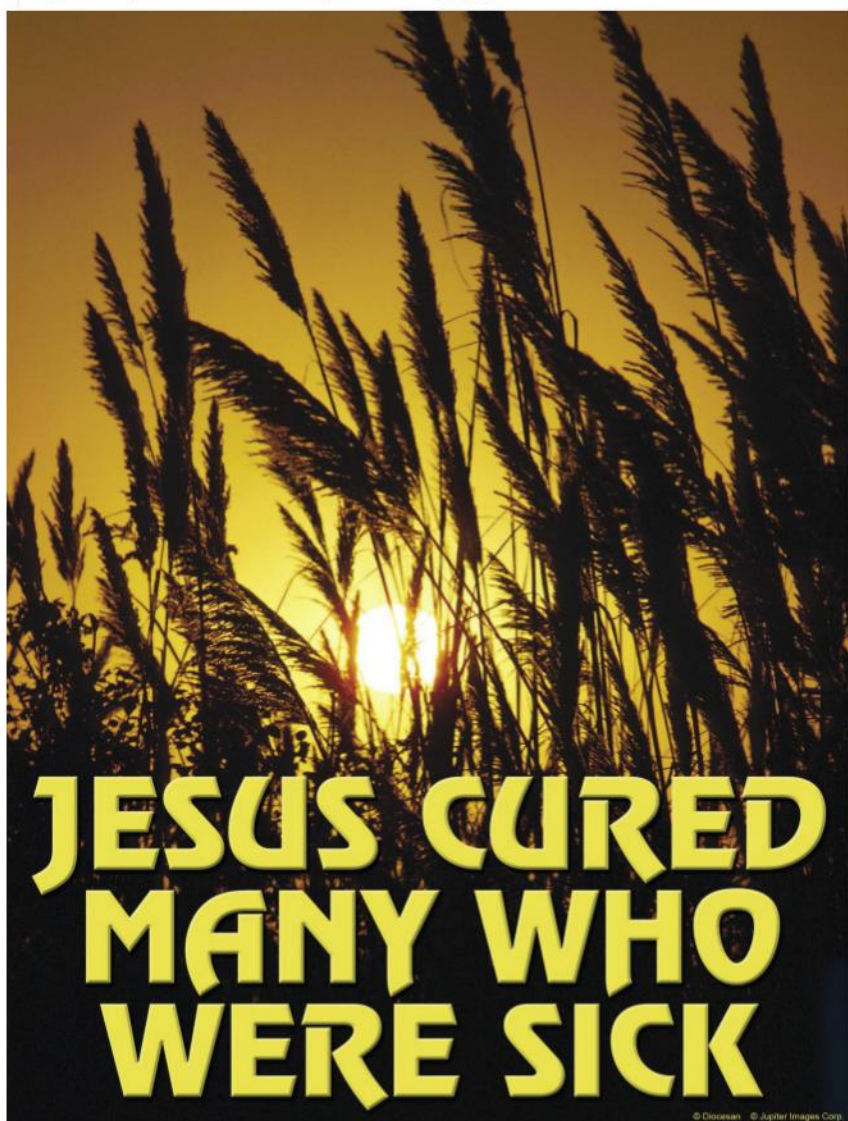


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Fr. Michael Williams
Deacon Marv Robertson (retired)
Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

Worship

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Parish Life

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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.

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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 • February 5

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13/Mark 6:53-56
 No Mass

Tuesday • February 6

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30/Mark 7:1-13
 7:00 p.m. Mass †Joe Caudy

By: Knights of Columbus

Wednesday • February 7

1 Kings 10:1-10/Mark 7:14-23
 12:05 p.m. Mass †Mike Norris

By: Joe and Laura Mullaney

Thursday • February 8

1 Kings 11:4-13/Mark 7:24-30
 8:30 a.m. Mass †Peter and †Louise Darin

By: Family

Friday • February 9

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19/Mark 7:31-37
 8:30 a.m. †Michael Schneider

By: Mary and Jim Cosgrove, Bob and Ellen Dais

Saturday • February 10

1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mark 8:1-10
 5:00 p.m. Mass †Leon Kramer

By: Ken and Brenda Miller

Sunday • February 11

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1/Mark 1:40-45
 8:00 a.m. †Bob and †Carol Frechen

By: Dan and Deborah LeVeque

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

12:00 p.m. †Carolyn Spitzley
 By: Family



The Sanctuary Lamp
 will burn from
 February 4, 2024 to February 10, 2024

Bill Fox

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to noon
 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
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 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Are you interested in making more frequent visits to Our Lord present to us in the Blessed Sacrament? We are in need of monthly adorers during Exposition on First Fridays at 11 a.m., 2 & 5 p.m. & Saturday at 1 a.m. In addition, we are in need subs, which allows a more flexible schedule if needed. We also have a group who attend adoration every Friday. Please call/text Rebecca 989-292-2072 for more information

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Adam
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 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.
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 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)

500 - A Mile Marker

Woo-Hoo! Yippee!! Hallelujah!!! It has arrived. "What has arrived?" you may ask. Well, this has arrived. What you are reading has arrived. This column has reached the ripe old age of 500. And to fulfill the promise I made at the end of column 400, I feel obligated to ask the question "500, what does it mean?"

