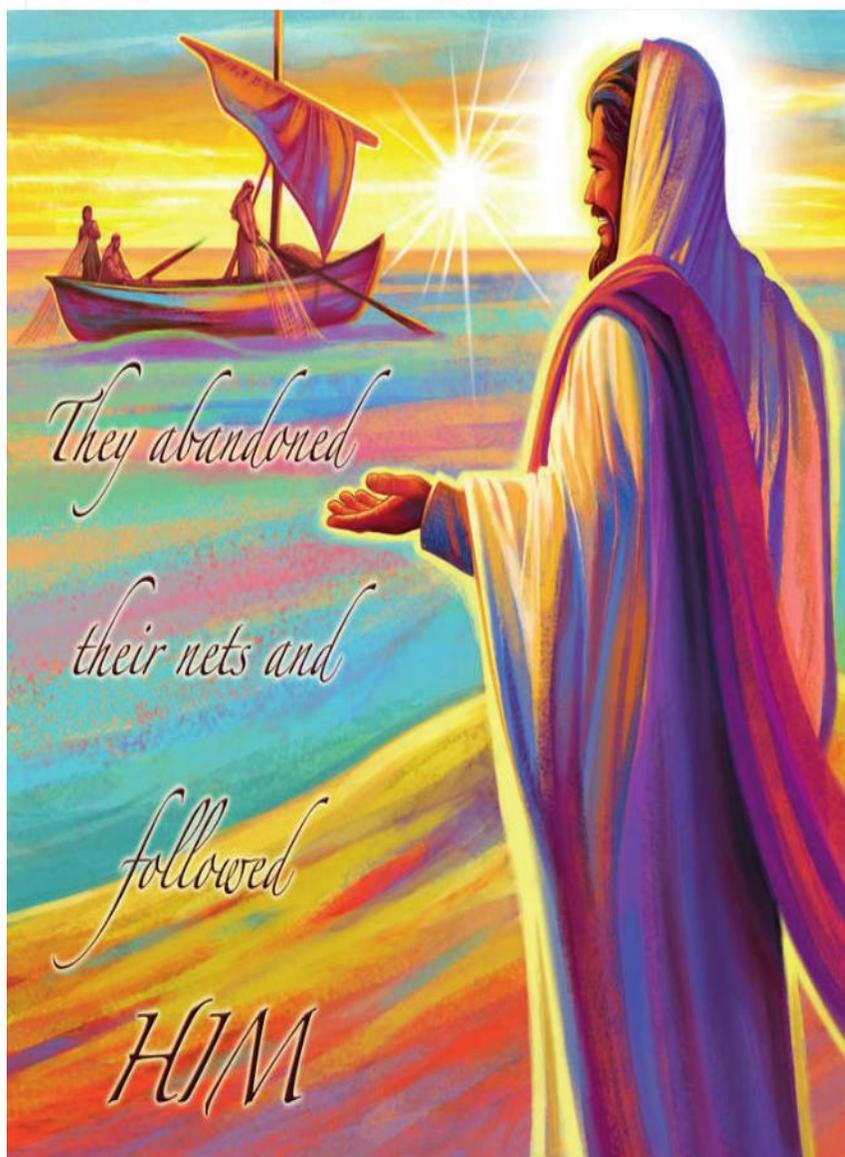


# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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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.  
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 22

2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10/Mark 3:22-30  
No Mass

Tuesday • January 23

2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mark 3:31-35  
7:00 p.m. Mass †Jerome Alphonse Kusnier  
By: The Klein Family

Wednesday • January 24

2 Samuel 7:4-17/Mark 4:1-20  
12:05 p.m. Mass †Lovella and †Jehu Fry  
By: Christopher and Tianna Fry

Thursday • January 25

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mark 16:15-18  
8:30 a.m. Mass †Dolores Ziegler  
By: Chuck and Linda Biewer

Friday • January 26

2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5/Mark 4:26-34  
8:30 a.m. †Benedict, †Rosalie C. Orson and living  
and deceased members of the family  
By: Kathy Orson

Saturday • January 27

2 Timothy 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mark 4:35-41  
5:00 p.m. Mass †Fred and †Josephine Rogers  
By: Monica Klaver and Family

Sunday • January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20/ 1 Corinthians 7:32-35/Mark 1:21-28  
8:00 a.m. †Rita Cuthbert  
By: Jeff Cuthbert

10:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. †Leon Kramer  
By: Bruce and Sandy Fandel

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish



The Sanctuary Lamp  
will burn from  
January 21, 2024 to January 27, 2024

Ed Canfield

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies  
to the family and friends of

Stephen Fahn



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.



Call Rebecca at 989-292-2072 for more information.

