

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## 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

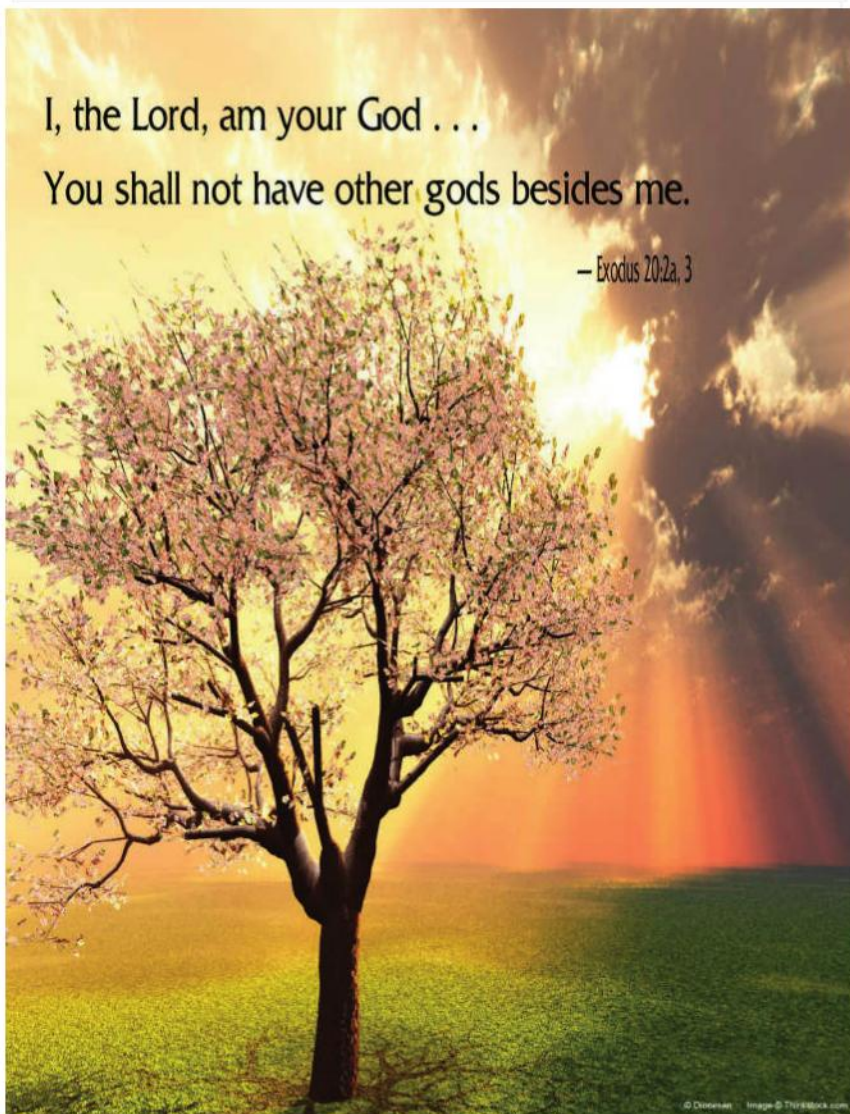
Tuesday • 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday • 4:00 p.m.

### Prayer Tree

Parish Office: (989)-224-8994

I, the Lord, am your God . . .  
You shall not have other gods besides me.

— Exodus 20:2a, 3





**THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES**

**Monday • March 4**

*2 Kings 5:1-15ab/Luke 4:24-30*  
**No Mass**

**Tuesday • March 5**

*Daniel 3:25, 34-43/Matthew 18:21-35*  
**7:00 p.m. Mass †Fr. Vincent DeLorenzo**

**Wednesday • March 6**

*Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9/Matthew 5:17-19*  
**12:05 p.m. Mass †Shirley Garzelloni**  
*By: Henry and Carol Burkhardt*

**Thursday • March 7**

*Jeremiah 7:23-28/Luke 11:14-23*  
**8:30 a.m. Mass †Hilary Schmitz**  
*By: Knights of Columbus*

**Friday • March 8**

*Hosea 14:2-10/Matthew 12:28-34*  
**8:30 a.m. Mass †Josephine Rogers**  
*By: Linda Ritter*

