans 7:18-25a/Luke 12:54-59

8:30 a.m. Mass †Ralph Dara

By: Knights of Columbus

Saturday • October 28Ephesians 2:19-32/Luke 6:12-165:00 p.m. MassThe People of the Parish

Sunday • October 29 Exodus 22:20-26/1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10/Matthew 22:34-40 8:00 a.m. Mass †Don Rademacher By: Henry and Carol Burkhardt

10:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m. Mass

**\*Dave Schroeder (Birthday)** By: Susie Schroeder

**†Michael Schneider** By: Brenda and Chris Deliso, Chuck and Linda Biewer, Charlie and Lisa Wieber

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

**†Luis and †Margarita Porras** By: Eric, Monica and Camilla Hufnagel The Sanctuary Lamp Will burn from October 22 to 29, 2023 In memory of

Dave Schroeder

Rest in Peace Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of

Carol Frechen and

Douglas Mauer





**Eucharistic Adoration** 

"We can find God, with His Body, His Soul, and His Divinity, present in all the tabernacles of the world! If we think about it, we are more fortunate than those who lived two thousand years ago in contact with Jesus, because we have God 'really and substantially' present with us always. It's enough to visit the closest church!" Blessed Carlos Actuis

Blessed Carlos Acutis died at the age of 15 on October 12, 2006. One of his practices for becoming holy was spending time in Eucharistic Adoration. We are never too young, or too old, to start!

Are you interested in making monthly or weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour, or being a sub? Call Rebecca at 989-292-2072.

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially: Adam Beverly Sawyer Ballinger Daniel Blair Bob Joan Bozung Carol Burgtorf Sherri Couch Friend Marcia Goerge Melissa Brenda Higgins 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

**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS** 

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 Stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com \*Please note: only immediate family members may add names to the bulletin prayer lists.

THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED



#### WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

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

#### How Honest Can We Be?

At the beginning of his letters to the various faith communities that he established. St. Paul gave a description of himself that sometimes became quite lengthy. Those who read at Sunday Masses are quite familiar with sentences from these letters that seem as if they're never going to end. Paul's letter to the Romans from last Monday's Mass readings is a good example. He begins thusly: "Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an Apostle and set apart for the Gospel of God ... "

And the salutation goes on for four more lines. It is true, but from some listeners' point of view it might be seen as arrogant to identify oneself as "set apart for the Gospel of God." This comes on the heels of finding out that the quote I used from Joe Caudy's obit last week was written by Joe himself. To jog your memory here it is again: "He was funny, witty, always smiling, friendly to all and loved by many." He also described himself as having "sparkling eyes and a characteristic smirk." Ágain, like

St. Paul, his statements were true, but could be misinterpreted by some.

That got me thinking about what each of us would say about ourselves if we were "required" to write our own obit before we could get into heaven. Maybe it would be easier it if we substituted the word "resume" for obit. If we had to submit a resume to be welcomed into heaven, how would we describe ourselves in one short paragraph. We certainly would want to put our best foot forward, yet, since the Lord who knows all is the final arbiter, we know we can't hedge on the truth.

Let's assume that someone among us is a person who has lived a nearly flawless life, can that person say he/she was kind, merciful and humble? I've adopted the thinking over the years that anyone who calls himself humble, likely isn't. Isn't it prideful to say one is humble? Can we call ourselves "a slave of Christ Jesus" like Paul did. Or is it better if we stick to more outwardly obvious gifts as Joe described himself.

Also, any interviewer for a significant job is going to ask not only our gifts, but our flaws. Are we ready to place our flaws before God, or are we fearful that admitting our sins will keep us out of heaven? So, as the title of this column asks: "How Honest Can We Be?"

Of course, this is just an exercise to get us thinking. But it could be a wonderful examination of conscience, especially for those who are otherwise strong in the faith, but who don't avail themselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation. On the flip side, such an examination would help us identify our gifts so that we might better use them to strengthen the parish. That could be in the form of time, talent or treasure. Those carrying this parish in these areas are over the age of 65. Who's going support the parish 20 years from now when most of that group is gone?