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  
Lynday Lucier  
Alissa Mckeown  
Gabrielle Meece  
Mary  
Matthew

Myah  
Noah  
Danielle P.  
Patricia  
Jenny Pytlowany  
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 Stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com  
*\*Please note: only immediate family members may add names to the bulletin.*



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

**What a Catch!!!**

This has been quite a week for football fans in Michigan. First, the University of Michigan secures the national championship in college football and then the Detroit Lions hosted a professional football playoff game for the first time in over 30 years -- and they actually won it and advanced to the next round. On top of that, their division nemesis, the Green Bay Packers upset the Dallas Cowboys, which gives the Lions a second home playoff game for the first time since the Super Bowl era began in 1967. So it looks like some Lions' fans going to today's (1/21) game may have raided the 401k to afford good seats for the game.

The Lions victory was secured with a completed pass with about two minutes to go and it was described as such by the Detroit News the morning after: *It seemed like any other pitch and catch. And to some degree, it was, as Lions quarterback*

Jared Goff said, "like every other rep we've had of that play a hundred, million times."

It may have seemed simple to quarterback Goff and receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown, but long-time Lions fans know there's very little that's simple in recent Lions' history. Many a simple pass has simply been dropped in key situations by Lions receivers. So much so, that I'm sure many Detroit fans thought "WHAT A CATCH!!" when St. Brown secured the ball and the victory.

And, now, in a classic case of burying the lead, did you happen to "catch" the story in today's gospel from Mark? Jesus saw a couple of fishing boats as he walked aimlessly (wink, wink) along the Sea of Galilee -- one vessel with fishermen about to cast their nets into the water and hopefully "catch" a large number of fish, while two young men in another boat who, with their father, were mending fishing nets. "Simple" men performing a couple "simple" acts of their trade, actions so routine that they may have thought they've done them "a hundred, million times."

As it turns out, of course, was that these fishermen were about to leave their "simple" lives. Instead of "catching" fish, they were to become "fishers of men." Nothing in their lives would be "simple" any more. We too must realize that when we make a commitment to God, that our lives change. On the one hand, we simplify our life because we change our focus from worldly goals to the Lord. On the other, we realize that it is difficult to turn away from secular gods such as power, money and pleasure. It's not easy to become "fishers of men", as apostles Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John found out as followers of Jesus.

Last week I suggested that we reflect on the "four o'clock" moments in our lives, when we became "fishers of men" as it were. Today, let's take that a step further and consider how successful we are as "fishers of men." Wherever success rate we've had, let's continue to drop our nets for the Lord, so that in the end Jesus can say of each of us: "WHAT A CATCH!!!"

*Deacon Eric*  
[deaconeric@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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**

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**



**January 21, 2024**

Please take a few minutes today to offer prayers for the unborn as we remember them on Respect Life Sunday.

Mahatma Ghandi once said: "the true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members," so let's follow his wisdom and pray that our society reverse the field and start protecting babies in the womb. Also, please pray for a conversion of the souls for all those involved in the abortion industry and all legal legislators that they may see the societal benefits of protecting life in the womb.

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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

**January 27/28**

<i>Altar Servers:</i>	5:00 p.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	8:00 a.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	10:00 a.m.	Volunteer
	Volunteer	
	12:00 p.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer

### *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

5:00 p.m.	Group 3
8:00 a.m.	Group 3
10:00 a.m.	Group 3
12:00 p.m.	Group 3

### *Lectors:*

5:00 p.m.	Ann P.
8:00 a.m.	Trevor H.
10:00 a.m.	Joe T.
12:00 p.m.	Dawn L.

### *Ushers:*

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

*Collection Counters:* January 22 Group 2

*Sanctuary Cleaners:* Bonnie Wohlfert/Jodie George



## St. Joseph Catholic School

### LUNCH MENU

**FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22-26, 2024**

Monday:	Chicken Fettuccini, bread sticks, carrots, fruit, and milk.
Tuesday:	Chili, crackers, cinnamon rolls, fruit, and milk.
Wednesday:	Loaded bake potato soup with crackers, grilled cheese sandwich, fruit, and milk.
Thursday:	Hot dog on a bun, French fries, fresh fruit, and milk.
Friday:	No School

Lunches are \$3.25

Milk \$0.50

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

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## STEWARDSHIP

**For the weekend January 14 2024**

Adults (231) Gifts: .....	\$14,483.88
(Including online giving)	
Loose Cash:.....	\$576.00
Total: .....	\$15,059.88

### Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: .....	\$129.00
Building Fund: .....	\$163.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund: .....	\$80.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$18,904.18. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

## Position Opening: Maintenance Supervisor

We are currently accepting applications for the Maintenance Supervisor position at St. Joe's. This position is responsible for all routine, preventative, and operational maintenance on all St. Joseph buildings, equipment, and grounds. Applicants should have previous experience in custodial and maintenance duties including safety and reporting procedures. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information and to apply, go to [www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers). Questions can be directed to Susan Mahoney, Business Manager (email: [business.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:business.stjoseph@gmail.com) phone: 989-224-8994)



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.

## Mass Reflections: More Resources

January 21 Reflection

Before the Mass, we reflected on the celebration of Candle Mass for the Feast of the Presentation. To learn more, check out these resources.

