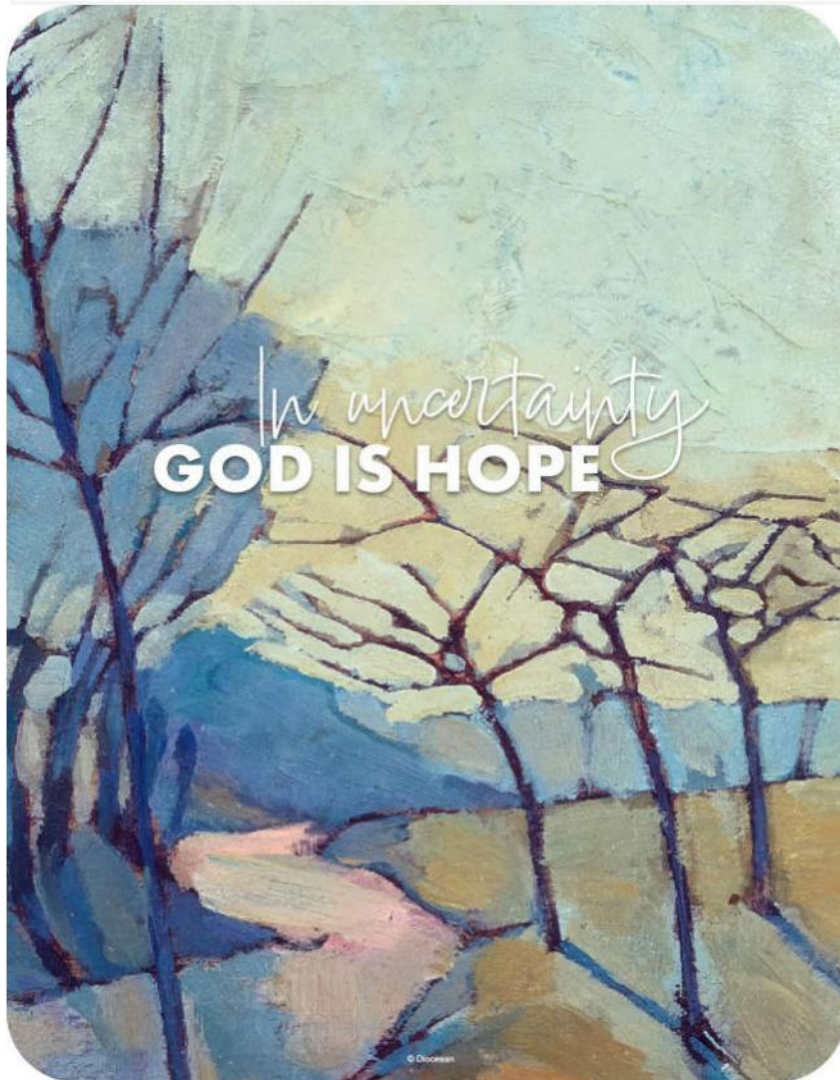


# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 • Paul Atchley

### 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



## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

### Monday • November 18

*Revelations 1:1-4, 2:1-5/Luke 18:35-43*

**No Mass**

### Tuesday • November 19

*Revelations 3:1-6, 14-22/Luke 19:1-10*

**7:00 p.m. Mass** †Fred and †John Orson

By: Kathy Orson

### Wednesday • November 20

*Revelations 4:1-11/Luke 19:11-28*

**12:05 p.m.** †Judy Armbrustmacher

By: Mark and Diane  
Armbrustmacher

### Thursday • November 21

*Revelations 5:1-10/Luke 19:41-44*

**8:30 a.m. Mass** †Leon Nurenberg, †Joan and †Clarence  
Mikolagczak

By: Family

### Friday • November 22

*Revelations 10:8-11/Luke 19:45-48*

**8:30 a.m. Mass** †Marie Fox

By: Chris and Brenda DeLiso

### Saturday • November 23

*Revelations 11:4-12/Luke 20:27-40*

**5:00 p.m. Mass** †Leon and †Bertine Thelen

By: Family

### Sunday • November 24

*Daniel 7:13-14/Revelations 1:5-8/John 18:33B-37*

**8:00 a.m.** †Janet Smith

By: Dick Smith

**10:00 a.m.** †Joe and †Josephine Villarreal

By: Villarreal Family

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

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

†Carlos Giles

By: Eric, Monica and Camila Hufnagel



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

*Janet Smith*

## 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.

## Congratulations!

**Dustin and Katelyn (Childers) Sulcer**

Who were married here at St. Joseph's on  
November 9, 2024

## Eucharistic Adoration

"To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in  
God the Lord."

*Ps 73 (72):28*

Are you interested in spending a monthly hour near to  
Our Lord? We are in need of once a month scheduled  
adorers on First Friday/Saturday at the following  
times:

**Friday: 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.**

**Saturday: 1:00 a.m.**



We are in need of subs as well. Please  
contact Rebecca at 989-292-2072. If you  
are interested or have questions about  
making a regular Holy Hour.

## KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Adam  
Sawyer Ballinger  
Lisa Clarizio  
Sherri Couch  
Mary Enneking  
Keith Enneking  
Friend

Cindy Fontus  
Marcia Goerge  
Brenda Higgins  
David Higgins  
Korine  
Alissa McKeown  
Gabrielle Meece  
Myah  
Jenny Pytlowanyj  
Frank Rademacher  
Deacon Marv & Tita  
Robertson

Patricia Rojas  
Joan Schrauben  
Sherri  
Michael VanElls  
Jeff Wadell  
Jennifer  
Jerry  
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  
Colby Munger  
Adam Novak

Alex Rojas  
David Seperic  
Noel Smith II  
Joshua Szpont  
Jordan Van Amburg

To add or remove a  
name from the  
bulletin prayer list,  