It is better that we are brutally honest with ourselves now and make changes before we are face to face with Jesus -- totally dependent on his mercy and not our track record.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com



# SAVE THE DATE

Women's Advent Celebration

Friday, December 1, 2023

Hosted by St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary



## 9th Grade Confirmation Session

The 9th grade Confirmation students are scheduled for their next session on October 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Contact Jen Nelson for questions at 989-224-9537 or dre.stjoseph@gmail.com

# IT'S SOCKTOBER!

During the month of October, St. Joseph School will once again be doing...

# ROCK THE SOCK

You can help by donating new men's, women's, children's, or baby socks and **putting them in the box near the school office**. These will then be donated to the Basic Needs store here in town.



God calls us to be Christian witness by showing our love for each other. Soctober is a great way to help those less fortunate.

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER

#### **Parish Office Closure**

When St. Johns Public School closes for Inclement Weather, so does St. Joseph Catholic Church parish office. If there is a weekday Mass scheduled that day, the Mass will still take place. Please consider all precautions if you still plan on attending the weekday Mass. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the parish office.

#### St. Joseph Catholic School

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

# LUNCH MENU

#### FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23-27, 2023

| Monday:  | Cheese stuffed breadsticks with dipping sauce, carrots, fruit, and milk.      |  |
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| Tuesday:   | Chicken fettuccini, breadsticks, green beans, fruit, and milk.                |  |
| Wednesday:   | Ham, scalloped potatoes, dried cherries, and milk                             |  |
| Thursday:  | Hot dog on a bun, French fries, fresh fruit, and milk.                        |  |
| Friday:  | Chicken noodle soup with crackers, blue berry muffins, fresh fruit, and milk. |  |
| Students: \$3.25 (includes milk)Milk \$0.50Adults:\$5.00 (includes milk) |   |  |

| LITURGICAL MINISTERS                       |            |              |  |  |  |
|--|------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| October 28/29                              |            |              |  |  |  |
| Altar Servers:                             | 5:00 p.m.  | Averie D.    |  |  |  |
|  |            | Charleigh F. |  |  |  |
|  | 8:00 a.m.  | Joanne H.    |  |  |  |
|  |            | Miles S.     |  |  |  |
|  | 10:00 a.m. | Mara T.      |  |  |  |
|  |            | Ellis T.     |  |  |  |
|  | 12:00 p.m. | Nolan C.     |  |  |  |
|  |            | Emelia C.    |  |  |  |
| 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.  | Ann P.       |  |  |  |
|  | 8:00 a.m.  | Rich H.      |  |  |  |
|  | 10:00 a.m. | Jane M.      |  |  |  |
|  | 12:00 p.m. | Mary E.      |  |  |  |
| Ushers:                                    | 5:00 p.m.  | Group 5A     |  |  |  |
|  | 8:00 a.m.  | Group 8E     |  |  |  |
|  | 10:00 a.m. | Group 10C    |  |  |  |
|  | 12:00 p.m. | Group 12A    |  |  |  |
| Collection Counters: October 23 Group 4    |            |              |  |  |  |
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## **STEWARDSHIP**

### For the weekend of October 15, 2023 Adults (195) Envelopes/Gifts: .....\$17,119.48 (Including online giving) Loose Cash:.....\$846.10

Sanctuary Cleaners: Kate Mullen/Kari Schneider

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| Total: | \$17,965.58 |
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#### **Other Gifts Received**

| Education Trust Fund:     | \$665.00    |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Building Fund:            | \$51,615.00 |
| Tuition Scholarship Fund: | \$1,685.00  |

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$17,179.23. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

# What is the Prayer Tree?



The Prayer Tree is an organized group of individuals who pray for our parish family. Prayer requests are confidential and are not shared with anyone outside of the prayer tree members. Parishioners can add their prayer requests for themselves, family members, or friends by contacting the Parish Office at 989-224-8994. The prayer request will be passed on to the prayer tree participants within one business day.

The prayer list published in the bulletin is not the same as the Prayer Tree. To add an immediate family member to the bulletin prayer list call the office 989-224-8994.



The Path of Divine Hope Grief Ministry invites you to join us in praying the

Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 5:00 p.m. Mass October 28, 2023, for those who are passing away and who have passed away this month.

