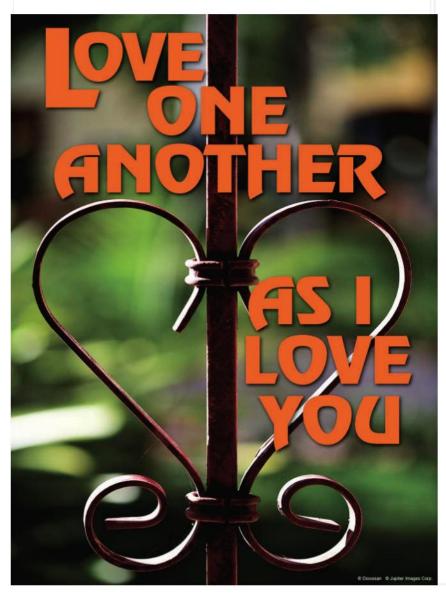
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Regular Mass Schedule

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

Acts 16:11-15/John 15:26--16:4a

No Mass

Tuesday ● May 7
Acts 16:22-34/John 16:5-11

7:00 p.m. Mass

†Bob Miller

By: Thelma Miller

Wednesday ● May 8

Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/John 16:12-15

12:05 p.m. Mass

†Bob and †Carol Thelen

By: Dan and Deborah LeVeque

Thursday ● May 9 Acts 18:1-8/John 16:16-20

8:30 a.m. Mass

†Daniel Blair

By: Tuesday Morning Bible Group

Friday ● May 10 Acts 18:9-18/John 16:20-23 8:30 a.m. Mass

†Richard Andrews

By: Karen Wood and Sharon Conley

. Families

Saturday ● May 11 Acts 18:23-28/John 16:23b-28

5:00 p.m. Mass

†Leon Armbrustmacher

By: Lynn and Deb Denovich

Sunday ● May 12

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11/Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/

Mark 16:15-20

8:00 a.m. Mass †Lewis Kramer

By: Joe and Helen Kus

10:00 a.m. Mass †Rich Childers

By: His Family

12:00 p.m. Mass The People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. Mass †Olga Martinez

Let us pray for all the children who, today, for the first time, will receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion.

May they love Him with all their hearts and forever live faithfully.

Let us pray for Lord.



Friday

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from May 5 to May 11, 2024 in memory of

Paul Geller

Parish Office Hours

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

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

9:00 a.m. to noon

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



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Eucharistic Adoration

"Then two recounted what had taken place on the way and how He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread." Luke 24:35

Jesus revealed Himself in a special way "in the breaking of the bread" at Emmaus and continues to do so for us in the Holy Eucharist.

Are you interested in attending Eucharistic Adoration on a weekly or monthly basis? Call or text Rebeca at 989-292-2072.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

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Sawyer Ballinger
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Carol Burgtorf
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Sherri Couch Friend Joe Cindy Fontus Marcia Goerge Melissa Brenda Higgins David Higgins Korine Alissa Mckeown

Gabrielle Meece

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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)

A Little of This, a Little of That Every now and then, I have few items in mind that alone don't fill a column, but are worthy of mention. Today is one of those days.

Deacon Jerry and I recently attended a regional diaconate meeting in which we heard a somewhat sobering presentation about an upcoming set of bills in the state Senate which, if approved, would legalize physician assisted suicide in Michigan. Those of us who have been around a while remember the trial and conviction of Dr. Jack Kervorkian, who was found guilty of second degree murder in the death of a patient via the doctor's "suicide machine" in 1999. These proposed bills would make such actions legal in Michigan.

The presentation by diocesan Fertility and Life Ministries Director Jenny Ingles, was not only a warning, but a call to action for priests and deacons to educate the public on these bills which will be strongly opposed by the church. The same teaching ap-

plies here as it does with abortion --God must be the one who decides when we die. There is no right to kill oneself, or assist someone to kill themselves. The fight will be between those who argue for so-called "death with dignity" and those who, like the Church, stand for basic human dignity -- that all life is sacred from conception until natural death.

Ingles says the bills will likely be taken up in the Senate in late June. This is a time when lawmakers are generally in a hurry to get out of Lansing for summer break and sometimes they rush through bills that need more vetting. Three states have already approved physician-assisted suicide, as has Canada, and the issue is before legislators in almost 30 other states. Please pray for sanity and the defeat of these bills, please pray for human dignity and please pray for life. (Stay tuned for more info).

REMINDERS: We have two wonderful adult faith learning opportunities coming up at St Joe's and they won't cost us but an hour or two of time. The first upcoming chance to grow in our faith is this Thursday May 9th. Catholic historian Phillip Campbell will give a presentation on some of the dark moments in Church history

and how the Church survived. If you think historians are boring, you haven't heard Phillip Campbell, who recently presented his very engaging conversion story on EWTN's "The Journey Home" (now available on You Tube). Phillip's talk will be in the church basement at 6:30 p.m.

And one week later, Fr. Mike, Deacon Jerry and I will be in front of a standing-room-only (maybe) church ready to answer questions about the faith, church doctrine, ordained life or the parish in general. This is an opportunity for parishioners who have sometimes said "I wonder about..." regarding the faith but never found out. It's not about stumping the pastor and his deacons, but about enhancing our faith and clearing up questions you may have about the parish. That will be Thursday May 16th in church at 6:00 p.m. You can submit questions ahead of time through the parish office or by dropping them in the Sunday collection basket.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com



St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary received a thank you note from Carolyn McQuillan of Big Brothers/Big Sisters to share with the parish. Ms. McQuillan was very grateful for being invited to the Lenten Soup Supper to speak about BB/BS and enjoyed meeting so many kind people at the supper. She was pleased with the parishioner's interest in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and hopes parishioners will continue to support the BB/BS mission to give children and teens the support they need to thrive. For more information, go to bbbsmcr.org.

