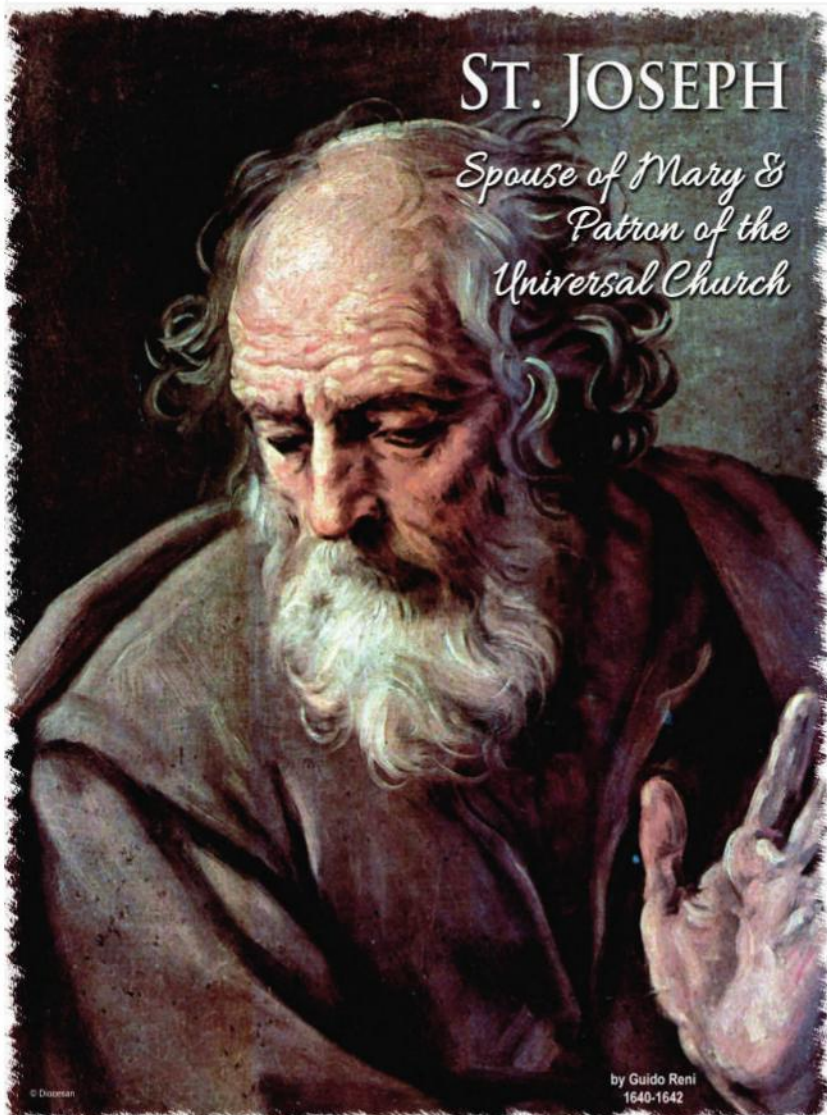


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Please call the parish office for more information on our Family Ministries.

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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 • March 18

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/John 8:1-11
No Mass

Tuesday • March 19

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Roman 4:13, 16-18, 22/Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Mass

†Daniel Blair

By: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Marazita

Wednesday • March 20

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 9/John 8:31-42
12:05 p.m. Mass †Joe Caudy

By: Chris and Brenda DeLiso

Thursday • March 21

Genesis 17:3-9/John 8:51-59
8:30 a.m. Mass †Robert Purtill

By: Knights of Columbus

Friday • March 22

Jeremiah 20:10-13/John 10:31-42
8:30 a.m. Mass †Bob and †Carol Frechen

By: Gene and Helen Dunsmore

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday • March 23

Ezekiel 37:21-28/John 11:45-56
5:00 p.m. Mass The People of the Parish

Sunday • March 24

Palm Sunday
Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16/Isaiah 50:4-7/Philippians 2:6-11/Mark 14:1-15:47

8:00 a.m. Mass †Rita M Thelen

By: Joe and Helen Kus

10:00 a.m. Mass In Honor of Doug and Nancy Poff

By: Matt and Monica Poff

12:00 p.m. Mass †Jim Kus

By: Joe and Helen Kus

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Please take note:

This Tuesday's March 19th Mass will begin at **6:30 p.m.**
 (not 7:00 p.m.)

for the celebration of

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Boyea.

