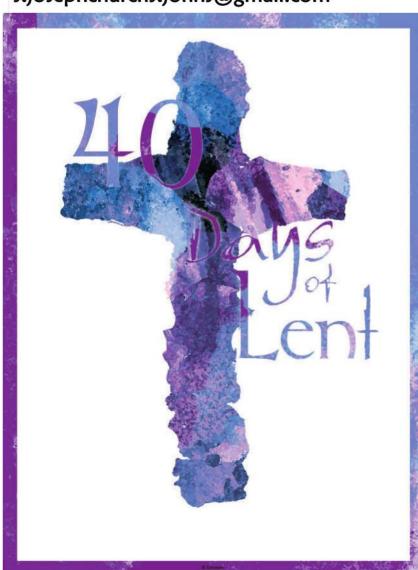
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Deacon Marv Robertson (retired)
Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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Maintenance • Dave Klein

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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 19

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/Matthew 25:31-46

No Mass

Tuesday ● February 20 Isaiah 55:10-11/Matthew 6:7-15 7:00 p.m. Mass †Joan Jorae

By: Joyce Karber & Family

Wednesday ● February 21

John 3:1-10/Luke 11:29-32

12:05 p.m. Mass †Bob Shannon

By: Friends

Thursday ● February 22 1 Peter 5:1-4/Matthew 16:13-19

†Andrea Randall, †Carol Randall, living 8:30 a.m. Mass

and deceased family members

By: Brian and Deb Szonpt

Friday ● February 23

Ezekiel 18:21-28/Matthew 5:20-26

8:30 a.m. Mass **†Fran Motz** (25th anniversary)

By: Family

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday ● February 24
Deuteronomy 26:16-19/Matthew 5:43-48

5:00 p.m. Mass The people of the parish

Sunday ● February 25

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Romans 8:31b-34/Mark 9:2-10

†Bernard Fox 8:00 a.m. Mass

By: Leon and Ann Parker

10:00 a.m. Mass †Dave Schroeder

By: Susie and the kids

†Donald Linden Sr. 12:00 p.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Abstinence and Fasting: Catholics of age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from ages 18-59 must fast (limit themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals) each of those days.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from February 18, 2024 to February 24, 2024 Kathy Reynolds

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday of Lent at at 6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

"The Lord, your God, shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve." —Matthew 4:10

These are the words of Jesus to the devil, after the devil had shown Jesus "all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence" and offered them to Jesus, if Jesus will "prostrate" and "worship" the devil (Mt.4:8-0).



Lent provides us an opportunity to put the things of the world, which distract us from God, in their proper place and focus on worshiping the Lord our God as we should.

If you are interested in attending Eucharistic Adoration on a regular basis? Call/text Rebecca at 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

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 Stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com *Please note: only immediate family members may add names to the bulle-



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

What Does Faith Mean to Us?

(A quick shout out to the group of parishioners who recently donated a Saturday morning to packing over 60 thousand dry meals for the poor in developing countries. In the Knights of Columbussponsored event, about 100 people gathered at Lansing Catholic to put together the meals of dried veggies, ground soy, black beans and rice. I hesitate to try to name everyone from St. Joe's lest I miss someone, but thanks go out to Mike, Kim, Tom, Tera, Mason, Steve and Mary Beth and anyone else I may have missed. God bless you.)

A few weeks ago this column focused on G. K. Chesterton look at forgiveness and the three theological virtues of faith, hope and love. Today, while putting together some thoughts about this column I came across a gospel reflection

from noted Catholic scholar and writer Bishop Robert Barron who focused on the virtue of faith:

Faith is an attitude of trust in the presence of God. Faith is openness to what God will reveal, do, and invite. It should be obvious that in dealing with the infinite, all-powerful person who is God, we are never in control.

Wow! Think of that closing statement for a few seconds: "in dealing with the infinite, all powerful person who is God, we are never in control." This statement forces us to look at our level of humility, or perhaps our lack of it. This may be a great focal point of prayer for some of us this Lent. Do we run our lives under the guise that we control them or are we understanding that our lives run best when we stay out of God's way? The bishop says:

This is why we say that faith goes beyond reason. If we can figure it out, calculate precisely, predict with complete accuracy, we're in charge—and by definition, we are not dealing with a person. Would you use any of those descriptors in talking about your relationship with your husband, wife, or best friend? Instead, you enter into an ever-increasing rapport of trust with such people.

In life, we learn to trust those people whom we have come to know and love over long periods of time. We have faith in them. It's only natural then to have ultimate faith in the one who has ultimate control. If we are struggling with this, Lent is the perfect time to talk to God about it.

(For those who are looking for a singular prayer focus this Lent, here, once again, is Chesterton's look at the theological virtues: "To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless". Pick one and pray.)

Deacon Eric
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WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are currently looking for ways to strengthen our connection with parishioners who are no longer able to attend Mass due to health reasons. One such way is to send to them, via postal mail, our bulletin and any other information about what is happening in our parish.

If you know of a parishioner who is no longer able to get to Mass and other sacraments, please let us know by calling the parish office.

