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Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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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

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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 29

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30-14; 16:5-13/Mark 5:1-20

No Mass

Tuesday ● January 30

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Mark 5:21-43

7:00 p.m. Mass †Karl Hufnagel

By: Eric, Monica, and Camilla Hufnagel

Wednesday • January 31

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17/Mark 6:1-6

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

By: Family

Thursday ● February 1

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12/Mark 6:7-13

8:30 a.m. Mass **†Bob Nurenberg**

By: Jack and Marie Martin Family

Friday ● February 2

Malachi 3:1-4/Hebrews 2:14-18/Luke 2:22-40

†Dan Blair 8:30 a.m.

By: Susan and Steve Mahoney

Saturday ● February 3 1 Kings 3:4-13/Mark 6:30-34

8:30 a.m. For an end to abortion

5:00 p.m. Mass †Doris M Orson and †Amalia Kolp Smith

By: Kathy Orson

Sunday ● February 4

Job 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23/Mark 1:29-39

8:00 a.m. **†Stan Thelen** (20th anniversary)

By: Thelen Family

10:00 a.m. †Ann Green

Bv: Kathv Orson

12:00 p.m. The People of the Parish 6:00 p.m. **Holy Souls in Purgatory**

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from January 28, 2024 to February 3, 2024

Leon Kramer

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of

Stephen Fahn ^{and} Daniel Foseph Blair

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.



KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Adam Beverly Sawyer Ballinger Joan Bozung Carol Burgtorf Lisa Clarizio Sherri Couch Friend

Cindy Fontus Marcia Goerge Melissa Brenda Higgins David Higgins Korine Lynday Lucier Alissa Mckeown Gabrielle Meece Mary Matthew

Myah

Noah Danielle P. Patricia Jenny Pytlowanyj 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: only immediate family members may add names to the bulletin.



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

Virtues as Bridges

(While in the vestibule of church yesterday wishing exiting Mass-goers a good week, a woman shouted "Deacon Eric, why didn't you mention the Lions during your homily today" and I answered that I devoted half my bulletin column to their last game and can't talk about them all the time. There are some readers who don't care about sports, so I'll take the next couple weeks off from Lions' talk -- after this: "congrats to Simba and the Motor City footballers for getting to the conference championship game!

Now let's talk about virtues.)

I've come across a quote that I know I've used before, but since it remains timeless and thought-provoking, I thought I would dust it off and see what it generates after sitting around for three years. It comes as no surprise to many, I suppose, that the words are those of early 20th century Catholic writer G.K Chesterton:

"To love means loving the unlovable.

To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable.

Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless".

His look at the three theological virtues of faith, hope and love, seasoned with a little dash of forgiveness provide great contemplation opportunities for us -- especially with the quiet time many of us create in Lent -- now only two-and-a-half weeks away. We can tackle all of these virtues or one that is most relevant in our lives. Each of these virtues can be bridges to better spiritual health for ourselves and for others.

Breaking Chesterton's statement down, we can ask ourselves: "Is there someone in my life who makes it very hard to love him or her?" Perhaps there's a parent, a child, a sibling or an in-law - anyone who, to this point, has been seemingly unlovable whom I can work harder to love.

Forgiveness can be very difficult for many of us to show. For example we can ask ourselves: "Is there someone in my life, or who once was, that hurt me so badly that I

have been unable to forgive him or her?" This is might take more than a night or two of reflection to overcome, but perhaps if it is our special prayer for Lent, the Lord will grant us the compassion we need to forgive that person.

Faith and hope are virtues that are often intertwined. They require a belief in something greater than us, when the odds or maybe logic seem to indicate otherwise.

Lent is a great time to strengthen our faith and to maintain hope because it is a period when we can devote more time to prayer -- a great time to spend at church, when in the quiet outside Mass we can spend some alone time with Jesus.

We've got a little more than two weeks to think about how we are going to better ourselves during Lent. Maybe the best way, instead of just giving up pizza or beer, is to dare cross one of these Chesterton bridges.

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



Elon Musk recently said, "At Space X, we specialize in converting things from impossible to late." Based on that criterion alone I'm eligible for a job at Space X. Half of January is gone and I sll Ehaven't scratched the surface with geng E my "thank you" cards out from Christmas. I'd just like to thank everyone for all the wonderful cards, money, cakes, candies, and food I received during Christmas this year. My doctor got my meds mixed up and accidently gave me medication for Type 2 Diabetes. Either that or he just figured it's a matter of time before I need it. Regardless, if I keep eating like I did during Christmas I'm going to need to buy larger vestments for Mass. Blessings to each of you and thank you again for your generosity and kindness.

9th Grade Confirmation Session

The 9th Grade Confirmation students are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 31st at 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please bring your journals with you to the session. The evening will also include Youth Group (9-12 High School Group) activities at the end of the session. For questions, please contact Jen Nelson at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com

St. Joseph's Feast and Raffle Ways to Support

Monetary Donations: Send a check/drop off money to the school or click "Make a Donation" at 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, or email stjoefeast@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.

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. Ticket prices increase by \$10 on March 1. This year's event features live entertainment by Miranda and the M80s.

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

St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 2, 2024

Monday: Tortilla chips with cheese and meat sauce, peas,

fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Baked chicken, baked potato with cheese, fruit,

and milk.