This thank-you highlights one of our projects St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary provides for the parish. Join us at our next monthly meeting May 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbian Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to join and enjoy fellowship in the planning of future events such as a proposed painting project. For questions, please call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088.

9th Grade Post Confirmation Session, Youth leadership sign ups, and Pizza!!

All current 9th grade students are invited to attend a **post-Confirmation gathering on Wednesday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** In the lower level of the church. We are looking for high school youth leaders for the 2024/25 year and you qualify! We have some promising things in store for the Youth Group (HS Faith Formation) next fall and can't do it without you! Join us for pizza and a chance to **sign up for Youth Leadership.**

This is also a great opportunity to gain service hours during high school. Why do this? Come and find out! RSVP to Jen at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com or 989-224-8537.

If you are a HS junior or senior please contact Jen for more information.

Vacation Bible School

Due to the construction in the school VBS will be **canceled for this summer, 2024**. We look forward to next year to celebrate this faith-filled week of fun with all the children and families.



St. Joseph Catholic School LUNCH MENU

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

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FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 6 -MAY 10, 2024

Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with

gravy, corn, applesauce, and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken fettucine with breadsticks, green

beans, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Hot dog and French fries, fruit, and milk. Thursday: Chicken wrap, lettuce salad, fruit, and milk Friday: Cheese pizza, carrots, apple crisp, and milk.

Milk choice includes chocolate fat free milk or white 1% Low fat milk

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

Liturgical Minsters

May 11/12

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Averie D.

Charleigh F.

8:00 a.m.

Miles S. Volunteer

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

Mara T.

Ellis T.

Nolan C. Emelia C.

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. Beth S.

8:00 a.m. Rich H. 10:00 a.m. Tori S. 12:00 p.m. Debbie T.

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

8:00 a.m. Group 8C 10:00 a.m. Group 10C 12:00 p.m. Group 12A

Collection Counters: May 6 Group 2

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For the weekend of April 29, 2024

 Adults (213 gifts Including online giving):
 \$13,078.02

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 \$732.00

 Total:
 \$13,810.02

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Education Trust Fund: \$70.00
Building Fund: \$230.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$185.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$19,273.87. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

St. Joseph Parish-

Question and Answer Event





Have you ever experienced confusion about a Church teaching, questioned what "Catholic protocol" would be in a situation, or wondered, "why do Catholics do that?"

Join Fr. Mike, Deacon Eric, and Deacon Jerry as they answer questions submitted by parishioners.



Thursday, May 16 6:00 PM Inside the Church



St. Joseph School Spring Concert

May 9 2024 6:30 p.m. in the school gym





KNIGHT OF THE MONTH Sim Lawless May 2024

What is the Prayer Tree?



The Prayer Tree is an organized group of individuals who pray for our parish family. Prayer requests are confidential and are not shared with anyone outside of the prayer tree members. Parishioners can add their prayer requests for themselves, family members, or friends by contacting the Parish Office at 989-224-8994. The prayer request will be passed on to the prayer tree participants within one business day.

The prayer list published in the bulletin is not the same as the Prayer Tree.

To add an immediate family member to the bulletin prayer list call the office 989-224-8994.

The Dresser Ministry:

May is the month of Mary. In honor of our Holy Mother, we will be filling a "pack and play" 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

Thank you in advance for your support!



Face to Face with History:

Confronting the Dark Spots of Catholic History Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

St Joseph Parish

Guest Speaker: Phillip Campbell will discuss the problem of scandal and corruption throughout Church history. This talk will help empower you to confront historical scandals with faith, as well as handle these conversation with confidence and grace when others bring them up.

Young Adult Pilgrimage

Young adults of the Diocese of Lansing! Don't miss out on registering for the young adult pilgrimage on July 26 -28th! Tickets sell out quickly due to this being a Statewide Catholic pilgrimage! There will be Mass all 3 days (one on Lake Huron at our campsite, another at the Cross in the Woods, and another in the city of Indian River where we will then have a Eucharistic procession to the Cross in the woods), spiritual reflections along the hike, rafting, swimming, and camping. Great opportunity for young adults around Michigan to share faith and outdoor adventure together. Pray about joining us!

pilgrimage2024.eventbrite.com

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 by May 9th, at 989-224-8537 or email Jen at dre.stjoseph@gmail.com



In a Lansing Hospital and need the Anointing of the Sick?

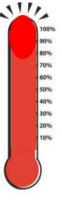
When you or your loved one is ill, receiving the Sacrament of the Sick is important. When in a Lansing area hospital, please **let your attending nurse know** you would like the Anointing of the Sick. They will contact the chaplain who will, in turn, contact a local priest who is "on call" to come and give you the sacrament. This is the quickest way for you or your loved one to receive the sacrament, if they didn't already receive it before going into the hospital.





This weekend we reached 120.4% of our DSA goal of \$98,185.00 from only 276 of our 1010 families with total pledged at \$109,779.78. We are grateful for these contributions. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider supporting our appeal with a gift that will benefit the work of Christ in our parish and through the wider church. You may submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal or with a DSA pledge envelope to the parish office.

Remember, now that we have reached our goal, one half of all additional donations received comes back to Joseph Church.



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