ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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> God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

> > — John 3:17

ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Joseph is a place of refreshment, peace and love, a place of ministry and renewal. We welcome you to be part of our faith community where the Word of God is proclaimed, friendship is offered and the Sacraments are celebrated.

Pastoral Care

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

Worship Music • Jeff Richards

Parish Life

Parish Council • Dick Weller Finance Council • Scott Dzurka 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.

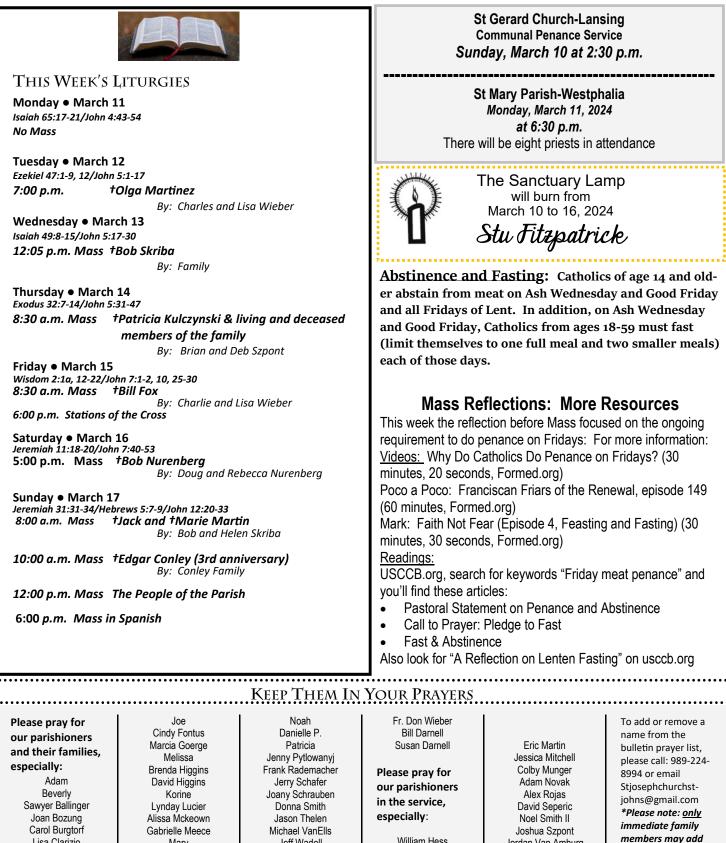
Medical Emergencies requiring an Anointing of the Sick, please call 989-227-1244.

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



William Hess

Jake Hoskins

Jacob Longoria

Jeff Wadell

Brad Walker

Millie Wassa

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Mary

Matthew

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Lisa Clarizio

Sherri Couch

Friend

THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED

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Jordan Van Amburg

Jacob Wells



WE ARE ALL Evangelizers

(and whatever else is on Deacon Eric's mind)

Time to Re-focus?

Well here we are smack dab in the middle of Lent, with 21 days to go until Easter. We've all been very diligent in meeting our goals of increases in prayer, fasting and almsgiving, right? Probably not for most of us, so I figured it was a good time today to take a deep breath, relax and re-focus our Lenten energies. Perhaps it will be moderating goals that were too difficult. Maybe it's just a matter of telling ourselves that we just need to jump back on the horse and set a firm resolve to meet those goals we set back on Ash Wednesday. To help us to relax and re-focus a bit I'm going to give everyone a 30-second humor break, with one of my favorite church-related jokes.

> As the story goes, an information technology geek from the diocese stopped by a par

ish on his routine annual check and was taken aback by one of the passwords used by the secretary. "HueyDeweyMickeyMinnieFr edWilmaCinderellaPokemon is an excessively long password," he said. "Why do you have such a big password?" he asked.

The secretary was puzzled by the query and stated: "Well, last year you told us our passwords had to be eight characters long." (This would never happen at St. Joe's -- I don't think.)

Character is something we work on during Lent, with our prayer, fasting and alms-giving. We test ourselves against our temptations, and even if we haven't been 100 percent successful in our Lenten initiatives so far, we can all be a bit stronger in our resolve. At this point we need to convince ourselves that we can close out Lent this year on a high note. Maybe some of us need a motivating thought to push us through. Maybe something like: "It's not how many times you get knocked down that count, but how many times you get up." We need to tell ourselves: "Just do it." (Hey, that would make a great marketing slogan for an athletic shoe company, don't you think?)

One great recharging technique, of course, is Reconciliation. We know we have a God of second chances, but do we have a God of free passes? By going to Reconciliation we have the opportunity to ask for forgiveness and absolution of our sins, even if we repeat the same ones over and over. But does our God of mercy allow virtually everyone into heaven, even if they left their tickets at home? The answer of course is "No," because we have a just, as well as merciful, God. So, it's up to us to take the initiative and get our houses in order. Let's suck it up and "just do it."

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

Lenten Soup Dinners All are invited

St Monica Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. on March 13th at the Columbian Hall. The charity to be spotlighted will be Big Brothers/Big Sisters. 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 Big

Brothers/Big Sisters 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.



