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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 • Glenn Esch

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

IUNE 30. 2024



THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • July 1 Amos 2:6-10, 13-16/Matthew 8:18-22 No Mass

Tuesday • July 2 Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12/Matthew 8:23-27 7:00 p.m. Mass *†Steve Dupuis* Bv: Charles and Lisa Wieber

Wednesday • July 3 Ephesians 2:19-22/John 20:24-29 12:05 p.m. Mass *†Josephine Rogers*

By: Monica Klaver and Family

Thursday • July 4 Amos 7:10-17/Matthew 9:1-8 8:30 a.m. Mass The United States of America By: Society of St. Vincent DePaul

Friday • July 5 Amos 8:4-6, 9-12/Matthew 9:9-13 8:30 a.m. Mass *†David Schroeder*

By: Susie Schroeder

Saturday • July 6 Amos 9:11-15/Matthew 9:14-17/John 21:15-19 8:30 a.m. Mass For an end to abortion

5:00 p.m. Mass *†Mark Schafer* By: Arleita Schafer

Sunday

July 7 Ezekiel 2:2-5/2 Corinthians 12:7-10/Mark 6:1-6 8:00 a.m. **†**Ray and **†**Suzanne Dietrich Bv: Joe and Helen Kus 10:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. **†Pete Schrauben** By: Joan Schrauben Family

6:00 p.m.

Mass in Spanish





The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from June 30 to July 6, 2024 in memory of Míke Norrís

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on July 5 and 6

The Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on First Friday, July 5th and Reposed prior to the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday, July 6th.

All are welcome to attend this beautiful time of prayer in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord.

You do not have to be scheduled for a specific hour, however, we are in need of subs, particularly this month, since it is close to the July 4th holiday:

Friday: 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Saturday: 1:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

Please call or text 989-292-2072 if you plan to attend at one of these hours or sign up in the gathering space.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially: Adam Sawyer Ballinger Lisa Clarizio Sherri Couch Friend **Cindy Fontus**

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Marcia Goerge Brenda Higgins David Higgins Korine Alissa McKeown Myah Jenny Pytlowanyj Frank Rademacher Deacon Mary & Tita

Joan Schrauben

Michael VanElls Jeff Wadell Jerry Brad Walker Millie Wassa Fr. Don Wieber Bill Darnell Susan Darnell

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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

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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 the parish office: 989-224-8994 or email Stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com

*Please note: only immediate family members may add names to the bulletin.

THE SACRAMENTS ARE CELEBRATED



WE ARE ALL Evangelizers

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

The Testifier

Summer is filled with joy, but there is a bit of a downside to it from a liturgical perspective. In the hustle and bustle that comes with summer and all our activities, it's easy to miss some noteworthy feasts and solemnities on the church calendar. The feast of St. Thomas More (one of my favorite saints) and his fellow Englishman St. John Fisher's feast slipped by this past weekend and the solemnity of the birth of the great St. John the Baptist is celebrated today (6-24).

Though Thomas More and John Fisher's stories are fresh in my mind due to their prominence in a book I am reading ("Heroes and Heretics of the Reformation"), it's important that we stop and ponder the importance of John the Baptist in Church history. It would be a foolish endeavor on my part to try to rank the saints based on their importance -- just look at what trying to pull rank did for the apostles James and John. But let's just take Jesus' word on where he places the Baptist, as he states in Matthew 11:11: "among those born of women there has not arisn anyone greater than John the Baptist!" Nuff said.

The "Magnificat" monthly prayer book has a wonderful reflection from St. Bede on the Baptizer today, pointing out that his solemnity date (exactly six months before Christmas Eve) is at a time of the year just past the summer solstice when the hours of daily sunlight are starting to diminish. When Jesus is born, it is just the opposite. He is born shortly after the winter solstice at a time when the hours of daylight are slowly increasing. This realization is manifest on the ministerial trail when in John 3:30 he says: "He must increase and I must decrease."

We know from the get-go that John the Baptist's purpose would be to point the way to Jesus "the light." In the opening verses of Mark's gospel, the evangelist quotes the Baptist as saying: "One mightier than I is coming after me." (Mk 1:7) In the first chapter of Luke, the angel Gabriel told Zechariah that his wife

Elizabeth would bear a son who will be "filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb, and he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord our God. He will go before him in the spirit of Elijah...to prepare a people fit for the Lord." (Lk 1:15-17) Matthew identifies John the Baptist as the one who would prepare the way for the Lord and the Evangelist John says that the Baptist "was not the light, but (who) came to testify to the light." (Jn 1:9) This light was the "light of the human race." (Jn 1:3)

Though the length of days is diminishing by a minute or two each day, our summer days are still quite lengthy with about 15 hours of sunlight a day. Unfortunately, in all of our fun golfing, fishing, boating, swimming and such during these long days, some of us fall victim to substituting the light of the sun, for the light of the Son, and disregarding our Sunday Mass obligation. Let us follow John the Baptist and maintain our commitment to the Light.

Beacon Eric

Traveling Chalice for Vocations

If you love the Catholic faith and want to contribute in a meaningful way, please pray for vocations.