There will be no confessions on Tuesday, March 19th

Additional Confession times at St. Joseph's:

Wednesday, March 20th at 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 21 at 5:00 p.m.

and Friday, March 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies
 to the family and friends of

Rita M Thelen



The Sanctuary Lamp
 will burn from
 March 17 to 23, 2024
 in memory of

*Herb and Marian
 Armbrustmacher*

Eucharistic Adoration

"Come adore this wondrous presence, Bow to Christ the source of grace. Here is kept the ancient promise of God's earthly dwelling place. Sight is blind before God's glory, Faith alone may see His face. "Tantrum Ergo Sacramentum" by St. Thomas Aquinas



This beautiful Eucharistic hymn by St. Thomas reminds of us our need to adore our Eucharistic Lord and of the magnificence of His gift.

Interested in making a weekly or monthly Holy Hour?
 Call or /text Rebecca at 989-292-2072 for more information.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

- Adam
- Beverly
- Sawyer Ballinger
- Joan Bozung
- Carol Burgdorf
- Lisa Clarizio
- Sherri Couch
- Friend

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

- Myah
- Noah
- Danielle P.
- Patricia
- Jenny Pytlowany
- 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
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- 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 bulletin.**



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

**Catholic Portrayals in the
Movies**

When we go to the movies nowa-
days, we are never quite sure how
prominent Catholic figures might be
characterized. I had an opportunity
over this past weekend to view a
couple movies with Catholic lead
characters. Saturday night I watched
a made-for-TV movie from 40 years
ago, "The Scarlet and the Black" and
on Sunday afternoon I saw the high-
ly-promoted new release entitled
"Cabrini." The first focused on Fr.
Hugh O'Flaherty and his efforts to
shelter Jews, POWs and others
sought by the Nazis in World War
Two. The second, somewhat obvi-
ously, was about the great Saint
Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first
(naturalized) American saint.

Fr. O'Flaherty was a Vatican official
from Ireland who used every ounce
of his diplomatic immunity to save
people from the Nazis who late in
the war occupied Rome. This brave
priest was shown praying at times
and often invoked God's name as he

chastised the Nazi colonel in charge
of Rome for his barbarous actions.
This great Irish priest's actions were
lauded but he is not in line for saint-
hood.

Mother Cabrini is a saint, yet some-
how the writers, producers and di-
rector didn't show us any indication
that she prayed. I don't know all the
ins-and-outs of becoming a saint,
but I'm pretty sure that prayer is a
prerequisite. It's hard to believe that
given all the obstacles she faced
that she wasn't in almost constant
discernment prayer that could have
been shown, however briefly, once
or twice. That being said, the movie
about her helping build hospitals and
orphanages for Italian immigrants in
19th century New York is very well-
made and is getting strong national
promotion -- and high-budget films
about Catholic saints are not very
common. So, I do recommend see-
ing it.

Perhaps the movie's lack of prayer-
ful scenes struck me because I had
seen "The Scarlet and the Black" the
night before and the contrast be-
tween the two lead characters was
easily seen. It was shown Fr. O'Fla-
herty clearly drew the courage for
his actions from God, and it was not
the same for Mother Cabrini. Many

may see my concern as a non-issue
and quite probably it won't be for
most non-Catholics who see it. All in
all, the making of high-profile movies
about saints is a good thing.

And speaking of high-profile Chris-
tian movies, "The Chosen" season
four release has finished its theater
run, but, unfortunately, it is not going
to the app immediately. Director Dal-
las Jenkins released a statement
saying some legal issues still have
to be settled before it will be availa-
ble for us to watch for free. There is
a possibility that by the time this col-
umn reaches print, there will be a
way for churches to have access to
season four before the new epi-
sodes hit the open market. Jenkins
did say that when there is a new
season release, that episodes will
come at the rate of two per week
instead of the one per week we saw
with season three. I think our most
likely scenario for the start of season
four watch parties at St. Joe's will be
the second week of April. I will keep
everyone posted as best I can.

