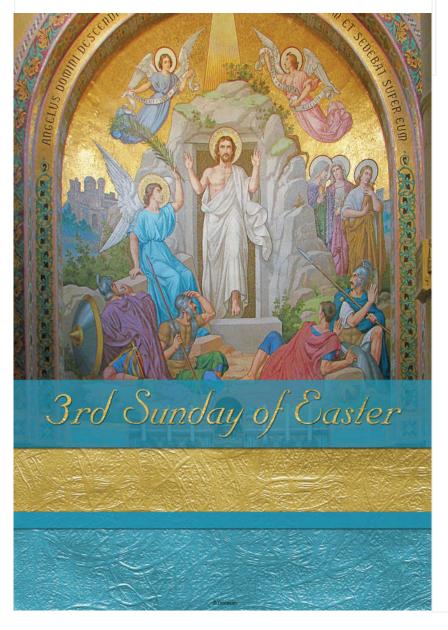
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Regular Mass Schedule

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 ● April 15

Acts 6:8-15/John 6:22-29

No Mass

Tuesday • April 16

Acts 7:51--8:1a/John 6:30-35

7:00 p.m. Mass

†Roy W. Simon

By: Millie, his Sister

Wednesday ● April 17 Acts 8:1b-8/John 6:35-40 12:05 p.m. Mass

†Leon and †Bertine Thelen

By: Don and Lu Anne Cuthbert

Thursday ● April 18 Acts 8:26-40/John 6:44-51

8:30 a.m. Mass

†Bob Purtill

By: Judy Fox and Family

Friday • April 19

Acts 9:1-20/John 6:52-59

8:30 a.m. Mass

†Art Halfmann By: Monica Klaver and Family

Saturday ● April 20 Acts 9:31-42/John 6:60-69

1:00 p.m. Wedding- Harger/Thelen

5:00 p.m. Mass

The People of the Parish

Sunday ● April 21 Acts 4:8-12/1 John 3:1-2/John 10:11-18 8:00 a.m. Mass †Fred Orson

By: Kathy Orson

10:00 a.m. Mass For the Health of Steve Dupuis

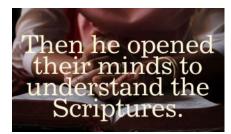
By: Eric, Monica and Camila Hufnagel

12:00 p.m. Mass †Nick Kurncz

By: Wife and Family

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

†Sister Jeanne Fedewa - Celebration of Life By: Nieces and Nephews





The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from April 14 to April 20, 2024 in memory of

Míke Norris



Emíly E. Thelen & Bryce D. Harger

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to noon

1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of the adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering."

Pope Benedict XVI

Are you interested in spending time in Eucharistic Adoration on a weekly or monthly basis? Please text/call for more information at 989-292-2072.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Adam Beverly Sawyer Ballinger Joan Bozung Carol Burgtorf Lisa Clarizio Sherri Couch Friend Joe Cindy Fontus Marcia Goerge Melissa Brenda Higgins David Higgins Korine Alissa Mckeown Gabrielle Meece Mary Matthew Myah

Noah

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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 *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)

More and More and More...

This is being written on Good Friday, because I will be gone for nine days and need to have a couple columns "in the hopper" before I leave. That makes it difficult to be timely, so I'm going to do something a little different today and just present a few quotes that I came across from my second favorite saint, St. Thomas More. (St. Joseph, of course, is number one on my Top 100 saint list). So here's a little More, than a little more More, then a bit more More and then... well, you get the picture.

He is most famously-known as the English Chancellor who refused to bow to King Henry the Eighth's desire to divorce his first wife and marry his second in search of producing an heir. Their dispute resulted in the king's refusal to acknowledge the Pope as the leader of the Catholic Church. Henry married the second wife, Anne Boleyn, split from the Church and named himself as head of the Church of England. St. Thomas and Archbishop of Canterbury (St.) John Fisher refused to acknowledge the king's actions and were beheaded for treason. But just prior to his visit to the guillotine he offered this classic line of faith and loyalty:

I die the king's faithful servant, but God's first.