We have a chalice dedicated for parishioners to take home for a week of daily prayers. The chalice is locat-



ed outside the Sacristy door by the ramp entrance. Simply sign up for the week that you want,

The chalice, as well as suggested prayers, are yours for that week.



that we might have the courage to be good servants of God and our country.

that all religious minorities may be freed from persecution.

that Catholic organizations build bridges of understanding between different faith communities.

for all those involved in adoptions and foster care.

that religious symbols are not banned from public places.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

JUNE 30, 2024



Parish Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to noon 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday Closed



St. Joseph Catholic School St Johns, MI Teaching Position

St. Joseph Catholic School in St. Johns, MI is accepting applications for a **full time Kindergarten teaching position.** Candidates must hold a valid teaching certificate with an Elementary Education endorsement (Reading and Language Arts preferred) for the 2024-2025 school year. The candidate will also be attending Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) Training and pass a criminal background check.

The successful candidate must be dynamic, enthusiastic and possess the ability to work collaboratively within the school environment. The candidate will be teaching Religion daily and therefore the hired candidate's employment will be considered ministerial under the First Amendment. Similarly, the successful candidate should be a practicing Catholic who can speak thoroughly to his or her ability to infuse the Catholic faith and teaching throughout the curriculum. The ultimate hiring decision is made in consultation with St. Joseph's pastor. To learn more about St. Joseph Parish and website School, please visit our at www.school.stjoecatholic.com

Interested candidates should send a cover letter of application, resume' and credentials to: Chris Wells, Principal, to principal@stjoecatholicschool.org, or send to the following address:

St. Joseph Catholic School, 201 E Cass Street, St. Johns MI 48879

Liturgical Minsters July 6/7

Altar Servers:	5:00 p.m.	Charleigh F.
		Volunteer
	8:00 a.m.	Miles S.
		Volunteer
	10:00 a.m.	Oliver B.
		Volunteer
	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.	Ann P.
	8:00 a.m.	Trevor H.
	10:00 a.m.	Ted S.
	12:00 p.m.	Linda S.
Ushers:	5:00 p.m.	Group 5B
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8A
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10C
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A
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STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of June 24, 2024

Adults (256 gifts Including online giving):	\$18,188.00
Loose Cash:	\$567.00
Total:	\$18,755.00

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$40.00
Building Fund:	\$140.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$185.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2023 is \$19,188.45. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

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6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish			4:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Bible Study (L)		Parish Office is Closed	(C) 5:00 pm Mass
14 - Masses: 8 & 10 am, Noon	15- No Mass	16 - No Mass	17-No Mass	18 – No Mass	19 - No Mass	20
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			4:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Bible			
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish			study (L)		Parish Office is Closed	4:00 pm Confession 5:00 pm Mass
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6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish			4.00 p.m. Holy Spirit Bible Study (L)			4:00 pm Confession 5:00 pm Mass
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All high schoolers are welcome to join us for a pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis!









July 17th-21st, 2024 fundraising available) To register, scan the QR code below!

Sponsored by Christ the King Youth Group in Ann Arbor, MI For more info, contact John Hoving at jhoving@ctkcc.net or go to www.eucharisticcongress.org



"When I found Him Whom my heart loves I would not let Him go!" Sg 3:4 Recognizing and persevering in God's will: a discernment retreat with the Cloistered Dominican Nuns of the Monastery of the **Blessed Sacrament** July 20-21, 2024 For single, Catholic women aged 18-35 For more information and to register, please contact Vocation Directress **Cloistered Dominican Nuns** Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament 29575 Middle belt Rd Farmington Hills MI 48334 dnfvocations@gmail.com (248) 626-8321 Or Visit our website or facebook page: Opnuns-fh.org

Diocese of Lansing Employment Opportunities

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

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 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





FOR MEN AGES 16-25

discernment process and provides an opportunity to experience the camaraderie of other discerners. Daily Mass and the opportunity for Confession and Adoration will be offered

Fr. Mike Cassar and Fr. Ryan Riley will give their reflections on the priesthood, lead Q & A sessions, and small group discussions.



Fr. Ryan Riley



REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.STFRANCIS.WS/DISCERNMENT

Suggested donation: \$200 includes private lodging, meals, materials

Scholarships are available - contact the Diocese of Lansing Vocations office

FRIENDSHIP IS OFFERED

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Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to Surviving Divorce with help you: those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a • broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing, Developed and hosted by Rose Sweet, Surviving Divorce features experts Dr. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D., Fr. Donald Calloway, M.I.C., Fr. Steve Porter, S.T.L., Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., and Christopher West. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. They courageously share their stories with heart, humor, and wisdom. As they witness their pain and the healing power of Christ in their lives, participants will laugh, cry, and identify with their journeys from heartache to healing.

- Work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce
- Find personal healing and hope.
- Discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you.
- Gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences.
- Navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances.

Every Monday starting

September 9, 2024 to December 9, 2024 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. St. Mary, Westphalia Library

To register:

https://goo.gl/forms/kITjVnkMxEv0mtAI3 Or contact Vicki at St. Mary Parish 989-587-4211 For more information: Contact Geri Pennell @ 989-587-4106 or Jane Schmitt @ 989-587-3537



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