Deacon Eric
deaconeric@hotmail.com

Thank you, Dave!

Dave Klein, who was our maintenance supervisor for
nearly six years is moving on to new adventures. We
wish him the best and will miss his positive and
cheerful manor of tackling every task.

Our new maintenance supervisor is Glenn Esch.
Glenn and his wife, Mary, are natives of Fowler, the
proud parents of ten and parishioners at Most Holy
Trinity. Glenn brings a wealth of experience with him
and we're excited to have him as a part of the St. Joe
team.

Welcome, Glenn!

*Prayers for Those Entering the
Church at Easter*

Please show your support for those completing
their sacraments of initiation into the Catholic
Church this Easter by leaving them cards, notes,
words of encouragement, etc.



There is a board with photos in the
gathering space, with a basket to
leave notes in. Thank you for your
support of Aaron, Zackery, Ben,
Max, Nixie, and Dustin during this
exciting time in the lives



First Communion Parent/Child Workshop

Parents with children who are preparing for First Communion this Spring are scheduled for a First Communion Parent/Child Workshop on **Thursday, March 21 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. This is for all school and parish religion program families who have 2nd graders. Please contact Jen Nelson for questions at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com or 989-224-8537.

Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday March 26:
6:30 PM Confession 7:00 PM Mass

Wednesday March 27:
12:05 PM Mass

Holy Thursday March 28:
6:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper -**Incense**
Exposition in the School after Mass until 10:00 PM

Good Friday March 29:
Parish Office is Closed
1:00 PM Passion of the Lord - **No Incense**

Holy Saturday March 30: No Confession
6:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass - **Incense**

Easter Sunday March 31:
8:00 AM Mass - **No Incense**
10:00 AM Mass - **Incense**
12:00 PM Mass - **Incense**

Mass in Spanish:
6:00 p.m.

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

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St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 18 - 22, 2024

Monday: Breaded chicken leg, lettuce salad, fresh pear, roll, and milk.

Tuesday: Chili, cinnamon roll, broccoli, peaches, and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken poppers, peas, peaches, and milk.

Thursday: Hamburger on a bun, fried chips, fresh apple, and milk.

Friday: **No school-Spring break March 22 - 29.**
Have a Blessed Easter!

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 23/24

Altar Servers:

5:00 p.m.	Volunteer needed
	Volunteer needed
8:00 a.m.	Volunteer needed
	Volunteer needed
10:00 a.m.	Caroline V.
	Gracie H.
12:00 p.m.	Tanner K.
	Volunteer needed

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.	Ann P.
8:00 a.m.	Rich H.
10:00 a.m.	Joe T.
12:00 p.m.	Mary Beth E.

Ushers:

5:00 p.m.	Group 5A
8:00 a.m.	Group 8A
10:00 a.m.	Group 10D
12:00 p.m.	Group 12A

Collection Counters: March 18 Group 2

Sanctuary Cleaners: Becky Swender and Barb Longoria

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of March 11, 2024

Adults (267 gifts Including online giving):\$21,538.19
Loose Cash:..... \$797.00
Total:\$22,335.19

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$165.00
Building Fund: \$670.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:\$55.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$19,080.01. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

Summer project: School Windows

After over seven years of planning (which was affected by a pandemic, the church renovation, and much re-working of the scope of the project) we are happy to announce that this summer we'll replace the over-60-years-old windows in the school! And, as an added bonus, the front of the building will have a new look.

Currently, the classrooms have single pane windows that are ineffective at

keeping out the heat in warm months and the cold in winter months. The new windows will be double-paned and tinted to increase the comfort of our students and staff.



Architect's rendering of the front of the school

What's going to happen?

Laux Construction (the same company that recently renovated the church interior) has been contracted to remove the curtain wall on the front of the school and construct a new wall with fewer windows. Lansing Glass Company will replace all of the windows in the north wing of the school including the gym.