please call the parish  
office: 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)

### We survived

Well, here we are. The world did not come to an end, democracy survived and so did we. We survived a presidential election, or perhaps I should say we survived the season of political advertising and blatant misrepresentation (aka fibbing or lying) leading up to the election. Where we go from here as a country is anybody's guess, but we know the worst TV ads genre will now return to the realm of prescription drugs and full body deodorants.

In some ways, we are today in a period that parallels the period right after the Great Flood in the Bible. God had become extremely upset at human beings because in his eyes "every desire that their heart conceived was always nothing but evil (Gen 6:5)." Yet he showed faith in Noah and the Lord repaid Noah for his faith in building the Ark and gathering the animals, by making

a covenant not to destroy the world again -- conceding that "that human hearts are evil from youth (Gen 8:21)."

We know that also, because we know we are all sinners. We also know that any problems that may exist in the model of democracy are man-made, yet we also maintain that we can survive anything with faith in God. Last Sunday's readings give us a wonderful reminder that we must hold on to our faith. In the first reading, Elijah asks a widow for a small cake to eat and she shows faith in the Lord though she believes that she has only enough flour and oil for one last meal for herself and her son. She makes the cake for Elijah after he relays God's promise that she will always have enough flour and oil for her and her son. In the gospel, we heard the parable of the widow who donate her last coins to the temple treasury, showing her total faith in the Lord.

Yes, we survived another presidential election. It appears at this moment that one party will con-

trol the White House and both chambers of Congress. That usually means a great deal of legislation will get passed over at least the next two years, depending on what happens in 2026's mid-term election of the House of Representatives. That will please many and upset others. But we need not let political decisions rule our lives. We can't let politics become our religion. We need to retain our faith and stay on the path that leads to Jesus.

So let's pray over the next couple of years that our leaders find a way to return to the spirit and practice of compromise, which is supposed to be essence of politics. And let's also pray that going forward, our leaders may legislate by respecting the freedom of religion under which our country was founded and doing so while maintaining the need for basic human dignity. We survived. Let's pray that we learned something along the way.

