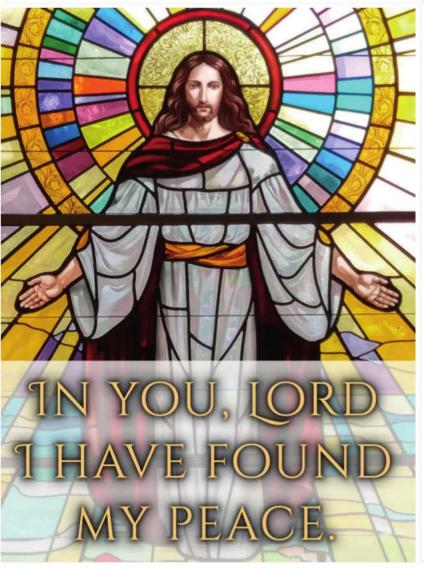
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Worship

Music • Jeff Richards

Parish Life

Parish Council • Dick Weller
Finance Council • Scott Dzurka
Parish Secretary • Judi Thelen
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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.

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Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday • 5:00 p.m.
Sunday • 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
Mass in Spanish • 6:00 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



THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • November 6

Romans 11:29-36/Luke 14:12-14

No Mass

Tuesday ● November 7

Romans 12:5-16ab/Luke 14:15-24 **7:00 p.m. Mass** †William Fox

By: Tom and Barb Thelen

Wednesday • November 8

Romans 13:8-10/Luke 14:25-33

12:05 p.m. Mass †Carl and †Laurene Thelen

By: Family

Thursday ● November 9

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17/

John 2:13-22

8:30 a.m. Mass †Theresa Fedewa-Wells and

†Jon Fedewa

By. Paula, Chris and Tianna Frey

Friday ● November 10

Romans 15:14-21/Luke 16:1-8

8:30 a.m. Mass In Honor of Rebecca Daman

By: Brad and Andrea Rehmann

Saturday • November 11

Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Luke 16:9-15

5:00 p.m. Mass †Marvin and †Rita Harr By: Harr Family

Sunday ● November 12

Wisdom 6:12-16/1 Thessalonians 4:13-18/Matthew 25:1-13

8:00 a.m. Mass

†Janet SmithBy: Dick Smith

10:00 a.m. Mass

†Urban, †Marie and †Ken Weber

By: Janet McKeown

12:00 p.m. Mass

The People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

For all people born in November

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of

Robert (Bob) Nurenberg

The Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn from November 5 to 11, 2023 In memory of

Dale Feldpausch

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to noon

1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Eucharistic Adoration

Here, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone (Dt 6:4)

This statement is meant for us all. In order to give the adoration and worship due to God, we must put aside all our false gods. In order to make time to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, or to add an extra Mass or an hour of adoration to our weekly schedule, we need to put something else aside. What are the false gods in our lives that keep us from worshipping the LORD the way we should?

Interested in Eucharistic Adoration? Please call or text Rebecca at 989-292-2072.

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

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Sherri Couch Friend Marcia Goerge Melissa Brenda Higgins David Higgins Korine Lynday Lucier Alissa Mckeown 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
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WE ARE ALL
EVANGELIZERS
(and whatever else is on
Deacon Fric's mind)

November - a Month of Remembrances

At the end of October we always began the entrance procession of Sunday Mass with a litany of names -- a remembrance of all the parishioners who have passed away in the last year. It's always a moving moment because whether we had known any of those on that list or not, we realize that there are probably family members of the deceased at the Mass. And they are probably still hurting. Thus we begin not only a week of prayer and remembrances as noted by the Church in the form of All Saints Day and All Souls Day, but we move into November, a month to remember all the souls in our own part of the world who have gone before us.

We celebrate the saints on the first day of the month because they provide us with model lives that we can imitate as we try to prepare ourselves for meeting Jesus when we end our earthly lives. We can look at some

saints and say "I can never do that." There are numerous examples of female saints who have raised a family, then after their husbands died, formed an order of sisters and then they founded hospitals and monasteries. We are not likely to see that nowadays, but we can isolate the qualities of those saints and strive to emulate them. We can look at the love they have for Jesus and work to strengthen our personal relationships with God. I, for example, will never be as profound a thinker as St. Thomas Aquinas or St. Augustine, but I pray for wisdom often knowing God may communicate to others through me and my communication platforms.