Oh that we could all be that faithful to God. That faith is also evident in today's second quote, which underscores some of the problems the current Church is facing. Many Catholics are rejecting the Church's teaching when it counters their opinions regarding some of the social issues of the day. But for More, it is cut and dried:

Comfort in tribulation can be secured only on the sure ground of faith holding as true the words of Scripture and the teaching of the Catholic Church.

St. Thomas' family was well off

financially, given his high position in the English government. Nonetheless, he offers up these words of wisdom comparing greed and almsgiving.

It's wrong to deprive someone else of a pleasure so that you can enjoy one yourself, but to deprive yourself of a pleasure so that you can add to someone else's enjoyment is an act of humanity by which you always gain more than you lose.

And I'll close today with this St. Thomas More gem on riding out personal storms:

You must not abandon the ship in a storm because you cannot control the winds....What you cannot turn to good, you must at least make as little bad as you can.

Enjoy St. Thomas and remember: there's More where that came from

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Sick or Homebound?

Please keep in touch! Let us know your temporary address or your situation/plans. Would you like to receive home-bound Communion after surgery? Are you hospitalized? We're here for you and want to minister to your needs, offer prayers, like to know how you're doing, etc. Just call the office with an update, and we'll connect to our Home-bound Communion Team and/or add you to our prayer intentions, send mail to a different address., etc.

Steubenville Youth Conference Summer 2024

All current 8th grade and high school students are invited to attend the annual Steubenville Conference on June 21-23, 2024 in Steubenville, Ohio. In our everchanging world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning fulfillment, security, and love. This summer, join hundreds of Catholic teens to be illuminated by the light of Christ and love that He has for all.

Contact the DRE at Most Holy Trinity Parish at 989-493-2162 or email at dre@mhtparish.com for more information and to register.



Let's Luau! St. Joseph Feast & Raffle March 16, 2024

After expenses, the Feast and Raffle made just over \$94,400! Around \$72,000 will go towards operating costs, \$17,581 is for the Fund-a-Need and \$4,785 will go directly back to the teachers to use in their classrooms.

Thank you to all those who supported the Feast and Raffle so St. Joseph Catholic School can continue the important mission of assisting families with the spiritual, social, and intellectual development of their child(ren) within the framework of Catholic teachings and moral values.

If you have any suggestions for future events, you can email us at stjoefeast@gmail.com.

Thank you again!

2024 St. Joseph Feast & Raffle Committee

St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 15-19, 2024

Monday: Chicken salad in an edible bowl, peaches, and

nilk.

Tuesday: Lasagna, breadsticks, green beans, apples with

cinnamon, and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken poppers, carrots, pears, and milk.
Thursday: Hot dog on a bun, fries, fresh apple, and milk.

Friday: No School

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

Liturgical Minsters April 20/21

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Volunteer

Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Volunteer

Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Nolan C.

Volunteer

12:00 p.m. Tanner Karek

Volunteer

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. Lisa W.

8:00 a.m. Dean H. 10:00 a.m. Rose R.

12:00 p.m. Debbie T.

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

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

Collection Counters: April 15 Group 3

Sanctuary Cleaners: Kate Mullen/Kari Schneider

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of April 7, 2024

Adults (329 gifts Including online giving):\$23,335.68 Loose Cash: \$785.00 Total: \$24,120.68

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$266.00
Building Fund: \$88.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$0.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$19,447.53. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

CRISTO REY COMMUNITY CENTER'S 12TH ANNUAL

FOR
RACE STARTS AT 9 AM

BRENKE FISH LADDER LANSING RIVER TRAIL

Register for Cristo Rey Community Center's
12th Annual
Run for Giving 5K

The race will take place on Saturday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lansing River Trail starting at Brenke Fish Ladder.

Proceeds go towards ensuring families in our community have access to food, quality health care, and counseling.

Join us and run for a good cause!

Register to run or register:
http://www.cristoreycommunity.org
Go to News & Events



The Dresser Ministry:

The month of May, the month of Mary, is right around the corner.

