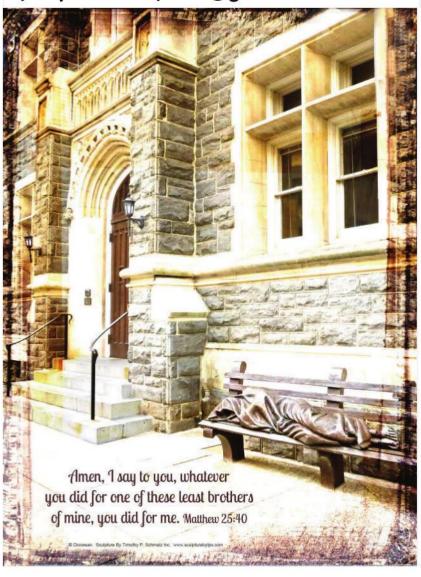
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Regular Mass Schedule

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

Tuesday • 6:30 p.m. Saturday • 4:00 p.m.

Prayer Tree

Parish Office: (989)-224-8994



THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday ● January 15 1 Samuel 15:16-23/Mark 2:18-22 No Mass

Tuesday ● January 16 1 Samuel 16:1-13/Mark 2:23-28 7:00 p.m. Mass **†Walt Pierce**

By: Chris and Brenda DeLiso

Wednesday ● January 17 I Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mark 3:1-6 12:05 p.m. Mass †Bill Zimmerman

By: Jim and Mary Cosgrove

Thursday ● January 18 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7/Mark 3:7-12 8:30 a.m. Mass †Dan Ritter

By: DeLiso Family

Friday • January 19 I Samuel 24:3-21/Mark 3:13-19 8:30 a.m.

†Peter and †Margaret Klein

By: Dan and Debbie LeVeque

Saturday ● January 20 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mark 3:20-21

5:00 p.m. Mass †Ralph Dara

By: Jay and Donna Henning

Sunday ● January 21

Jonah 3:1-5,10/1 Corinthians 7:29-31/Mark 1:14-20 8:00 a.m. †Ronald Cuthbert

By: Jeff Cuthbert

10:00 a.m. **†Tony Beals**

By: Kathy Orson and Anthony Beals

12:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. **†For the Eternal Rest of Joaquin Salazar**

Ronquillo





The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from January 14, 2024 to January 20, 2024

Mike Morris

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, January 22, 2024

Monday, January 22, 2024 is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn. There will be a special day of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding after the Rosary is led at 5:00 p.m. followed

> by the reposing of the Blessed Sacrament.



We ask that people sign up for an hour of adoration to pray for the legal protection of the unborn children, for their parents, and our lawmakers and government leaders. There is a signup sheet in the back of church.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Adam Beverly Sawyer Ballinger Daniel Blair Joan Bozung Carol Burgtorf Lisa Clarizio

Sherri Couch Friend Joe Cindy Fontus Marcia Goerge Melissa Brenda Higgins **David Higgins** Korine Lvndav Lucier Alissa Mckeown

Gabrielle Meece

Mary Matthew Myah Noah Danielle P. Patricia Jenny Pytlowanyi Frank Rademacher 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: 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: <u>only</u> immediate family members may add names to the bulletin.



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

WHAT TIME IS IT?

- "Time will come today."
- "Time waits for no one."
- "Does anyone really know what time it is?"
- "Parsley, sage rosemary and thyme" -- (well thyme sounds the same, right?)

Those song titles just scratch the surface of the hundreds of songs dealing in one way or another with time because our world is driven by some element of time. We have to be at work at a certain time. We have to catch the bus, the train or the airplane at a specific time and so on.

Most of us have immediate access to the time on a given day because we wear watches or carry cell phones. If someone in a crowd says "What time is it?," he or she will get an immediate answer. But there were no cell phones, wristwatches or clocks on the wall in Jesus' time. Yet in today's gospel, John the Evangelist notes that it was

four o'clock in the afternoon. Why did he note the time?

Most references to time in the bible are general as in the evening or at night. Often we are told of something happening in the first watch or second watch, which are time periods between sunset and sunrise. Watchmen would (surprise, surprise) watch for danger in the overnight hours for a set amount of time. Thus we are often given a "ballpark" time, but rarely a specific hour.

Bible scholars differ on exactly what John's purpose was in naming the precise hour of day, but the most logical one is that it is the time when his life changed forever. That was quite literally his "Come to Jesus" moment. Jesus says "Come and you will see." John was probably the unnamed disciple with Andrew when Jesus issued his invitation. In reflecting on Jesus' ministry while writing his gospel, John quite likely identified that moment as the time when his life changed in a way he never imagined.