In the strictest sense, I have to admit that it means nothing in and of itself--500 has no more value than any other number when attached to something like the number of columns one has written. I could number the next column 857 and the column itself would be of no greater or lesser value. This will be the last of the number columns, by the way, unless I hit 1,000, which seems like a long-shot considering it will take another ten years to reach 1,000. But since

500 is a milestone number, let's explore it.

To answer the question "What does it mean?" I can give a serious answer, believe it or not. It means the Holy Spirit has consistently provided me with great material with which to work over the last ten years, plus the gift necessary to present it in a mostly coherent manner. Five hundred columns also means that I enjoy what I do, that by writing them I have grown spiritually, and that there are a handful of parishioners who actually say they look forward to them. Thanks to all of you for that.

In sports, teams that play .500 win as many as they lose. It means they are average, and sometimes that means growth, sometimes regression depending on where they had been previously. I don't know if my column is moving up or down in readers' minds relative to the .500 mark since 400, but if I've hit that mark that means the Holy Spirit's message in this column has struck the bull's eye around 250 times. I'll take it, though it's tough to admit that the quality var-

ies. My wife puts it simply and succinctly: "Some columns are better than others." I haven't been fired yet, so I guess I'll keep on truckin', spreading the "Good News" and what I believe are interesting tidbits.

Along the line of tidbits, I did promise last week that I would forego mentioning a certain football team this week, but after their last game I found something for their fans from 1888 that seems appropriate to resurrect today as we bury this season:

*Oh, somewhere in this favoured
land the sun is shining bright,
The band is playing some-
where, and somewhere hearts
are light;
And somewhere men are laugh-
ing, and somewhere children
shout,
But there is no joy in Mudville—
mighty Casey has struck out.*

Deacon Eric
deaconeric@hotmail.com

EVENING OF PRAYER FOR HEALING

Thursday, February 8th 5:30 p.m.

In the Church

Are you struggling with a medical issue, the issues of the world are around you, or a broken personal relationship? The Knights of Columbus would like to invite St. Joseph parishioners to an evening of prayer for healing. The evening, through scripture reading, prayer, and reflection will give you spiritual guidance into how to heal and strengthen a relationship, overcome daily struggles, and how to turn your medical issues over to our Lord for his care and healing. Fr. Mike will offer a limited number of anointing of the sick to those with serious medical issues. Recall that a recent partaking in the Sacrament of Reconciliation is required as part of the anointing.

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Monday, February 12th at the Columbian Hall at 6:00 pm. This meeting will begin with a potluck meal, so bring your favorite dish to pass. Following the meal we will briefly recap the Auxiliary's events, then we will make St. Valentine's Day crafts for



homebound parishioners. While crafting we will discuss St. Valentine and Lent, which happens to fall on Valentine's Day this year. All ladies of the parish are welcome, so come join in this special and fun evening. For questions call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088.

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.

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.



St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5-9, 2024

- Monday: Pancakes with syrup, sausage, hash browns, fruit, and milk.
- Tuesday: Chicken noodles soup with crackers, blueberry muffins, fruit, and milk.
- Wednesday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, fruit, and milk.
- Thursday: Hot dog on a bun, french fries, fresh fruit, and milk.
- Friday: Chicken salad in an edible bowl, yogurt, fresh fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.25

Milk \$0.50

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

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 10/11

Altar Servers:	5:00 p.m.	Joslyn Ritter Sophia Ritter
	8:00 a.m.	Audrey Denovich Cora Denovich
	10:00 a.m.	Caroline Vollman Gracie Hintz
	12:00 p.m.	Lyndie Robinson Mason Wenzlick

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

	5:00 p.m.	Group 2
	8:00 a.m.	Group 2
	10:00 a.m.	Group 2
	12:00 p.m.	Group 2

Lectors:	5:00 p.m.	Sheila B.
	8:00 a.m.	Lu Anne C.
	10:00 a.m.	Jane M.
	12:00 p.m.	Linda S.

Ushers:	5:00 p.m.	Group 5A
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8E
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10B
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A

Collection Counters: February 5 Group 4

Sanctuary Cleaners: Jane Randolph & Veronica Rozen

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of January 28, 2024

Adults (279) Gifts:	\$16,003.51
(Including online giving)	
Loose Cash:.....	\$680.75
Total:.....	\$16,684.26

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$45.00
Building Fund:	\$265.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$3905.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$18,814.33. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.



Let's Luau!

SAVE THE DATE

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SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH
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More information to come,
thank you for your support!

**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, including pension. 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)

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