Wednesday: Lasagna, breadsticks, green beans, apple crisp,

and milk.

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

fresh fruit, and milk

Friday: Chicken poppers, corn, fresh fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 3/4

Altar Servers: 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 1 8:00 a.m. Group 1 10:00 a.m. Group 1 12:00 p.m. Group 1

Lectors: 5:00 p.m. Diane A.

8:00 a.m. Dean H

10:00 a.m. Cassondra G.12:00 p.m. Mary E.

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

8:00 a.m. Group 8D 10:00 a.m. Group 10A

12:00 p.m. Group 12A

Collection Counters: January 29 Group 3

Sanctuary Cleaners: Christine Boak and Mary Jane Boak

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STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend January 22, 2024

Total:.......\$18,338.68

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$110.00
Building Fund: \$251.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$157.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$18,885.33. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

ST. JOSEF	JOSEPH PARISH CALENDAR	CALENDA	AR.		FEBRUARY	JARY
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				9:00 a.m. Bible Study L	I st Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	8:30 AM Benediction & Pt Saturday Mass
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		Ī		7:00 PM Choir Practice		4:00 PM Confession 5:00 PM Mass
4 Masses: 8 & 10 AM, Noon	5 No Mass	6 7:00 PM Mass 9:30 AM Bible Study (L)	7 12:05 PM Mass	8 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	9 8:30 AM Mass Adoration (C) from after	10 8:30 am Average Joes
8:30 – 11:30 a.m. K of C Pancake Breakfast (SC)	7:30 p.m. Knights of)	6:00 – 7:30 P.M. RFC (Sch)	L 5:00 p.m. CIA L 5:30 p.m. Prayer Healing Service C	8:30 AM Mass until 7pm	
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish	(CH)	o.30 PM Confessions (C)	tion	7:00 PM Choir Practice (CL)		5:00 PM Mass
1 Masses: 8 & 10 AM,	12 No Mass	13 7:00 PM Mass	14 Ash	15 8:30 AM Mass	16 8:30 AM Mass	17
	6:00 p.m. PSC (TL)	9:30 AM Bible Study (L)	Wednesday Masses at:	5:00 p.m. CIA (L)	8:30 AM Mass until 7pm No School for Students	8:30 a.m Average Joes
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish	6:30 p.m. St. Monica	6:30 PM Confessions (C)	8:30 a.m. 12:05 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m. First Reconciliation Interviews (L)	47:00 pm KC Fish Fries (CH)	4:00 PM Confession
	in Surrey (mineral		No RFC	7:00 PM Choir Practice (CL)	6:00 p.m. Stations (C)	5:00 PM Mass
18 Masses: 8 & 10 AM,	19 No Mass	20 7:00 PM Mass	Z1 12:05 PM Mass	22 8:30 AM Mass	23 8:30 AM Mass	24
Noon		9:30 AM Bible Study (L)		9:00 a.m. Bible Study	8:30 AM Mass until 7pm	8:30 a.m Average Joes
First Sunday of Lent	No school for students		6:00 – 7:30 P.M. RFC	1-1	47:00 pm KC Fish Fries	
and the second			(Sch) 7:30 – 8:30 n m H S	5:00 p.m. CIA (L)		4:00 PM Confession
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish		6:30 PM Confessions (C)	Faith Formation (S)	7:00 P.M. Choir Practice (CL)	6:00 p.m. Stations (C)	5:00 PM Mass
25 Masses: 8 & 10 AM.	26 No Mass	27 7:00 PM Mass	28 12:05 PM Mass	29 8:30 AM Mass	Age 14 & up - Abstain from meat on all Fridays	rom meat on all Fridays

Abbreviation Key: (C) Church (RR) Reception Room (CL) Choir Loft (G) Gym KC - Knights of Columbus (CH) KC Columbian Hall (L) Library Conference Room (CIA) - Christian Initiation for Adults RFC - Religious Formation/Class (SC) Social Hall/Cafeteria (Sch) School (ROR) Reception over-flow room (TL) Teacher's Lounge Please Note: Events on this calendar can change at any time. Please see the current bulletin or our Facebook page for the most up to date information.

(including Good Friday) of Lent Age 18-59 - Fast Good Friday

9:00 a.m. Bible study L

5:00 p.m. CIA (L)

6:00 – 7:30 PM RFC (Sch)

6:30 PM Confessions (C)

9:30 AM Bible Study (L)

Fasting &

Second Sunday of Lent 6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Noon

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. Questions can be directed to Susan Mahoney, Business Manager (email: business.stjoseph@gmail.com phone: 989-224-8994)



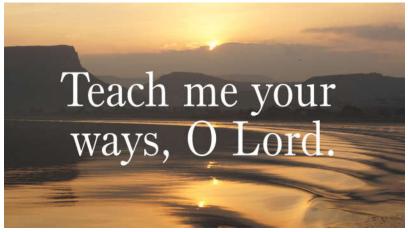
What is the Prayer Tree?

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.

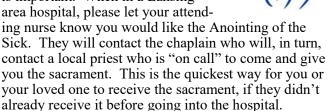
To add an immediate family member to the bulletin prayer list call the office 989-224-8994.





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 attend-



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 www.stjoecatholic.com under forms or stop in the parish office.



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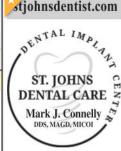
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