Eucharistic Adoration



"Through adoration, the Christian mysteriously contributes to the radical transformation of the world and to the sowing of the Gospel. Anyone who prays to the Savior draws the whole with him and raises it to God. Those who stand before the Lord are therefore fulfilling an eminent service. They are presenting to Christ all those who do not know Him or are far from Him; they keep watch in His presence on their behalf."

Pope St. John Paul II (Letter, John 26, 1996)

Adoration need not occur only during times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We can stop in to visit Our Lord at any time that the church is open. This Lent, come spend some time with our Lord and pray for the needs of our world.

If you are interested I making a monthly Holy Hour on First Friday's text/call Rebecca at 989-292-2072.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

Rite of Enrollment Confirmation Mass for 8th Graders

8th grade students are scheduled for the Rite of Enrollment Mass on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. This is for all current 8th grade students who are seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2025. Students and their Sponsors should meet in the school cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

If you have not received an email yet, please contact Jen Nelson at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com or 989-224-8537.





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.

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.

St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

food availability from suppliers.

Menu is subject to change, based on

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 11-15, 2024

Monday:	Grilled cheese sandwich, baked beans, mixed fruit, and milk.
Tuesday:	Corn Dog, carrots, pears, and milk.
Wednesday:	Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, warm apples with cinnamon, and milk.
Thursday:	Chicken salad in an edible bowl, peaches, and milk.
Friday:	Cheese stuffed breadsticks with dipping sauce, broccoli, fresh orange, and milk.
Lunches are \$3.2	5 Milk \$0.50

Lunches are \$3.25

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 16/17 Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Averie D. Charleigh F. Miles S. 8:00 a.m.

Volunteer 10:00 a.m. Quinn D. Bryson S. 12:00 p.m. Nolan C. Emelia C.

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.	Lisa W.
	8:00 a.m.	Lu Anne C.
	10:00 a.m.	Ted S.
	12:00 p.m.	Linda S.
Ushers:	5:00 p.m.	Group 5C
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8E
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10C
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A

Collection Counters: March 11 Group 1

Sanctuary Cleaners: Judi Thelen & Thelma Miller

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of March 3, 2024

Adults (296 gifts Including online giving):	\$16,511.01
Loose Cash:	\$697.45
Total:	\$17.208.46

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$185.00
Building Fund:	\$7,668.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$35.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$18,989.58. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



"THE OFFERING OF THE JUST ENRICHES the altar"

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. The programs and services funded by DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families, and to parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies. An "Offering of Just" is enriching the Church right now through our contributions to DSA helping to support dozens of ongoing ministries.

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, I invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal. Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

In our first weekend we reached 1.6% of our DSA goal of \$98,185.00 from only 16 families. We are grateful for these contributions and invite others to join together to push us over goal for the benefit of our parish and the wider church.

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

In Honor of

Please return to the parish office by Monday, March, 25th to be included in the Memorial List.

or

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

FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

ST. JOSEPH'S

Feast and Raffle

March 16, 2024

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 one.bidpal.net/stfr24.

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

This year's event features live entertainment by

Miranda & the M80s.

Silent auction items can now

be previewed at

http://bidpal.net/sjfr24.

Bidding will start on March 14th.

FUND-A-NEED 2024

Install phones in all the classrooms. Teachers currently have to use their cell phones when at school. This will help improve school safety and communication. Year one or two for future locker renovations. 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



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FISH FRY

Friday, March 15 & 22

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Dine In - All You Can Eat

Take-Out Dinners Available -

Baked Fish, Fried Fish, Baked Potato, Steak Fries, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll \$15 Adults; \$8 Children 6-12: Under 6 Free Cash or Check Only

St. Joseph Parish Calendar	Irish Calenc	lar			MAR	MARCH2024
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish 7:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry (RR)		6:30 p.m. Confessions 7 pm Mass	7:30 - 8:30 pm H.S. Faith Formation (Sch)		7-8:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry (C) Adoration All Day (C)	
			1:30 pm Choir practice (UL)			
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Daylight Savings Begins	6:30 pm PSC Mtg. (TL)	6:30 p.m. Confessions	6:30 pm Rel Ed (Sch) 7:30 - 8:30 pm H.S. Faith	5:00 p.m. CIA (L)	Cross (C) Cross (C) 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross	6:00 p.m. FEAST AND RAFFLE (G)
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6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish 7:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry (RR)	No School	No School	No School	No School	No School	Easter Baskets (C)
31 Masses: 8 & 10 am, Noon		6:30 p.m. Confessions		6:00 pm Mass of	1:00 pm Good Friday	A-00 mu Holv
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish Easter Sunday		7:00 pm Mass	5:00 p.m. CIA (L)	the Lord's Supper	Passion of the Lord	Saturday Vigil Mass
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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 sweatshirts (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.

Accept the Challenge

Be the MAN you are called to be March 16 2024 9:00 a.. To 5:00 p.m. George Gervin Gameabove Center at Easter Michigan University 799 N Hewitt Rd., Ypsilanti

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

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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