All Souls Day was a day for us to pray for all our loved ones and all the souls in purgatory. No matter how hard we try to live a Christian life, we sin. But in order to spend eternal life with the Lord, our souls need to be cleansed, thus we have purgatory. We can help those in purgatory by praying for them. (Though we tend to think of purgatory as a place, the Church says it may be more of a process than a place. The bottom

line is purification.) We don't have to limit our prayers for the souls in purgatory to one day, or even the month of November, but we have so many people to pray for in our lives that it's nice to have a month that causes us to stop and remember. We, too, will need others to pray for us when we reach purgatory.

Though November can stir up some sadness in us, it winds down in our country with the celebration of Thanksgiving. This is not only an opportunity to thank God for all the gifts this country has been given, but to thank him for the people he placed in our lives. We wouldn't be sad at losing a loved one if God hadn't given us someone to love in the first place. We are sad because we lost someone who brought us joy. We can truly show our love for them by praying that they be cleansed and thus may come to know the ultimate joy -- eternal life with Jesus.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

Clinton Community Thanksgiving Celebration

The Clinton Community Thanksgiving Celebration is back, but **desperately needs workers!** Shifts generally are two hours long and run all through Thanksgiving week. Food prep will be at the Columbian Hall Monday -Wednesday and event workers will be needed at the St. Johns Lutheran Church.

Please go to this website to sign up to volunteer: ccthanksgiving.org.

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Monday, November 13, 2023 6:30 p.m. at the Columbian Hall.

We will enjoy a potluck dinner together, so bring your favorite dish to share in fellowship with other women of the parish. Please come share a meal and discussion on the Auxiliary's events. The evening will be full of faith, fellowship and laughter. Also, don't forget to save the date for the Women's Advent Celebration that will be hosted by SMA on Friday, December 1st. It is a blessed way to begin the Advent Season.

Stay tuned for further details.



Two ladies rings have been found recently. One in the Choir Loft and the other in the front of church. If you think it's yours, please stop by the Parish Office to claim it.

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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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

November 11/12

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Icnacio O.

Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Kara B.

Logan B.

10:00 a.m. Elijah S.

Anna H.

12:00 p.m. Lauryn S.

Addelyn S.

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. Beth S.

8:00 a.m. Trevor H. 10:00 a.m. Steve M. 12:00 p.m. Mary Beth E.

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

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

Collection Counters: November 6 Group 2

Sanctuary Cleaners: Pat Snyder and Mary Harr

St. Joseph Catholic School

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

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LUNCH MENU

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6-10, 2023

Monday: Chicken Nuggets, mashed potatoes with

gravy, corn, applesauce, and milk.

Tuesday: Lasagna, bread sticks, lettuce salad, fruit,

and milk.

Wednesday: Chili, cinnamon rolls, peas, fruit, and milk.

Hot dog on a bun, french fries, fresh fruit,

and milk.

Friday: Shrimp poppers, carrots, fresh fruit, and

milk.

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

Adults: \$5.00 (includes milk)

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of October 30, 2023

Adults (181) Envelopes/Gifts:\$14,965.89

(Including online giving)

Loose Cash:.....\$1,378.00 Total:\$16,343.89

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:\$85.00Building Fund:\$85.00Tuition Scholarship Fund:\$22.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$17,248.29. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Thursday:

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

O God,
Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,
send Your Graces upon those You have called to
gather the fruits of Your labor, preserve and
strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.
Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in
them a love and desire

to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son,

Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Chris, our Lord.