**6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday • March 9**

*Hosea 6:1-6/Luke 18:9-14*  
**5:00 p.m. Mass †Bill McCann**  
*By: Family*

**Sunday • March 10**

*1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ephesians 5:8-14/John 9:1-41*  
**8:00 a.m. Mass †Ann Green**  
*By: Jeff Cuthbert*

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

**12:00 p.m. Mass †Dan and †Josetta Ott**  
*By: Children*

**6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish**

**Area Lent Penance Services**

**Most Holy Trinity-Fowler**  
*Penance Service*  
**Monday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m.**

**St Gerard Church-Lansing**  
*Communal Penance Service*  
**Sunday, March 10 at 2:30 p.m.**

**St Mary Parish-Westphalia**  
**Monday, March 11, 2024**  
**at 6:30 p.m.**

There will be eight priests in attendance.



The Sanctuary Lamp  
 will burn from  
 March 3 to 9, 2024  
*Ed Canfield*

**Eucharistic Adoration**

*"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go meet Him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease."*

**Pope St. John Paul II, Dominicae Cena 3**

Have you been following Bishop Boyea *On the Road to Emmaus*? During this year of Eucharistic Revival, he has been sending a weekly challenge to help us grow in knowledge and love of Our Eucharistic Lord.



It's not too late to sign up: Text RTE to 84576 or visit [www.DIOCESEOFANSING.ORG/RTE](http://www.DIOCESEOFANSING.ORG/RTE).

**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
- 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 [Stjosephchurchst-johns@gmail.com](mailto: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)

### Answers

Last week we dealt with questions, this week we are dealing with answers -- but not to the thousand million questions posed last week. We'll look today at the answers for the questions "Are we going to do anything more with "The Chosen" series? Who is Richard Budd and is he any relation to Billy Budd? And finally "What is the best way for a Catholic man from St. Joe's to spend a winter Saturday in March?"

I'm going to try something a little different regarding "The Chosen". In anticipation of the release of the Season Four app, I thought we could take a poll of our favorite episodes of the first three seasons and do a mini-marathon of the top two episodes from each season. This will provide an opportunity to re-live our favorite scenes for those who have attended previous group viewings of "The Chosen". It will also allow those who have watched all three seasons at home to gain new perspectives by discussing the show's best episodes in a group setting.

We can find all the episode names

and when they ran on-line. Wikipedia, for example, lists them by season and episode number (i.e. Season 1, episode 3) and has a brief synopsis of each episode. Pick your favorite two episodes of each season (six total) and vote at [deaconeric@hotmail.com](mailto:deaconeric@hotmail.com) preferably by season/episode number. If necessary, you can vote by identifying key plot line (i.e. Wedding Feast). Votes will be accepted by noon on Monday, March 11th. In case of tie, I will choose. The mini-marathon will then run as follows: Season One, Monday Mar. 11th, Season Two, Wednesday Mar. 13th and Season Three, Thursday March 14th. I will start Season Four viewing on Thursday nights shortly after the episodes become available on the app. That date has not yet been released. As regular watchers know, we gain perspective when we see the episodes more than once, so even those who have viewed Season Four in the theaters are encouraged to join us for individual showings.

Relative to my second question, the answer is "No, Richard Budd is not related to Billy Budd." For starters, Richard Budd is a real person, heading the diocesan office of Marriage and Family Life, while Billy Budd is a fictional character created by "Moby Dick" author Herman Melville. I encourage all adults, especially par-

ents, to attend a talk Richard Budd will be giving this Wednesday at St. Joe's about how our homes and families form a domestic church. Budd will help us learn how to transfer our faith to our children and grandchildren. Studies clearly show that homes that foster the faith result in children maintaining the Catholic faith through the high school years and result in stronger marriages as we carry our beliefs into adulthood. He will be speaking in the church at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday evening.

Finally, I would like to encourage the men of the parish to attend the Catholic Men's Conference sponsored by the diocese on Saturday, March 16th. It's a great opportunity to re-focus on our faith in the middle of Lent. In addition to great speakers, there will be confession opportunities and a Mass said by Bishop Boyea. Register at [acceptthechallenge.org](http://acceptthechallenge.org). Those wishing to avoid driving can take a bus out of St. Jude's for only 25 dollars. Take a day to share your faith with Catholic men.

