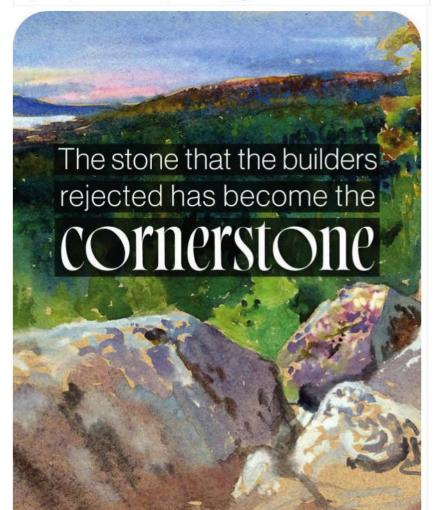
St. Foseph Catholic Church

109 Linden Street Saint Johns, Michigan 48879-1837 (989) 224-8994 Fax: (989) 224-3475 www.stjoecatholic.com stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com



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 9 John 1:1--2:2, 11/Luke 10:25-37

No Mass

Tuesday • October 10John 3:1-10/Luke 10:38-427:00 p.m. Mass*tHope Hoskins*By: Dad

Wednesday • October 11 John 4:1-11/Luke 11:1-4 12:05 p.m. Mass †Marge Martin By: Ann Wieser

Thursday • October 12 Malachi 3:13-20b/Luke 11:5-13

8:30 a.m. Mass

By: Rehmann Family

Friday • October 13 Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Luke 11:15-26 8:30 a.m. Mass †Ron Koenigsknecht By: Rehmann Family

Saturday • October 14 Joel 4:12-21/Luke 11:27-28 5:00 p.m. Mass †Donald A. and †Bonna Rae Henning By: Chelsea and Courtney

†Dale Howard

Sunday • October 15 Isaiah 25:6-10a/Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20/Matthew 22:1-14 or Matthew 22:1-10 8:00 a.m. Mass *†Terry Peiffer* By: Tony and Lana Hufnagel 10:00 a.m. Mass *The People of the Parish*

> **†Ann Green** By: Joyce Karber

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

OCTOBER 8, 2023

The Sanctuary Lamp Will burn from October 8 to 14, 2023 In memory of

Hope Hoskins

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



Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to noon 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, October 13, 2023 The office will be closed

Eucharistic Adoration

"If we go out in the sun, we get a suntan...but when we get in front of Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints." Blessed Carlos Actis

Have you considered taking your children or teens to spend time in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament? Young adults, is Eucharistic Adoration part of your salvation plan?



Blessed Carlos encourages us: "You, too, can be a saint. But you need to want it with your whole heart, and, if you do not yet desire it, ask the Lord for it with insistence."

Blessed Carlos died at age 15, on October 12, 2006.

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially: Adam Beverly Sawyer Ballinger Daniel Blair Bob Joan Bozung

12:00 p.m. Mass

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

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

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 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)

Oars and More

This past Saturday began as it often does for me, grabbing a caffeinated beverage and heading to church for the weekly get-together of the Average Joes. Now, for those who are not familiar with this group, it is men primarily made-up of, but not limited to, St. Joe. The name reflects our parish's namesake. Saint Joseph was just an average carpenter and stonemason when he was tapped on the shoulder by God and chosen to be the foster father of Jesus. He is not quoted in the gospels but his actions show that he was not only above average, but extraordinary. The guys attending Joes' meetings are too humble to accept the label "extraordinary," but, in this reporter's eyes are clearly "well above average."

A great example, was the conversation we had on the last day of September. After an interesting discussion of the repair and re-painting of a member's third-generation wooden boat, a poignant epilogue was added. I never thought of the philosophical nature of boat oars, but the boat owner pointed out that the front half of the boat had been painted and sealed to withstand the battering to come in the uncharted waters of life. The oars, however, were not repainted as a constant reminder of the stormy seas the oars had survived in years past.

