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I turn to you,
Lord,
in time
of trouble



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Fr. Michael Williams
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Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

Worship

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Marriage Preparation • Fr. Michael Williams
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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 • February 12

James 1:1-11/Mark 8:11-13
No Mass

Tuesday • February 13

James 1:12-18/Mark 8:14-21
7:00 p.m. Mass †Jacqueline LeVeque
By: Dan and Debbie LeVeque

Wednesday • February 14

ASH WEDNESDAY
Joel 2:12-18/2 Corinthians 5:20--6:2/Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
8:30 a.m. Mass †Silvia Ramos
12:05 p.m. Mass For all couples of our church
6:00 p.m. Mass †Jack Martin
By: Bob Nurenberg family

Thursday • February 15

Deuteronomy 30:15-20/Luke 9:22-25
8:30 a.m. Mass †Charles Wadell
By: Gail Wadell

Friday • February 16

Isaiah 58:1-9a/Matthew 9:14-15
8:30 a.m. †Bill Fox
By: Susie Schroeder Family

Saturday • February 17

Isaiah 58:9b-14/Luke 5:27-32
5:00 p.m. Mass †Kathy Reynolds
By: Family

Sunday • February 18

Genesis 9:8-15/1 Peter 3:18-22/Mark 1:12-15
8:00 a.m. †Brian Ritter
By: Family
10:00 a.m. †Christine Witt
By: Family
12:00 p.m. The People of the Parish
6:00 p.m. For the eternal rest of †Margrita Alor
By: Eric, Monica and Camila Hufngel

Mass Reflections: More Resources

Our Mass Reflections for February are about the History and Practices of Lent. If you would like to learn more, do what we do, search these sites on-line using the keywords "Lent", "History of Lent", "Fasting", "Prayer", "Almsgiving" or "Charity", etc. On secular sites or search engines, add the word "Catholic" to target your results.

- ◆ Formed.org
- ◆ United State Conference of Bishops (USCCB.org)
- ◆ Or your favorite on-line bookseller; look for titles by catholic publishing companies (Loyola Press, Ignatius Press, Paulist Press, Ascension Press, Franciscan Media, Tan, Liguori Publications, Ignatius Press, Emmaus Road Publishing, Our Sunday Visitor, Sophia Institute Press, etc.)



The Sanctuary Lamp

will burn from
 February 11, 2024 to February 17, 2024

Brían Ritter

Eucharistic Adoration

"Let us never forget that an age prospers or dwindles in proportion to its devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This is the measure of its spiritual life and its faith, of its charity and its virtue." —St. Peter Julian Eymard

As we begin Lent, consider how to increase devotion to the Holy Eucharist in your life. Consider: Attending weekday Mass, stopping in for a daily or weekly visit to the Blessed Sacrament, reading a book about The Holy Eucharist, and/or scheduling time for adoration on the First Friday of March and on Holy Thursday evening.



We are in need of monthly adorers and subs during Exposition on First Fridays. We also have a group who attend adoration every Friday. For more information call or text Rebecca 989-292-2072

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

- 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 Pytlowanyj
- Frank Rademacher
- Jerry Schafer
- Joany Schraubon
- 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 Stjosephchurchst-johns@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)

Time to Look Inside

Well it's that time of year again. It's time to focus less on what's happening around us and take a snapshot of our inner life. It's time to look inside and ask ourselves some tough questions. It's time for Lent -- a time to take a serious look at our souls. That look, however, will be worthless without a **commitment to repentance**. And by repentance I don't just mean saying a prayer asking for God's forgiveness, but a sincere confession and commitment to change the behaviors that led to the sins we confessed. We need to change for the better.

We never know when our time will come. And sometimes deaths come in bunches. I had four recently in the span of about ten days in my personal and diaconal life. I just read about a former professional basketball player who broadcast a game last weekend and

died unexpectedly the next morning. Lent is all about preparing for our end and removing sinful stains on our soul, for we need to be pure before we can enter our heavenly home. We need to enter Lent with the disposition of the leper in today's gospel who said to Jesus, "If you wish, make me clean."

Jesus responded to the leper as he had hoped: "I do will it. Be made clean" was the Lord's response. The leper was immediately cleansed. This is a fitting conclusion to today's readings. Remember our first reading which described how the visible sores of leprosy made the victims unclean -- ostracized from the community. That meant they could not worship God in the temple. As such, Jesus tells the cleansed leper in our gospel selection to first show himself to the priest and offer sacrifice, allowing for admittance to the temple and public worship of God.