In honor of our Holy Mother, we will be filling a dresser for babies and their moms to be donated to the Baby Pantry in St. Johns. The Baby Pantry will accept all baby item donations but especially needs the following:

- Larger diapers (sizes 4 and up)
- Pull ups
- Baby wipes
- Paper products: facial tissue, toilet paper, and paper towers.
- Personal care items

Please look for the "playpen" in the gathering space the first weekend of May.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Large-Print Living Faith Daily Devotionals

A parishioner recently donated about 10 large print Living Faith daily devotionals. Please stop into the parish office to get your copy. Enjoy!

LENTEN ALMSGIVING

This year's Lenten Almsgiving to our *Local Food Banks* can be turned in to the parish office at any time.

We ask that you write a check (to St. Joseph Church with "food bank" on the memo line) instead of turning in a box of coin. Not only will it ensure your donation is credited to your account, but will also help us tremendously in the office!



Employment Opportunities Diocese of Lansing

Are you interested in serving the Church in the Diocese of Lansing? They are currently accepting resumes for an Accounting Manager and Facilities Manager. To learn more about thse positions and to apply, please visit the Diocese of Lansing Careers Page.

The Pictorial Directories are in!

If you haven't picked up your copy after Mass, you can pick it up in the parish office.

We have extra available for purchase at \$20 each.

Baccalaureate Mass

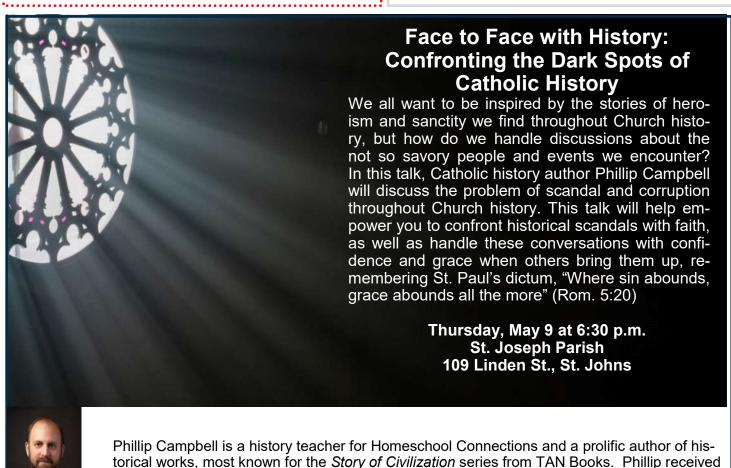
All graduating seniors are invited to the Baccalaureate Mass on **Sunday, May 19th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass**. Seniors should arrive at 9:30 a.m. in the lower level of the church for instructions. Mass will follow with a reception.

Please RSVP at 989-224-8537 or email Jen at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com



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.

This weekend we reached 86.6% of our DSA goal of \$98,185.00 from only 216 of our 1010 families with total pledged at \$85,087.28. 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.



a Bachelor of Arts in History from Ave Maria University and a certificate in Secondary Education from Madonna University. Phillip has appeared on EWTN, Ave Maria, the Catholic Faith

Network, and numerous other programs and podcasts promoting historical literacy.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

If you were raised as a child in the parish:

- And are now over 18 years of age
- And you did not fill out a parish registration form
- You are NOT a registered parishioner!

Why is it important to be registered in the parish:

- We can reach you with important information about the parish and it's ministries
- We have a more accurate idea of the number of parishioners we have in the parish.
- It allows us to seek your input and feedback.
- It allows you to formally support the parish financially, since envelopes will be issued to you for your use.
- We can start a sacramental record for you.
- Finally, registering can also help you have a greater sense of belonging to and ownership of the parish.

Please note:

The envelopes you receive when registering will now play an important role in the reception of the sacraments. (i.e. Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage) in the parish. We're asking all parishioners to get into the habit of using your envelopes in the weekly collection. Even if you give online or don't have anything to put in the envelope, please submit an empty envelope. It will help us know how many registered parishioners attend a given Mass and it will also come in handing for determining if a person, presenting themselves for a sacrament, is attending Mass regularly as is required.

You can obtain a registration form from our website at www.stjoecatholic.com under forms or stop in the parish office.



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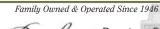
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