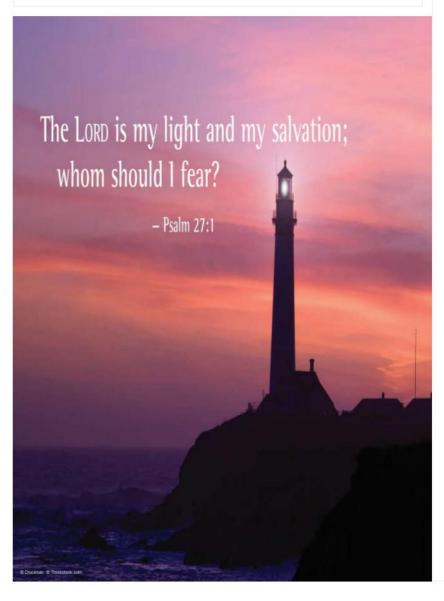
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Marriage Preparation • Fr. Michael Williams
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St. Joseph School • Chris Wells
Religious Education Jen Nelson
Confirmation • Jen Nelson
Christian Initiation of Adults • Amanda Grigar

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 ● March 17

Daniel 9:4b-10/Luke 6:36-38

No Mass

### Tuesday ● March 18

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20/Matthew 23:1-12 7:00 p.m. Mass †Brenden Klein

By: Fr. Mike Williams

### Wednesday • March 19

### Solemnity of St. Joseph

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22/Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

12:05 p.m.

†Fran Motz

By: Family

### Thursday ● March 20

Jeremiah 17:5-10/Luke 16:19-31 8:30 a.m. Mass †Clair Thelen

By: The "Group"

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Mass

For our Confirmation Candidates

#### Friday • March 21

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

8:30 a.m. Mass †Marcia Schmitz

By: St. Joseph Sunshine Club

<u>Saturday ● March 22</u> Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 5:00 p.m. Mass †Alfred †Adeline Huhn

By: The Huhn Family

### Sunday • March 23

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12/Luke 13:1-9 **8:00 a.m. Mass** †Jean Burns (35th Anniversary)

By: Her children

10:00 a.m. †Kenneth J. Price

By: Jim Price

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

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

### Please pray for the following Confirmation Candidates that will be Confirmed this Thursday, March 20, 2025.

Noah B Lily Marie M. Logan F. Madelyn P. Madden R. Archer G. Lucas H. Tv S. Trevor H. Alayna S. Laney T. Teaghan H. Levi L. Jakson V. Claire M. Gracyn W. Cole M Elliott W.

Gage M.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from March 16 - 22, 2025

Herb and Marian Armbrustmacher

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening in Lent at 6:00 p.m.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

"In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into His Body and Blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey...." ~Pope St. John Paul II

In our journey through Lent, Jesus provides us the strength that we need to grow in virtue and conquer our vices through our participation in the Eucharist and by spending time with Him in our prayer.

If you are interested in making a monthly Holy Hour on First Friday/ Saturday or would like to be a sub, please call/text Rebecca 989-292-

### KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Adam Chris Sawyer Ballinger Lisa Clarizio Richard Connors Sherri Couch Verena DeBoer

Mary Enneking Keith Enneking Trisha Fisher Friend Cindy Fontus Brenda Higgins David Higgins Korine Alissa McKeown Gabrielle Meece Myah Daniel Pung

Jenny Pytlowanyj Deacon Mary & Tita Robertson Patricia Roias Joan Schrauben Sherri Anne Thelen 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 Roias David Seperic

> To add or remove a name from the bulletin prayer list,

Noel Smith II

Jordan Van Amburg

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

\*Please note: only immediate family members may add names to the bulle-



### WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

(AND WHATEVER ELSE IS ON DEACON ERIC'S MIND)

### Feeling Blessed

I had several possibly humorous thoughts run through my noggin to-day regarding my quick trip to Florida for a couple Tiger games last week. But in my second column re-boot I thought a reflection on the week is most appropriate.

