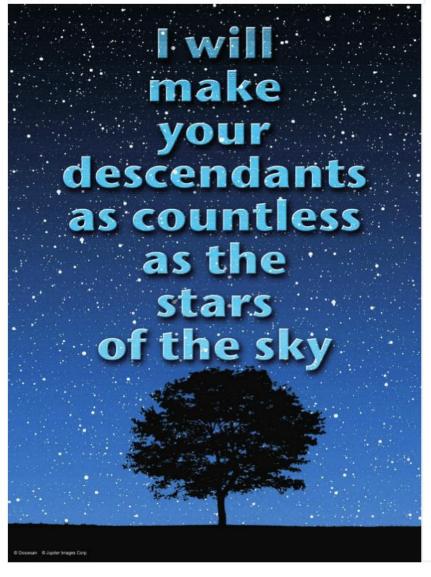
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Regular Mass Schedule

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

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday ● February 26
Daniel 9:4b-10/Luke 6:36-38

No Mass

Tuesday ● February 27
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20/Matthew 23:1-12

7:00 p.m. Mass †Walt, †Lil, †Doug and †Larry Schafer

By: LaVonne Schafer

Wednesday ● February 28

Jeremiah 18:18-20/Matthew 20:17-28

12:05 p.m. Mass †Don Randolph

By: Kaye Mitchell

Thursday ● February 29
Jeremiah 17:5-10/Luke 16:19-31

8:30 a.m. Mass †Robert Cardosa and †Silvano Avarado

By: Susan Cardosa

Friday • March 1

By: Dan and Margaret Jorae

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday ● March 2

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

8:30 a.m. Mass For an end to Abortion

5:00 p.m. Mass †Agnes French
By: George French

Exodus 17:3-7/Romans 5:1-2, 5-8/John 4:5-42 or John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 29a,

40-42

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Mass †Kevin Daly

By: Sue Daly

12:00 p.m. Mass †Leon Kramer

By: Kurt and Brenda Bengel

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 25 to March 2, 2024

Robert Cardosa & Sílvano Alvarado

Stations of the Cross

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

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on March 1 and 2

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on First Friday, March 1 and reposed prior to the 8:30 a.m. Mass on First Saturday, March 2.

All are welcome to attend this beautiful time of prayer in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord! You do not have to be scheduled for a specific hour; however, we are in need of subs for the following hours this month:



Friday: 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Saturday: 1:00 a.m.

Please call/text at 989-292-2072 if you plan to attend at one of these hours or sign up in the gathering space.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

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

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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 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)

Questions

Why do we never get an answer When we're knocking on the door With a thousand million questions About hate and death and war?

Studies show that four year old girls ask an average of 390 questions a day, or about one every one minute and 56 seconds. The math tells us that kids ask about 40 thousand questions from two through five years of age. My personal experience is that a vast majority of them begin with the word "why." And a high percentage of those are the question "Why?"--and nothing else.

Adults, of course, have questions as well, hence my opening paragraph taken from a song by the Moody Blues over 50 years ago entitled simply "Question." And it begins with the word "Why." It came out in early 1970 after the end of a turbulent decade in American history. In the 1960s, the country was divided about the Vietnam War, we saw ra-

cial riots and the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, his brother Robert, Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. This left something like the song's "thousand million questions" unanswered.

You don't have to be an eternal pessimist to realize that we haven't evolved much as a society from then until now. A singer could record "Question" today and it would ring as true as it did back in 1970. I won't go into a litany of recent events in our world to make my case, but I would like to highlight what I learned today about the Catholic Church in Nigeria. Ninety-four percent of selfidentified Catholics in Nigeria attend Mass last year on a weekly basis. This, despite the fact that over five thousand Christians were killed for their faith in 2023 in Nigeria. More than seven thousand were killed for their faith in 2021 and 2022 combined. That's more than 12 thousand Nigerian martyrs in three years and yet over 90 percent of Nigerian Catholics still make it to regular Mass. It makes missing Mass for a kid's soccer game seem a bit weak, right?

We even have questions in today's

gospel account from Mark as well. The apostles James, John and Peter had just witnessed the Transfiguration, seeing Jesus in his glorified state with Elijah and Moses. But they walked away questioning what Jesus meant when he said they should keep this event to themselves until "the Son of Man has risen from the dead." (This guestioning, by the way, only appears in Mark, although the Transfiguration is in both Luke and Matthew's accounts.) Mark doesn't specify what questions they discussed but scholars say they were likely along the lines of: "Why would Jesus have to die? Is he talking about the end of the age?" and "Would Jesus just be taken up, like Elijah?"

There are so many unanswered questions in our world that we can be overwhelmed. Added all up a "hundred million" may be an understatement. But we do have the answer to perhaps the greatest question of them all: "How do we get to heaven?" Repent and believe in the gospel.