Andrew, we are told today, immediately brought his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. The three of them then spent several hours with the Lord. And knowing this, we can better understand why, as we will hear in next Sunday's gospel, these fishermen so quickly abandoned their nets when Jesus later approached them and said "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They had experienced Jesus and desired to be a part of his ministry.

So I propose today that we all take some time to reflect on our lives and identify the four-o'clock-in-the-afternoon moments in our lives. Perhaps for some, it will be one powerful moment, when we experienced our own version of Mary's Fiat -- her "Yes to the Lord." For others it will be times when we took steps in Jesus' direction. Then may we all thank God for four o'clock.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

PRESENCE

Looking to jump start your faith life in the New Year? Presence is an opportunity to grow in your love and understanding of the Holy Mass and the sacrament of the Eucharist. This three-part series will explore many topics, including: Catholic beliefs, the Eucharist's role in sustaining us spiritually, and biblical references. Regardless of where you are in your faith journey, this series is for you! Please email Amanda at rcia.stjosephparish@gmail.com or contact the parish office to register to participate in this free series.



Thursdays at 6:00pm in the church basement: January 18 January 25

February 1



St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary brings together the ladies of the St. Joseph parish once a month for Faith sharing, fel-

lowship and food. The meeting also allows for the organizing of several events that St. Monica hosts each year. These events include the Ladies Advent Celebration, Ladies Spring Tea as well as several others. St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary meeting is held the second Monday of the month and is open to **all ladies of the parish.** New members are always welcome so come and check us out.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on January 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the (K of C) Columbian Hall.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

It's a new year! Is it time for a new ministry?

Deacon Eric will be conducting trainings for Eucharistic Ministers and lectors later this month. Exact date to be determined, based on availability of trainees.

Please contact the parish office by Friday, January 19th if Interested.



Lansing Catholic High School invites parents and students to attend our **Prospective Family Night Open House** on Wednesday, January 17, any time between 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Discover what Lansing Catholic High School has to offer by enjoying a tour of the campus with a student ambassador. Students and parents will also have the opportunity to ask questions and meet with our faculty and administration. Save time at the door and preregister at lansingcatholic.org/visit. Registration is not required, but is appreciated. Can't make it? Check out other dates or schedule your own visit with the admissions office at admissions@lansingcatholic.org.

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 LUNCH MENU

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

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FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15-19. 2024

Monday: No School - Professional Development Day.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy,

corn, applesauce, and milk.

Wednesday: Cheese stuffed breadsticks with dipping sauce,

peas, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Hamburger on a bun with cheese, fried chips,

fresh fruit, and milk.

Friday: Cheese pizza, green beans, fresh fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 20/21

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Joslynn R.

Sophia R.

8:00 a.m. Audrey D.

Cora D.

10:00 a.m. Caroline V.

Gracie H.

12:00 p.m. Lyndie R.

Chase K.

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. Lisa W.

8:00 a.m. Bob P. 10:00 a.m. Ted S.

12:00 p.m. Debbie T.

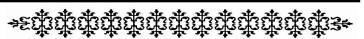
Ushers: 5:00 p.m. Group 5A

8:00 a.m. Group 8B 10:00 a.m. Group 10C

12:00 p.m. Group 12A

Collection Counters: January 15 Group 1

Sanctuary Cleaners: Tori Steingreaber/Susie Schroeder



STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend January 7, 2024,

Adults (436) Gifts:\$23,427.46 (Including online giving)

Loose Cash: \$787.00 Total: \$24,214.46

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:\$212.00Building Fund:\$145.00Tuition Scholarship Fund:\$55.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$19,041.48. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.



Be part of the St. Joseph Godfamily Ministry It's incredibly simple!

- Visit the newly baptized and his/her parents at least once.
- Deliver some gifts (provided by the parish) on that first visit.
- Pray daily for your "godchild" and his/her family
- Pass along pertinent materials and resources (also provided by the parish) that will help them build upon their faith and create a Christ-centered home.

If you are interested in helping advance this ministry in our parish by being a Godfamily, please contact the parish office.

Making the Case for Life

First Baptist Church of St. Johns is honored to host pro-life apologist **Scott Klusendorf**,

President of Life Training Institute and author of "The Case for Life" on January 20 and 21, 2024

Saturday, January 20 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Optional lunch to follow for a \$5.00 donation)
Sunday, January 21 at 10:30 a.m.