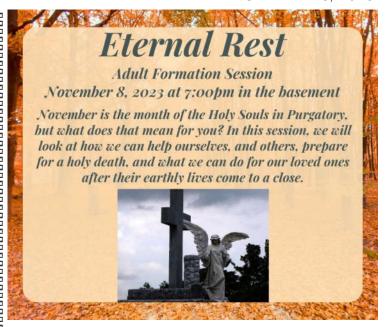
Amen.



Career Opportunities

Are you interested in serving the Church in the Diocese of Lansing? We are currently accepting resumes for two positions including an IT Director for the Diocese of Lansing, and a Donor Services Specialist with the Catholic Foundation. To learn more about these positions and to apply, please visit our careers page

https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/ careers





Save the Date

For the 2023 Clinton County Community Conversation on Homelessness: We each have a role in ending homelessness.

Monday, November 13, 2023 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

St. Johns Police Department 409 S Whittemore St., St Johns

Presented by the Clinton County Housing and Homeless Coalition: Working together to resolve and prevent homelessness

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

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

Pictorial Church Directory Update

A big shout out to everyone that volunteered to assist with Photo Sign-Up appointments as well as hosting the Photo Sessions Registration table. Without you, this project couldn't have succeeded! Your time and talent are very much appreciated!

Also thank you to all the parish families for your time getting photos taken for the directory. We know that your time is so important and often demanding.

Submit a photo...

Did you miss out in on getting your family photo taken by Universal Church Directories (UCD)? There is still a bit of time to *submit a family photo* if you missed the photography at St. Joseph Church.

Due date to submit a photo is November 13 Cost: \$25 and includes a hardbound directory If you're interested in submitting a family photo, please contact the parish office for details.

Update and timeline:

Photography at St. Joe concluded near the end of September. Family photos continue to be mailed out to families as (UCD) completes this process. The pictorial directory is in design phase, meaning selection and layout of ministry photos is in process. After the draft is submitted, proof will be sent to be approved. From there, final proof is sent out for printing.

We expect the directories to arrive at the church this spring, 2024.

We appreciate your patience in this process. We are all excited in anticipation of this new directory for our church family.

Thank you again,

Pictorial Church Directory Committee



Remembering the Parish

After providing for families and loved ones, you may wish to include St. Joseph Parish in your will. All gifts are welcome, and we ask that you prayerfully consider whether a portion of your estate should be used to continue the ministries of the parish. This can be accomplished with the words: I bequeath to St. Joseph Parish of St. Johns, Michigan, [insert amount being given or percentage of residue] to be used to support the ministry of the parish. A bequest can be a specific dollar amount, a specific piece of property, a percentage of an estate, or all or part of the residue of an estate. It is always recommended that you consult a lawyer for drafting or amending a will.





Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"

"Here I am," I said; "Send me!"
Isaiah 6:8

The Food Box

The Food Box donations help families in our community through the Emergency Food Assistance 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.

Turkey Bingo!

Sunday, November 12 1:00 p.m. St. Paul Catholic School Gymnasium, 811 E Oliver St., Owosso. 20 games, 20 turkeys, 50/50 coverall game

\$2.00 per card or 3 for \$5.00 Snacks, sandwiches and beverages available to pur-

Sponsored by the St. Paul Parish Altar Society Players must be 18 years of age.

Veterans Shower **Veterans Home**

Marquette-Michigan

This year's Veteran's shower will be going to the Veteran's Home in Marquette, Michigan. chose this location as we wanted to learn more about the places in Michigan were our veterans can live. Michigan Veterans Home D.J. Jacobetti, in Marquette, I Michigan has 108 members, 24 Air Force, 38, Army, 15 Marines, and 24 Navy. 102 males and 6 females (2 are veterans and 4 are spouses). Eras are 5 WWII, 14 Korean War, 74 Vietnam War, 1 Gulf War, and 11 'Other" - - We thank you for your service!

There will be red, white, and blue tubs in the gathering space from November 1st - 19th.

The complete list of items needed is available on the donation basket in the gathering space.

NEW ITEMS ONLY

PLEASE: All personal care items must be new and the package unopened.

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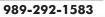
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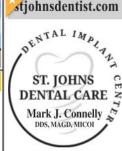
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