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary Lenten Soup Dinners All are invited

St Monica Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting two soup suppers this Lent at 5:00 p.m. on February 28th and March 13th at the Columbian Hall. The charity to be spotlighted on February 28th will be the **Beacon of Hope**. The soup supper provides an opportunity to fast be eating a light meal and give alms by donating to a charity what a full meal would have cost. All are invited to

come share delicious soups and learn about the many services that Beacon of Hope provides to our community.



Please consider donating soup or bread for the soup suppers. There will be sign-up sheets in the church gathering space. 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.

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.)

Do you have questions about St. Joseph Catholic School or are interested in registering this 2024/25 school year?

Please contact Chris wells at princpal@stjoecatholicschool.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 24/25

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Volunteers needed

Volunteers needed

8:00 a.m. Volunteers needed Volunteers needed

10:00 a.m. Maggie K.

Oliver B.

12:00 p.m. Declan T

Tanner K.

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. Ann P. 8:00 a.m. Bob P.

10:00 a.m. Karen D. 12:00 p.m. Debbie T.

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

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

Collection Counters: February 19 Group 2

Sanctuary Cleaners: Sue Fox

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

St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

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FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19-23, 2024

Monday: No School

Tuesday: Tortilla chips with cheese and meat sauce,

carrots, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Pigs in a blanket, tator tots, fruit, and milk. Thursday: Hot dog on a bun, french fries, fresh fruit, and

milk

Friday: Macaroni and cheese, pretzel, green beans,

fresh fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

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For the weekend of February 11, 2024

Adults (299 gifts Including online giving):	\$23,690.13
Loose Cash:	\$584.00
Total:	\$24,274.13

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$100.00
Building Fund:	\$198.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$560.00

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Feast and Raffle

March 16, 2024 6:00 p.m. St Joseph School Gym

Raffle tickets can be purchased through the school office, Parish office, or a committee member. Get 1 ticket for \$100, 2 for \$175, or 3 for \$250. There will be five winners: 1st - \$7000, 2nd \$5000, 3rd - \$2000, 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.

Dinner tickets can be purchased **online only** at <u>one.bidpal.net/stfr24</u>.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner ticket prices increase by \$10 on March 1, 2024.

This year's event features live entertainment by Miranda & the M80s.

Soaring Comets Students of the Month

The "Soaring Comets" is our inspiration for students to demonstrate behaviors that embody our school expectations. These are the November and December students who exhibited these qualities.

Congratulations and Soar On!



November 2023 Students of the Month



December 2023 Students of the Month

Please welcome newly baptized Eva Simone Garcia

MENS !

Daughter of Joes and Miranda (Kurncz)
Garcia

Mia Grace Drews

Daughter of Skylar and Emberly Drews

Larson William DrewsSon of Skylar and Emberly Drews

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.

52 SUNDAYS

52Sundays 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.

From Fr. Mike:

The Importance of Mass

If I've been away from Mass for a long time, or even once, can't I just start over, and begin going to Mass again and start receiving Holy Communion?

Start coming to Mass right away, but as in the case of any other mortal sin, ask God's forgiveness immediately, but you must have all your mortal sins forgiven in the sacrament of Penance before you resume receiving Holy Communion again. Pope John Paul II wrote in Dominicae cenae, 24 February 1980, "But we must always take care that this great meeting with Christ in the Eucharist does not become a mere habit, and that we do not receive Him unworthily, that is to say, in the state of mortal sin. The practice of the virtue of penance and the Sacrament of Penance are essential for sustaining in us the continually deepening that spirit of veneration which man owes to God Himself, and to His love so marvelously revealed."



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40 Days of Life is peaceful and prayerful vigil held outside of abortion facilities across the world. Our local spring vigil begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, outside the Planned Parenthood in Frandor Shopping Center. The vigil is held Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day. This is a time to pray for an end to abortion and for the conversion of those who support abortion. Prayer is the greatest weapon to combat evil. I will be going on Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. You are welcome to join me in prayer or you can sign up for another time at **www.40daysforlife.com**. Feel free to call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088 with any questions.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Holy Spirit: The Presence, the Power, and the Promise

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came down on the apostles and changed their lives forever. Throughout the history of the church, the Holy Spirit has empowered miracle-workers, emboldened martyrs, and imbued the saints with the grace of heroic virtue. But who is the Holy Spirit? In this three-evening mission we will not only explore the nature of the Holy Spirit, but call on Him to heal us, open us to our own Pentecost, and equip us to live lives of holiness and love.

When: March 3-5, 2024 (Sunday-Tuesday) 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Where: St Thomas Parish, 955 Alton Rd., East Lansing MI 48823

Speaker Dr. Mary Healy

Please note: This event is for high school freshmen and older. We are unable to provide childcare for this event. Confession and prayer ministry will be provided each evening.

Speaker profile: Dr. Mary Healy is a professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and a bestselling author and international speaker. She is the author of numerous books including "The Spiritual Gifts Handbook", and "Healing". Dr. Healy serves on the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and is one of the first three women ever to serve on the Pontifical Biblical Commission. She is also a consultor to the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. She recently appeared on Fr. Mike Schmitz's Catechism in a Year to introduce the Third Pillar of the Catechism, How We Live.



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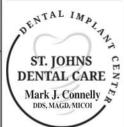


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