To see more details and register, go to this link or scan the QR code below.

https://stjohnsfbc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/637996

Catholic Homeschool Support Program

Sanctuary Academy of Dewitt is enrolling new families! We are a Catholic Homeschool Support Program at the St. Francis Retreat Center. We are offering an Enrichment Day (1 day/week) and a Hybrid Program (2 days/week) for the 2024/25 school year. If your family is looking for support on your homeschool journey, or seeking a hybrid education option, please see our website for program information:

www.sanctuaryacademydewitt.com. Also please join us for a Parent Information Night on Sunday January 14th, from 3-5:30 pm at the Retreat Center. Email Monica to register: monicarpoff@gmail.com.



Please welcome newly Baptized on January 7, 2024

Josephine Rose Hugo

daughter of Joel and Kylie (Steingreaber) Hugo and

Archie Michael Halfman

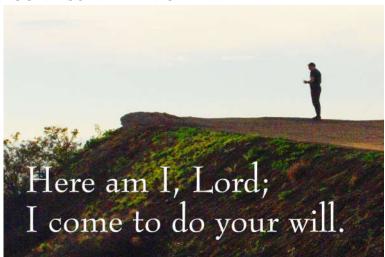
son of Benjamin and Breann (Klein) Halfman



An Ecumenical Prayer Service Friday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Therese Church, 102 W Randolph St., Lansing

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated from Thursday, January 18 -Thursday, January 25, 2024, the Octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. This week brings together Christian denominations from around the world to pray that Jesus' desire that his followers be one come true (John 17:21-23). This year's theme is "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27). An Ecumenical Prayer Service, **co-officiated by Bishop** Earl Boyea of the Catholic Diocese of Lansing and Bishop David Bard of the United Methodist Church of Michigan, will take place at St. Therese Church on Friday, January 19, at 6:30 PM. A reception will follow in Fr. Murray Hall. St. Therese Church is located at 102 W. Randolph Street, Lansing. For more information, please contact Fr. John Fain at 517-487-3749. come and pray with your fellow Christians!



The Catholic Foundation Temporary Employment

The Catholic Foundation is seeking candidates for temporary employment. Responsibilities will include data entry and charitable gift processing; paid training will be provided. Training will begin the week of February 19 and scheduled hours may continue through June 2024. Shifts of 4 to 8 hours, Monday-Friday may be scheduled and part-time or full-time options will be considered subject to availability of qualified candidates. Candidates with availability beginning after February 19th may also be considered. If you know of anyone who would be interested in data entry work who has availability 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, please contact Julie Gill, Donor Services Manager of the Catholic Foundation, at 517-253-8792 or donorservices@dioceseoflansing.org.

In addition, resumes are now being accepted for a Donor Service Specialist, Facilities Manager, and Administrative Assistant for Marriage and Family Life Ministries. To learn more about these positions and to apply, please visit our careers page: https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/career.



Please take a **free** copy of "The Blessed Eucharist" and "Holy Moments" books by Matthew Kelly of Dynamic Catholic.



These books, located in the new gathering space, were generously donated by a few parishioners of our parish.

Mass Reflections: More Resources

January 14 Reflection
This weekend's reflections were about the
"Precepts of the Church." If you would like to read
more go straight to the source and visit the Code of
Canon Law Online: www.vatican.va → Resource

- Library →Codes of Canon Law → English

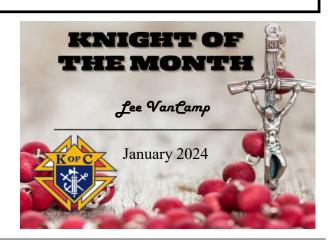
 Attend Mass Sunday and Holy Day (Canons 1246-1248) See also: "The Video of the Explanation of the Liturgy" www.stjoecatholic.com See also: "Symbolon: Pt 2: Session 3: Walk through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy" (formed.org, 34 min. 49 sec.)
- Confess Sins annually (Canon 989) See also:
 "Symbolon: Pt 2: Session 4: Penance & Anointing of the Sick: God's Mercy Revealed" (formed.org, 44 min. 53 sec.)
- Eucharist during Easter (Canon 920)
- Days of Fast & Abstinence (Canons 1251-1253) Also, www.usccb.org, search for the article "Fast & Abstinence")
- Provide for Needs of Church (Canon 222)





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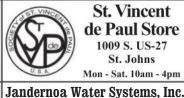
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