Normally I wouldn't plan to be away for the start of Lent, but my friend who does all the planning set the dates and I was already in the hole for a round-trip ticket to Tampa before I realized that this was going to overlap with Ash Wednesday. This trip with high school friends has been going on for the last five years and I likely wouldn't be seeing all of them together until next year if I backed out.

So I went and came back feeling blessed. Most of us went to Mass each of the three full days we were in the Tigers home-away-from-home city of Lakeland. We received our ashes on Wednesday and observed the fast and abstinence regulations for Ash Wednesday and Friday and we talked -- some of it was about baseball, but was mostly about faith and life. And the term "feeling blessed" was used repeatedly. The trip was about baseball and friends, but the result was much more akin to the spiritual feeling one experiences after a weekend at the St. Francis Retreat Center.

There were four of us who spent the whole time together as we reflected on some of our high school memories at Detroit Catholic Central and how the school's motto of "Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge" ended up playing such important roles in our lives -- allowing us to use our gifts for the greater good. Though we did lament some of our fellow classmates passing's over the years, as well as the down cycles of our own lives, we came back to the concept repeatedly of how blessed we have been. All of us, for example, have benefited from being married just once and still have wives who put up with us.

I apologize if this column seems a bit self-indulgent, but I thought much of what my friends and I experienced is

applicable to all of us and that is the consolations we can receive from the Lord if we just take the quiet time to reflect on all he has given us. Even if we are in difficult straits due to finances, illness, unemployment or whatever, Lent offers us the opportunity to appreciate what the Lord has done for us. Jesus went out to the desert to pray for 40 days -- quiet time until rudely interrupted by the devil. We don't need to go out into the desert, but we do need to find more quiet time this Lent to contemplate the gifts God has given us, regardless of our ages.

As for the baseball fans hoping to get some inside info on the Tigers for this year consider this: the game before we arrived in Florida they scored one run. The game after we left they were shut out -- zero runs. The two games we attended they scored a total of 28 runs. Either we brought them good luck and should be awarded season passes or exhibition game scores are meaningless. Take your pick.

Deacon Eric
deaconeric@hotmail.com

# Lenten Soup Suppers Wednesday, March 19, 2025

To benefit Ele's Place



During Lent the Lenten Soup Suppers provide an opportunity for fasting (light supper) and alms-giving (donation for charity of the day).

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary will host the first 2025 soup supper on Wednesday, March 19th at the (KC) Columbian Hall. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. for soup dropoffs, with supper at 5:30 p.m. and guest speaker at 6:00 p.m.



The designated charity for the evening is Ele's Place - a healing center for grieving children, teens, young adults and their families. All donations for the evening will go to support this program. There will be a sign-up sheet in the gathering space of the church for soup and bread donations for this event.

### **FORGIVEN Group Study**

Sin, guilt, failure, disappointment...these are all an unpleasant but universal reality of the human experience. We all have to deal with them, but we can't do it alone. The remedy is immediately available and miraculously effective—the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession isn't a rule, a formality, or an old-fashioned ritual. It's an intimate and lifechanging experience of God's mercy. Join us for this three-week study that will look at the revelation of God's mercy in scripture, make an examination of the Rite itself, and allow us to grow a more profound appreciation for this great sacrament in which we experience his indescribable love.

Thursday March 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish basement.

### K-12 Grade Religious Education March Calendar:

- Wednesday, March 19: K-12 Classes and Youth Group
- Thursday, March 20: Confirmation Mass and Celebration
- Tuesday: March 25: Rite of Enrollment for 8th Graders

For more information, class times, and other dates go to <u>stioecatholic.com</u>

Contact Jen Nelson at 989-224-8537 or <a href="mailto:dre.stjoseph@gmail.com">dre.stjoseph@gmail.com</a> with questions or to register.

### LENTEN HOLY HOUR

Thursday, April 10 6:00 p.m.

Join us for an opportunity to spend time with Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration as we prepare to enter Holy Week. This led-holy hour will include prayer, song, reflection, silence, and an opportunity for sacramental confession. Bring your family and friends, all ages are welcome!

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 in your box.