Through the sacrament of reconciliation we, too, can be made clean. Jesus does will it. Though we do not carry the visible signs of leprosy when we sin, God most

certainly sees them on our souls. Our sins are like the leper's sores of our souls, separating us from the one who gave us physical life and who offers us eternal life. But in our case, it is our actions that are responsible for these blemishes on our souls. The lepers did not bring on their own disease.

On Ash Wednesday we will hear the gospel account from Matthew that encourages us to follow the three-pronged approach to Lent of prayer, fasting and alms-giving, and to do so in true humility. We are not to draw attention to ourselves by our actions. Our goal is not to present a "woe is me" front or a "look at me" attitude. The goal is to be a better person at the end of Lent than at the beginning, to have a clean soul, to be a better giver and become a prayer warrior. But first we have to take the very first step, taking the time to look inside.

Deacon Eric
deaconeric@hotmail.com

Rite of Sending, Rite of Election, and the Call to Continuing Conversion

On the first Sunday of Lent (February 18), those from our parish preparing to enter into full Communion with the Catholic Church will be sent to the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. In the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion, "the Church makes its 'election' of those catechumens who have the dispositions that make them fit to take part...in the sacraments of initiation" (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults [RCIA]*, 119). In addition, those baptized Christians who seek to "complete their Christian formation and become fully integrated into the community..." (*RCIA*, 410) come before the bishop who, on behalf of the Church, officially recognizes their "desire to have a place at Christ's Eucharistic table" (*RCIA*, 454). The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion stands not only as ratification of the catechumens' and candidates' readiness for the sacraments but as a witness to everyone's need and longing for communion with our God and the Church's call to bring them into the fold.

At our 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, February 18, the parish community will express its approval of those planning to join the Church at Easter, and send them forth with care and support to participate in the Rite of Election or Call to Continuing Conversion with Bishop Boyea.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 17/18

<i>Altar Servers:</i>	5:00 p.m.	Averie D. Charleigh F.
	8:00 a.m.	Miles S. Tanner K.
	10:00 a.m.	Mara T. Ellis T.
	12:00 p.m.	Nolan C. Emelia C.

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

<i>Lectors:</i>	5:00 p.m.	Lisa W.
	8:00 a.m.	Rich H.
	10:00 a.m.	Rose R.
	12:00 p.m.	Mary Beth E.

<i>Ushers:</i>	5:00 p.m.	Group 5B
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8A
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10C
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A

Collection Counters: February 12 Group 1

Sanctuary Cleaners: Kate Mullen/Kari Schneider

Parents with one or more students attending Lansing Catholic High School may apply for a parish subsidy grant from St. Joseph Church to help with tuition costs. There are basic requirements to apply and forms are available through the parish office or on our website:

stjoecatholic.com/forms/

Application deadline is March 31, 2024 for the 2024-25 school year.

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

St. Joseph Catholic School

LUNCH MENU

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12-16, 2024

- Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, applesauce, and milk.
- Tuesday: Mini corn dogs, lettuce salad, strawberry short cake, and milk.
- Wednesday: **ASH WEDNESDAY:** Cheese stuffed breadsticks with dipping sauce, fresh carrots, fruit, and milk.
- Thursday: Hamburger on a bun with cheese, fried chips, fresh fruit, and milk.
- Friday: **No School**

Lunches are \$3.25

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STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of February 4, 2024

Adults (343) Gifts:	\$22,088.52
(Including online giving)	
Loose Cash:	\$634.50
Total:	\$22,723.02

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$369.00
Building Fund:	\$128.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$135.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$18,936.48. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 11, 2024



St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary next meeting
Monday, February 12
 6:00 p.m.
 Columbian Hall
All ladies of the parish are welcome

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Brian Kelley

February 2024

This meeting will begin with a potluck meal, so bring your favorite dish to pass. Following the meal, there will be a brief recap of the Auxiliary's events then make St. Valentine's Day crafts for homebound parishioners. While crafting there will be discussion about St. Valentine and Lent, which happens to fall on Valentine's Day this year.



Come and enjoy a special and fun evening.

For questions, please call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088.

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