We hope that you can join us."

# Lansing 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.

## Director of Information Technology Diocese of Lansing

Are you interested in serving the Church in the Diocese of Lansing? We are currently accepting resumes for a Director of Information Technology. To learn more about this position, and to apply, please visit the Diocese of Lansing Careers Page. Dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...You shall love your neighbor as yourself."





40 Days of Life is a prayerful and peaceful vigil held outside abortion clinics around the world from **September 27th until November 5th.** 

The Lansing 40 Days For Life vigil outside the Planned parenthood facility in Frandor runs from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We could use your help filling the numerous vacant time slots by registering at **40daysforlife.com/Lansing**. This provides you an opportunity during Respect Life month to pray for an end to abortion, for the women considering abortion and for conversion of those who work in the abortion industry.

I pray every Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. So call me at (989) 227-0088 if you would like to join in prayer to protect the unborn.

#### PLEASE MAKE SURE

YOUR MEETINGS AND EVENTS ARE ON THE PARISH CALENDAR: All it takes is an email or phone call to double check that your groups meetings are on the parish calendar. This is for both the church basement events in the school building. Help us make sure our schedule book is up to date so we do not overbook.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE BEFORE SCHEDULE FUNDRAISING BEFORE/AFTER WEEKEND MASSES:

Any groups who wish to do fundraising, ticket sales, etc. before or after weekend Masses <u>MUST</u> contact the parish office. Due to issues in the past, we only allow one group to fundraiser each weekend.

### 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.

St. Francis Retreat Center **Pilgrimage** to Sacred Heart Major Seminary

and Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament Tuesday, November 14, 2023

This day long pilgrimage will go to Detroit to visit Sacred Heart Major Seminary and Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Transportation will be provided via a deluxe 53 seat Dean Coach Bus. Mass will be held at the Seminary. Boxed lunches will be provided. We also plan to visit one of the most beautiful churches in downtown Detroit, Sweetest Heart of Mary. Our Chaplain is Fr. Mike Cassar, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Lansing and graduate of Sacred Heart.

The bus will depart at 7:45 a.m. from the Catholic Community of St. Jude in DeWitt and return late afternoon. Please be early to board the bus prior to 7:45 a.m. Space is limited. Payment is to be submitted with your registration form.

Registration fee: \$80/person (includes boxed lunch) Register at www.stfrancis.WS

# FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

#### Registration

Register by October 27, 2023 Seats also sold at the door No refunds, exact payment please

Person(s) count:

Or

Table (8-10) Count:

Contact Name:

Contact Cell:

Contact email:

Money Enclosed:

Individual tickets will be partnered with others to form a team.

Fundraising supports: recess aids, lunch room aids, supplemental teachers supplies, assemblies, student events, staff appreciation.





# Trivia Night

A fundraising effort for St. Joseph Catholic School, PSC

Saturday, November 4, 2023 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Gym

Join us for an adult evening of fun-filled trivia!

\$20 a person or \$180 a table (8-10)

Bring your favorite adult drinks. Light snacks will be provided, feel free to bring more.

MSU/U of M football game streamed. Public welcome





St. Joseph Church, St. Johns, MI

#### **Michigan March for Life**

Who: All Advocates for life of all ages

Why: Gathering on the first anniversary of the devastating passage of Proposal 3 sends a powerful message that we are still contending for life.

Where: The March will take place right outside the Capitol Building in Lansing, MI

When: Wednesday, November 8 2023

11:00 a.m. Rally outside the Michigan State Capitol Building
12:00 p.m. Michigan March for Life-join our peaceful march.
How: Visit <u>RTL.org/events/march</u> for all the details

EVERYONE coming should RSVP

ALL buses need to be registered!

Speakers included are:

Bishop Earl Boyea - Diocese of Lansing

Genecia Davis sharing her personal story of abortion and her subsequent path to peace

Emcee: Chuck Gaidica, former anchor/meteorologist of Channel 4 in Detroit

#### 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.

The envelopes you receive when registering will now play an important role in the reception of the sacraments. (i.e. Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation 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 <u>www.stjoecatholic.com</u> under forms or stop in the parish office.



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