Let's not waste these faith opportunities to get closer to God this Lent.

*Deacon Eric*

[deaconeric@hotmail.com](mailto: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.



**Daylight Savings Time Starts**  
**March 10, 2024**

**Don't forget to SPRING forward one hour!**

**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](mailto: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.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**  
**March 9/10**

**Altar Servers:**

5:00 p.m.	Joslynn R. Sophia R
8:00 a.m.	Audrey D. Cora D.
10:00 a.m.	Nolan C. Volunteer
12:00 p.m.	Lyndie R. Mason W.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

5:00 p.m.	Group 3
8:00 a.m.	Group 3
10:00 a.m.	Group 3
12:00 p.m.	Group 3

**Lectors:**

5:00 p.m.	Sheila B.
8:00 a.m.	Dean H.
10:00 a.m.	Tori S.
12:00 p.m.	Mary E.

**Ushers:**

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

**Collection Counters:** March 4 Group 4

**Sanctuary Cleaners:** Lori Pung and LuAnn Keilen

**St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU**  
**FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 4-8, 2024**

Monday: Hot dog on a bun, French fries, fresh fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: **No School-St. Joe students only.**

Wednesday: Chicken tenders, peas, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: **1/2 day-students dismissed at 12:00 p.m.**  
**Brown bag lunch:** Ham & cheese croissant sandwich, Fresh carrots, fresh apple, yogurt, and milk.

Friday: **1/2 day-students dismissed at 12:00 p.m.**  
**Brown bag lunch:** Egg and cheese English muf fin sandwich, fresh carrots, fresh apple, yogurt, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

Menu is subject to change, based on food availability from suppliers.  
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**STEWARDSHIP**  
**For the weekend of February 25, 2024**

Adults (291 gifts Including online giving): .....\$13,710.20  
 Loose Cash:.....\$684.50  
 Total: .....\$14,394.70

**Other Gifts Received**

Education Trust Fund: .....\$181.00  
 Building Fund: .....\$185.00  
 Tuition Scholarship Fund: .....\$196.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$19,040.47. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

*Rest in Peace*

Our prayers and sympathies  
to the family and friends of

*Olga Martinez*



**St Monica Ladies Auxiliary**  
**Monday, March 11**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Columbian Hall**

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the next monthly meeting and help plan for upcoming events such as the Spring Tea. All ideas are encouraged and welcome. There will also be a special March activity. Of course, there will be ample opportunity for faith sharing and fellowship. Come join in the fun evening. Please call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088 if you have any questions.



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

**THE CHOSEN**

Time for the chosen (us) to choose the Best of ‘The Chosen.’” Vote now for your top two “The Chosen” episodes from each of the show’s first three seasons.

I will tally up the votes and then we’ll have a 3-night mini-marathon the week of March 10th with the top vote-getters shown back-to-back on Monday (Season One), Wednesday (Seasons Two) and Thursday (Season Three).

This will allow us to revisit the great moments of the first three seasons in anticipation of the release of Season Four on the Chosen app, shortly after it finishes its theatre run on March 14th.

So decide your favorites from the first three seasons, send those choices to [deaconeric@hotmail.com](mailto:deaconeric@hotmail.com) (those with my cell number may text me). If you can’t remember the episode number, identify the memorable moment from that episode that struck you. I will add up the votes and unveil the winners on each of the movie nights. Whether you are a super-fan, or just wonder what the fuss is all about, you’re sure to enjoy our chosen favorites from “The Chosen”.

**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](http://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.*

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

**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

**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/](http://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 send 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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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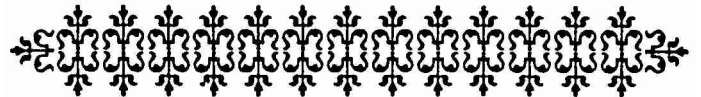
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Friday, March 8, 15 & 22**

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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**THE DIOCESE OF LANSING**  
Catholic Men's Conference

**MARCH | 16<sup>TH</sup> | 2024**  
9AM - 5PM  
AT THE GEORGE GERVIN GAMEBOVE CENTER AT EMU

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.





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](http://www.40daysforlife.com). Feel free to call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088 with any questions.

## 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 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.



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