- Feast of the Presentation
  - Daily Reflections – Feast of the Presentation (formed.org 3 min. 50 sec.)
- Sacramentals
  - Sacramentals and Popular Devotions. (Formed.org, 5 min. 20 sec.)
  - Sacramentals & Signs: Objects, Actions, and Words as Avenues of Grace by Regis Flaherty (Formed.org PDF)
  - Using and Disposing of Sacramentals | Catholic All Year w/ Kendra Tierney (Formed.org 3 min. 27 sec.)
- Household Traditions (Refer back to December 17, 2023 Bulletin on Line)
  - The Year and Our Children by Mary Newland Reed (formed.org eBook, requires epub reader)
  - See Also: "Building the Domestic Church" (formed.org 9 min. 43 sec.)

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."



**52 SUNDAYS**

is a dynamic guide to help you and your family reclaim the Lord's Day with prayer, activities, food, and more! It offers simple and insightful ways for your family to spend time together each Sunday learning more about the Catholic faith and having fun while you're at it.

**St. Joseph's Feast and Raffle**

March 16, 2024

6:00 p.m.

*Ways to Support*

**Monetary Donations:** Send a check/drop off money to the school or click "Make a Donation" at [bidpal.net/sjfr24](http://bidpal.net/sjfr24).

**Item/Experience Donations:** Donations could include physical items, tickets to a sporting event, a weekend at your cottage, a hayride, and everything in between! To donate, go to [bidpal.net/sjfr24](http://bidpal.net/sjfr24), or email [stjosephfeast@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephfeast@gmail.com).

**Bid in the Silent Auction:** Live auction items will only be available at the in-person event. The silent auction will go live on March 14th. To view and bid on silent auction items, or go to [one.bidpal.net/sjfr24](http://one.bidpal.net/sjfr24).

**Buy a Raffle Ticket:** Tickets can be purchased through the school office, church office or a committee member. Get 1 ticket for \$100, 2 for \$175, or 3 for \$250. There will be five winners: 1st \$7,000.00, 2nd \$5,000.00, 3rd \$2,000.00, and 4th (2) \$500 winners. A minimum of 400 tickets need to be sold or the drawing will revert to a 50/25/25. A maximum of 700 tickets will be sold. You don't need to be present to win. 50/50 raffle tickets can **only** be purchased at the event.

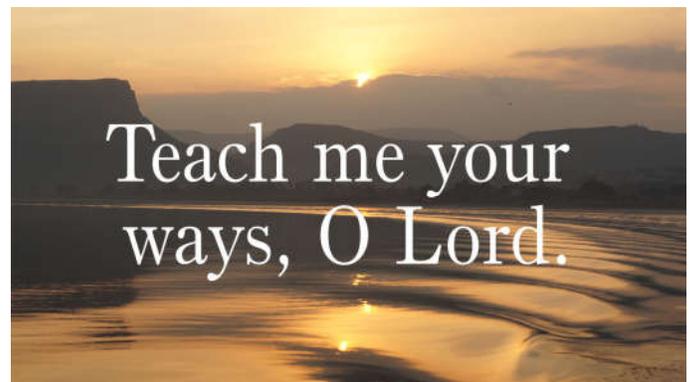
**Come to the Event:** Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dinner tickets can be purchased **online only** at [one.bidpal.net/sjfr24](http://one.bidpal.net/sjfr24). Ticket prices increase by \$10 on March 1. This year's event features live entertainment by Miranda and the M80s.

**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](mailto: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>.



Teach me your  
ways, O Lord.

*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.



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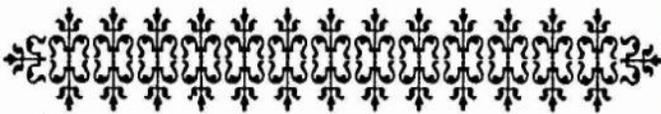


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**JAN. 19-21**  
**The Gift of the Eucharist Retreat for Men**  
 This retreat **for men** will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from it's Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every one of us.

**FEB 16**  
**Are You Smarter Than Your 8th Grade Nun?**  
 A fun fundraiser for furniture! This is an interactive comedy game show which takes place at Lansing Catholic High School. Doors open at 6:00, the show begins at 7:00

**JAN. 26-28**  
**The Gift of the Eucharist Retreat for Men**  
 This retreat **for men** will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from it's Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every one of us.

**MARCH 1-3**  
**Women of Spirit Retreat: Peace**  
 This retreat **for women** will be focusing on the topic "finding peace in the midst of chaos" with our featured speaker, Karen Ervin.

**FEB. 2-4**  
**Married Couples Weekend**  
 Married couples are encouraged to join us for a weekend away from the busyness of daily life to reconnect with their spouse.

**MARCH 8-10**  
**The Gift of the Eucharist Retreat for Men**  
 This retreat **for men** will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from it's Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every one of us.

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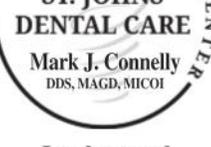
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