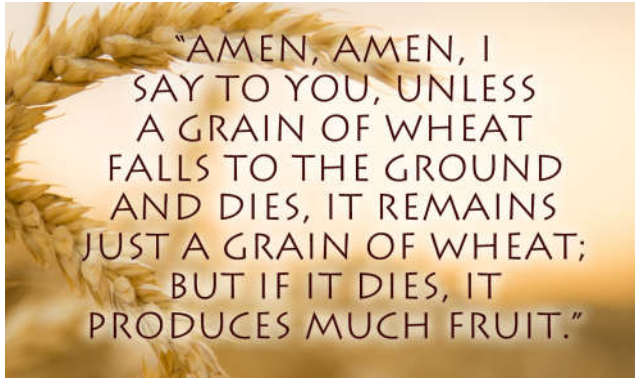
When will the work be done?

The work will take most of this summer. We're ending the school year early so that the contractor can start right after Memorial Day. The goal is to start the 2024-25 school year on time.

How are we paying for this?

The cost of the windows in the north wing are covered by the 2017 Witness to Hope capital campaign. The work on the front of the school will be funded from our Building Fund and our general savings account. This plan was recommended by our Finance Council to the Diocese and was approved by their Finance Council and College of Consultors.

We are fortunate to not have to raise money for this project; however our savings account will be down to our minimum comfort level. If you would like to help us, please make your donation through the Sunday Offertory or to the Building Fund. You can use your envelopes or Online Giving for either.



Mass Reflection: More Resources

This weekend we hear about the difference between loving someone and using them. To learn more, use these resources.

Books/eBooks

1. Real Love: Answers to Your Questions on Dating, Marriage and the Real Meaning of Sex. Mary Beth Bonacci (ISBN 978-01586173395) -eBook available.
2. We're On a Mission from God: The Generation X Guide to John Paul II, The Catholic Church and the Real Meaning of Life. Mary Beth Bonacci (978-0898705676) - eBook available

Video/Audio

Visit Formed.org, search for keywords "Love and Lust". You will find many Books, videos, and podcasts to read, view or listen to. Videos and podcasts range from a few minutes to a couple hours. Choose whatever options work best for you.

Also, on Formed.org, check out the selection of videos about St. Joseph, our patron whose feast day we celebrate March 19th.

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: _____

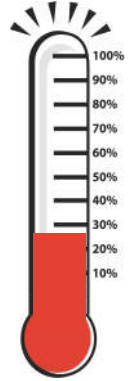
In Memory of _____ or _____ In Honor of _____

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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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 the 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 second weekend we reached 29.6% of our DSA goal of \$98,185.00 from only 66 families with total pledged at \$29,015.25. 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.

BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS

Saturday, March 30 - 10:30 a.m. (in the church)

This is a great opportunity for families to prepare for their Easter celebration. Putting together this basket gives kids (of all ages) a wonderful way to spend some time on Saturday morning preparing for our Easter Celebration.

The tradition of this Easter Basket of blessed foods is shared at Easter morning breakfast. Be sure to include some Easter candy in the basket and that will be the first Easter candy eaten.

Some items to include may be:

- ◆ BREAD which symbolizes our Lord himself, who is the Living Bread, some down from heaven to give eternal life.
- ◆ MEAT (ham, sausage) which ends our time of fasting and waiting.
- ◆ EGGS symbolizes new life and resurrection
- ◆ SALT reminds us of our Christian duty to others
- ◆ CHEESE symbolizes the moderation that Christians should have in all things
- ◆ BUTTER molded in the shape of a Lamb reminding us of the goodness of Christ that we should have towards all things.
- ◆ CANDLE which reminds us of the light of Christ and can be used during the Easter season.
- ◆ FLOWERS for the joy of spring and new life.

If you have any questions, email families.stjosephchurch@gmail.com OR call the parish office at (989) 224-8994. More information can be found by an internet search of Catholic blessing Easter baskets.





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.



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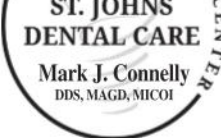
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