*Deacon Eric*

[deaconeric@hotmail.com](mailto:deaconeric@hotmail.com)

## Take heed Message St. Joe Ladies:

You are invited to attend the

### Women's Advent Celebration

being hosted by St Monica Ladies Auxiliary

At the Columbian Hall on

**Friday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m.**

Cost is \$12.00 and a lady's hygiene product to be donated to the Safe Center.

Our guest speaker will be

Dawn Houseman from the Lansing Diocese.

Our theme this year is

**'Mary Mother and the Feminine Genius.'**

Is there room in your heart for God to write  
His Story?

Call (517) 282-7648 to host a table for this event.

## Advent Wreath and Craft Connection Event

The term Advent originates from the Latin word *advenio*, which means "to come to." The Advent season brings the anticipation of Christ's second coming, along with a renewed faith in His presence with each of us.

The Adult Faith Formation Team invites you to join us on **Sunday, November 24th between the 10:00 a.m. and Noon Masses in the church basement** to create Advent Prayer Wreaths. Prepare for the Christ season by joining your St. Joseph Parish Family in a unique and spiritual way this Advent season.





**K-12 Grade Religious Education**

**November Calendar**

- Wednesday, November 20 K-12 Class, Confirmation Class and Youth Group

For more information, times and other dates go to:

[stjoecatholic.com](http://stjoecatholic.com)

Contact Jen Nelson at 989-224-8537 or [dre.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:dre.stjoseph@gmail.com) with questions or to register

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

**Parish Office Closure**

When St. Johns Public School closes for Inclement weather, so does St. Joseph Catholic Church parish office. If there is a week-day Mass scheduled that day, the **Mass will still take place**. Please consider all precautions if you still plan on attending the weekday Mass. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the parish office.



**52 SUNDAYS**

52 Sundays helps families celebrate and reclaim Sunday as a day set apart for the Lord, for family, and for works of mercy through free weekly family reflections, family crafts, recipe of the week, family prayers, family challenge, fun facts and more.

*Reclaim Sunday as a Family!*

Learn more and sign up for the weekly newsletter at [52sundays.com](http://52sundays.com).

**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 NOVEMBER 18-22, 2024**

- Monday: Chicken and cheese quesadilla with salsa, lettuce salad, fruit, and milk.  
Tuesday: Pig in a blanket, peas, fruit, and milk.  
Wednesday: Load baked potato soup with grilled cheese, fruit, and milk.  
Thursday: **1/2 Day - No Lunch Served.**  
Friday: **1/2 Day - No Lunch Served.**

Lunches are \$3.25

Milk \$0.50

**Liturgical Minsters**

**November 23/24**

<b>Altar Servers:</b>	5:00 p.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	8:00 a.m.	Miles S.
		Kaynin S.
	10:00 a.m.	Cassie S.
		Gracie H.
	12:00 p.m.	Mabel R.
		Willow R.

**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

<b>Lectors:</b>	5:00 p.m.	Beth S.
	8:00 a.m.	Lu Anne C.
	10:00 a.m.	Cassandra G.
	12:00 p.m.	Linda S.

<b>Ushers:</b>	5:00 p.m.	Group 5C
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8A
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10C
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A

**Collection Counters:** November 18 Group 2

**Sanctuary Cleaners:** Sue Fox

**STEWARDSHIP**

**For the weekend of November 10, 2024**

Adults (254 gifts Including online giving):	.....\$23,066.70
Loose Cash:	.....\$815.55
Total:	.....\$23,882.25

**Other Gifts Received**

Education Trust Fund:	.....\$797.00
Building Fund:	.....\$176.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	.....\$31.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$19,064.65. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

**YOU'RE INVITED!!****Clinton Community Thanksgiving  
Celebration and Dinner****St. John's Lutheran Church**

511 E Sturgis St., St. Johns

**11:00 a.m. Worship Service****12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dinner****RSVP 989-292-0972 or CCThanksgiving.org****There will be kids activities, fellowship, music, football  
and lots of food!****Community Sponsored - No Cost to You****Clinton Community  
Thanksgiving  
Celebration and Dinner  
Needs YOU!**

The Clinton Community Thanksgiving Celebration is back, but **desperately needs workers!** Shifts generally are two hours long and run all through Thanksgiving week. Food prep will be at the Columbian Hall Monday-Wednesday and event workers will be needed at the St. Johns Lutheran Church.