As often happens at Joes gettogethers, however, we drifted to another topic that stimulated great conversation among the 10-12 guys there -- greed, or more specifically the question of whether or not putting money in a 401-k for retirement is being greedy. Without going into the many details of discussion, it was noteworthy that someone stated: "Did anyone notice that the trigger question was about greed, but our discussion the last half-hour has been about charity?" It was true that after the question had been asked, most of the discussion drifted to stories of charity, usually with one Joe recalling the charity of another. It was a great example of meaningful dialogue among likeminded Christian men - something that is spiritually fulfilling. And it most certainly can't be found anywhere. I encourage men in our parish who have never attended a Joes gathering or who haven't attended in a long while to stop in on a Saturday morning for some "well above average" conversation.

The answer to the 401-k and greed conversation, of course, is that saving for retirement is not greedy unless it takes the form of hoarding like the gospel parable of the rich man who built two barns to fill with a life's supply of grain. The gospels are clear that it is the lack of sharing one's wealth that is sinful, not the act of being rich. As long as we share in retirement, whether it is time, talent or treasure, then we are not being greedy.

Many people look at professional athletes as greedy because of the obscene amount of money they make. Last year's baseball players' strike was billed in the press as the fight between millionaires and billionaires. But for those of us who can detach themselves from the money and look strictly at the children's game they play, can appreciate the human element. Thus, I joined with thousands of others who welled-up yesterday at the final moments of Detroit Tiger Miguel Cabrera's baseball career -- remembering his love for the game as he waved to fans, because it is the same game we loved as kids.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com



Husbands, dads, brothers, sons and grandsons.... All are invited to join us for the **Average Joe's Men's Group.** We meet each Saturday morning in the church basement from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to discuss issues affecting men in our society today. Gatherings include speakers and videos to provide a variety of perspectives on how men think about and then action challenges in everyday life. The informal meetings also provide an opportunity for men of the parish to learn from each other.

All faiths are welcome.



St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary meeting Monday, October 9th Columbian Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m.

All ladies are welcome to join in the meeting for faith sharing, fellowship and treats. Join us in discussing future events such as the Ladies Advent Celebration. Your suggestions are welcome. We will also discuss one of the "difficult teachings of Jesus."

Hope to see some new faces!

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.

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.

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



Please contact Chris wells at princpal@stjoecatholicschool.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 9-13, 2023

Monday:	Tortilla chips with cheese beans, dried cherries, an	0
Tuesday:	Chili with crackers, cinna and milk.	amon rolls, fruit,
Wednesday:	Chicken poppers, carrots, strawberry short cake, and milk.	
Thursday:	Hot dog on a bun, fried chips, fresh fruit, and milk.	
Friday:	No School	
Students: \$3.25 (i Adults: \$5.00 (i	,	Milk \$0.50

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
October 14/15				
Altar Servers:	5:00) p.m.	Volunteer	
			Volunteer	
	8:00	0 a.m.	Volunteer	
			Volunteer	
	10:00) a.m.	Volunteer	
			Volunteer	
	12:00) p.m.	Volunteer	
			Volunteer	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:				
	5:0	00 p.m.	Group 3	
	8:0	00 a.m.	Group 3	
	10:0	00 a.m.	Group 3	
	12:0	00 p.m.	Group 3	
Lectors:	5:0	00 p.m.	Sheila B.	
	8:0	00 a.m.	Kathleen W.	
	10:0	00 a.m.	Joe T.	
	12:0	00 p.m.	Debbie T.	
Ushers:	5:0)0 p.m.	Group 5B	
	8:0	00 a.m.	Group 8C	
	10:0	00 a.m.	Group 10A	
	12:0	00 p.m.	Group 12A	
Collection Coul	nters:	October 9	Group 2	
Sanctuary Clear	ners.	Christine B	oak/Mary Jane Boa	



Christine Boak/Mary Jane Boak



STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of October 1, 2023

Adults (158) Envelopes/Gifts:	\$14,103.94
(Including online giving)	
Loose Cash:	\$379.00
Total:	\$14,482.94
Other Gifts Received	
Education Trust Fund:	\$961.00
Building Fund:	\$253.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$31.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$16,661.37. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