*Deacon Eric*deaconeric@hotmail.com

Please join us for

Your Home is a Domestic Church



March 6, 2024 At 6:00 p.m. in the church

This presentation is for all parishioners to learn how our homes and families are a domestic church. Also learn how to transfer the faith to your children and grandchildren. Our guest presenter will be Rich Budd, Director of Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese of Lansing.

9th Grade Confirmation Session and Practice

The 9th Grade Confirmation Students and Sponsors are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria for Confirmation practice.

Contact Jen Nelson for more details at Dre.stjoseph@gmail.com



Lenten Almsgiving

This year's Lenten Almsgiving is for our local food banks. There are boxes located at the back of church. Please take one for your family. At the end of the Lenten season, please write a check for the amount collected.



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





LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 2/3

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Icnacio O.

Volunteers needed

8:00 a.m. Kara B.

Logan B.

10:00 a.m. Elijah S.

Anna H.

12:00 p.m. Lauryn S.

Addelyn S.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:00 p.m.	Group 2
8:00 a.m.	Group 2
10:00 a.m.	Group 2
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Lectors: 5:00 p.m. Diane A. 8:00 a.m. Trevor H.

10:00 a.m. Steve M. 12:00 p.m. Dawn L.

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

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

Collection Counters: February 26 Group 3

Sanctuary Cleaners: Pat Snyder and Mary Harr

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

St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

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Monday: Loaded bake potato soup with crackers, grilled

cheese sandwich, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Roasted chicken, baked potato with cheese,

fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Chili with crackers, cinnamon rolls, fruit, and

milk.

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

fresh fruit, and milk.

Friday: Fettuccini alfredo, bread sticks, green beans,

fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of February 18, 2024

Adults (290 gifts Including online giving):	\$17,969.21
Loose Cash:	\$673.50
Total:	\$18,642.71

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust F	una:	\$27.00
Building Fund:		\$190.00
Tuition Scholarsh	ip Fund:	\$49.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$19,083.36. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

2024 Confirmation Retreat

The 9th grade Confirmation Candidates attended a weekend retreat in DeWitt to prepare for Confirmation. Please continue praying for all the 9th graders who will celebrate their Sacrament of Confirmation here on Tuesday, March 19th.





ST. JOSEPH'S

Feast and Raffle

March 16, 2024 6:00 p.m.

*6:00 p.m.*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.

F/R committee will be selling tickets after all Masses, March 2 and 3.

FUND-A-NEED 2024

The first project is to install phones in all of the classrooms. Teachers currently have to use their cell phones when at school. This will help improve school safety and communication. Also, this will be year 1 of 2 for future locker refurbishing or replacement. You can donate online at

http://bidpal.net/stfr24 or send/drop off monetary donations to the school office indicating that your donation is for Fund-A-Need. Our goal is to raise \$20,000.00

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.

Lenten Almsgiving--St. Vincent Catholic Charities Refugee Program

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary is offering another opportunity for Lenten Almsgiving--St. Vincent Catholic Charities Refugee Program. SVCC provides essentials for refugees from the Middle East and Africa who come seeking safety and peace. These refugees arrive with nothing but hope. SVCC helps provide housing, clothing, food and employment opportunities. SVCC is reaching out to Catholic parishes for assistance in meeting the many needs of these refugees.

There will be a collection box in the gathering space of the church from March 1-17 for donations, which will then be taken to SVCC in Lansing.

Requested items include:

adult clothing such as underwear, sweatpants and sweat-shirts (non-specific sized items).

Most needed household items are:

twin sheet sets, silverware sets, trash bags, bath towels, cereal bowls, pots and pans and blankets (no throws).

Lesser needed items: laundry baskets, mops/buckets/brooms, shower curtains, pillows, drinking glasses, serving utensils, hangers, toothpaste, and body lotion.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks to SVCC and mail to:

St Vincent Catholic Charities 2800 W Willow St., Lansing MI 48917.

Easter Flower Dedications

If you would like to make a donation of any amount towards our various Easter flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please use this form and place in the pink trimmed "Easter flowers, Decorations & Other Liturgy Expenses" envelop found in your March/April packets.

Dedicated by:			
In Memory of	or	In Honor of	
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Please return to the parish office by Monday, **March**, **25th** to be included in the Memorial List

*Donations received in excess of flower costs will be applied towards decorations and other liturgical expenses.

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Gentlemen of the parish are invited to attend the Diocese of Lansing Catholic Men's Conference taking place on Saturday, March 16 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

Visit https://www.acceptthechallenge.org for more information

The **DeWitt Council of the Knights of Columbus have rented Dean Trailways charter bus** to take to this conference. Seats are \$25 per person. If you are interested in joining them, please contact Andrew Rademacher at 517-819-8692 for more details. Please arrive by 7:15 a.m. on March 16th to the Catholic Community of St. Jude in the northwest parking lot. *Please note* you will need to register for the conference separately at the above website.

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- \$5 Suggested Donation



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 invit-

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

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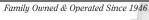


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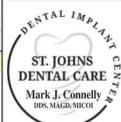


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