Please go to this website to sign up to volunteer: [ccthanksgiving.org](http://ccthanksgiving.org).

**A FESTIVAL OF  
NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**

Saturday, December 7, 2024

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

St. Mary Cathedral

219 Seymour Ave., Lansing

Featuring the Diocesan combined choir from St. Mary Cathedral, the Church of the Resurrection, and other area parishes, the Diocese of Lansing is hosting our second annual Diocesan "Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols" to commemorate Mary's Immaculate Conception & the anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral. Directed by Michael Garnett, Cathedral Director of Sacred Music, the Diocesan combined choir will sing sacred choral works by Verdi and other composers, hymns, and other treasures of the Church's inestimable musical tradition.

***Remembering the Parish***

After providing for families and loved ones, you may wish to include St. Joseph Parish in your will. All gifts are welcome, and we ask that you prayerfully consider whether a portion of your estate should be used to continue the ministries of the parish. This can be accomplished with the words: *I bequeath to St. Joseph Parish of St. Johns, Michigan, [insert amount being given or percentage of residue] to be used to support the ministry of the parish.* A bequest can be a specific dollar amount, a specific piece of property, a percentage of an estate, or all or part of the residue of an estate. It is always recommended that you consult a lawyer for drafting or amending a will.

**Average Joe's Men's Group.****8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.****in the church basement.**

The St. Joseph "Average Joes" men's group is open to all men of all faiths. Our mission is to share some spiritual discussion and to encourage fellowship among men in our community.



Our slogan: Share some wisdom and enrich the soul. A warm welcome is extended to all men who seek a casual setting in which to consider God's blessings and His plan for our lives.

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This weekend foreign missionary Anna Biewer, previous secretary at St. Joes, will be **selling handmade artisanal rosaries and jewelry made by members of a Kichwa tribal community called "Sinchi Warmi" from the jungles of Ecuador.**

She will be selling the items in the back of church after all Masses this weekend. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the families who made the items, and will help them all to continue providing for their families. **Come shop these beautiful items! They make wonderful Christmas gifts!**

Any questions contact Anna Biewer  
at: [annabiewer@familymissionscompany.com](mailto:annabiewer@familymissionscompany.com)

### At 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.



### New Position Opening: Part-time Bookkeeper

St. Joseph Church is accepting applications for a part-time Bookkeeper. Duties include maintaining the accounting ledger using double-entry bookkeeping, processing receivables and payables, and preparing payroll. Applicant must have an Associate degree in accounting or equivalent experience, have familiarity with account software, and be proficient with Excel.

This position is 8-15 hours per week, with some flexibility, year-round. Full position description is available at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers). If you are someone who embraces the teachings and mission of the Catholic Church and are interested in working in this environment, apply online or send your resume, cover letter, and references to Susan Mahoney, St. Joseph Church, 109 Linden St., St. Johns, MI 48879, email: [business.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:business.stjoseph@gmail.com)

### New Position Opening: Part-time School Custodian

We have an opening for a part-time School Custodian to do basic cleaning and sanitizing of the school building. Position is for three (3) hours per day for each school day; may include full-time summer work if desired. Shift is from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. for training and can change to evening hours, if preferred. Physical demands include moving heavy loads, bending, squatting, and climbing ladders. Previous experience not necessary, but knowledge of commercial cleaning procedures and supplies is helpful. Apply at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers). Direct questions to Susan in the parish office (989) 224-8994, [business.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:business.stjoseph@gmail.com)



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

**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 its 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. It is also a guide for Sponsors for Confirmation or Godparent forms) 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](http://www.stjoecatholic.com) under forms or stop in the parish office.

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