4

REFLECTIONS

This weekend before Mass we heard part one of a reflection about the Eucharist. To learn more on the topics covered, check out these resources:

<u>Web</u>

Eucharist: usccb.org/eucharist

<u>Books</u>

Eucharist: usccb.org/resources/mystery-eucharist-life-church

Sacraments: "Sacraments in Scripture" by Tim Gray (ePub on Formed.org)

<u>Video</u>

Eucharistic Congress: On Formed.org, search for "Jesus and the Eucharist" and look for the National Eucharistic Revival videos.

Real Presence: Also on Formed.org look for "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church", a series of short videos with Bishop Andrew Cozzens. **Viaticum:** On Formed.org, look for "Presence – Epi-

sode 3: Bread for the Journey"

Sacraments: "Finding the Sacraments in Scripture: The Gospel of John" (Formed.org)

There are many other videos about the Eucharist on Formed.org as well.

FORMED

Would like to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ?

Do you know someone who has fallen away from the Church and you want to reach them but you just don't know how to?

This is why our parish has invested in FORMED, so that each of us might grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our Faith with others, especially those closest to us.

With your free access to FORMED, 24/7 on your smartphone, computer, iPad, or Kindle, you can:

- Prepare for Mass each week by watching an insightful five-minute video on the Sunday Readings
- Enjoy movies as a family that are both nourishing and entertaining
- Enrich your marriage with the award-winning video program Beloved
- Help your children grow in faith and character with engaging children's materials.

Sign up for your free Formed account at: <u>STJOECATHOLIC.FORMED.ORG</u>



OCTOBER 8, 2023

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

The Most Holy Trinity in Fowler Knights of Columbus

Will be serving a delicious all-you-can-eat benefit breakfast

(sausage, ham, eggs, pancakes, and more) on Sunday, October 15 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Most Holy Trinity Activity Center. Proceeds will support vocations and pro-life activities. Bring your family and friends! Price: At-will donations accepted

40 DAYS FORLIFE.

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.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



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.

Have you liked us on FACEBOOK?



St. Joseph Church, St. Johns, MI

St. Joseph Catholic School St. Johns, MI

~Ξᢤᢤᢤᢤᡭᡭᢤᢤᢤᡭᡭᢤᢤᢤᢤᢤ

Large-Print Living Faith Daily Devotionals

A parishioner recently donated about 10 large print Living Faith daily devotionals. Please stop into the parish office to get your copy. Enjoy!

The Vatican International Exhibition: Eucharistic Miracles of the World In the church basement 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.



To Jesus Through Mary

St Joseph Parish will be participating in the 5th Annual Lansing Diocese Eucharistic Rosary Congress Friday, October 13th, in the church

This event includes Eucharistic Adoration along with the recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Beginning after the 8:30 Mass, the Eucharist will be exposed until 6:30 p.m. Starting at 10:00 a.m. The Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at the top of each hour.

Volunteers are needed for both Adoration and to lead prayers each hour. Instructions will be available. Please see the sign-up sheet in the gathering area or call the parish office if you or your family are interested in leading these prayers or taking a time for Adoration.

<u>Please note:</u> the last Rosary of this event at 6 pm is also the Fatima Rosary that was previously scheduled to take place on the church steps. It will be inside in front of the Blessed Sacrament instead.

Fatima Rosary

The last in the series of Fatima Rosaries will be prayed on October 13th at 6:00 p.m. Please note that this will be inside as part of the Rosary Congress event, and NOT on the church steps. Everyone is welcome to join us!

6

FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

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 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.



© 2023 DIOCESAN

View Our Parish Supporters at www.DiscoverMass.com

DIOCESAN

¥

To

Advertise

1-800-783-1623

Online

at

Diocesan.com/Business

VISA

Contract of the second

DISC VER

1034



© 2023 DIOCESAN