### 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 MARCH 17-21, 2025

Monday: Chili with cinnamon roll, fruit, and milk. Tuesday: Pancakes, sausage, hash brown, fruit, and

milk.

Wednesday: Chicken guesadilla, cucumbers, apple

crisp and milk.

Thursday: Hot dog, French fries, fresh fruit, and

milk.

Friday: Cheese stuffed breadstick, cucumbers,

fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

### Liturgical Minsters March 22 and 23

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Volunteer Volunteer 8:00 a.m. Volunteer Volunteer 10:00 a.m. Volunteer Volunteer

12:00 p.m. Volunteer 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.
 Sheila B.

 8:00 a.m.
 Bob P.

 10:00 a.m.
 Jane M.

 12:00 p.m.
 Mary Beth E.

**Ushers:** 5:00 p.m. Group 5B 8:00 a.m. Group 8C

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

Collection Counters: March 17 Group 4

Sanctuary Cleaners: Pat Snyder and Mary Harr

### **STEWARDSHIP**

### For the weekend of March 9, 2025

 Adults (339) gifts Including online giving):
 \$22,867.20

 Loose Cash:
 \$615.50

 Total:
 \$23,482.70

Ash Wednesday total special collection......\$666.00

### **Other Gifts Received**

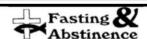
Education Trust Fund: \$90.00
Building Fund: \$489.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$40.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$20,240.85. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.

### **POSITION OPENING - Business Manager**

We are accepting applications for our parish Business Manager position. The position requires excellent organizational skills, experience with accounting principles and processes, and an understanding of facility maintenance needs. This position is full time with insurance, leave time, and pension benefits. Full position description is available at <a href="https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers">https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers</a>

If you are someone who embraces the teachings and mission of the Catholic Church and are interested in working in this environment, please apply online or send your resume, cover letter, and references to Business Manager Position, St. Joseph Church, 109 Linden St., St. Johns, MI 48879, or email to business.stjoseph@gmail.com.



**Age 14 and up** - Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

**Age 18-59** - Fast Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

<u>Fasting</u> ~ eat one full meal, as well as 2 smaller meals, not equaling the one full meal.

Abstinence ~ Not eating meat.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

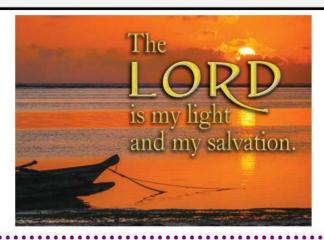
God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering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

Amen

### Traveling chalice for vocations

If you love the Catholic faith and want to contribute in a meaningful way, please pray for vocations. The Knights of Columbus has provided a traveling chalice that you can take home for a week of daily prayers. The chalice is located on a table in the front of the annex. Simply sign up for the week that you want, and the chalice as well as suggested prayers are yours for that

week.



### 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" envelope found in your March/April packets.

Dedicated by:

In Memory of	or	In Honor of

Please return to the parish office by **Monday**, **April 7th** to be included in the Memorial List

\*Donations received in excess of flower costs will be applied towards decorations and other liturgical expenses.



As of March 9, 2025\*, we reached \$24,786.00 (or 25.2%) of our DSA goal of \$98,185.24. Thus far 56 families have contributed to this year's appeal which is 5.5% of our 1025 families. We are grateful for these contributions and invite others to help push us over goal for the benefit of our parish and the wider church.

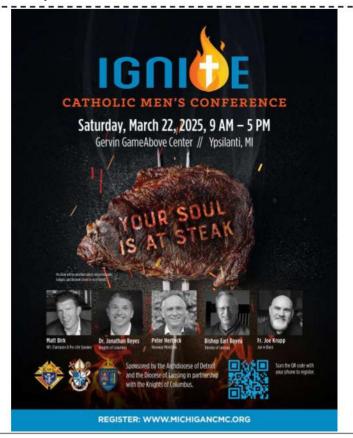
If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, we invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in the church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at: <a href="https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal">www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal</a>. Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

\*We are awaiting totals from the Diocese of pledges made directly to them.

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:

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Application deadline is March 31, 2025 for the 2025-26 school year.



### **Lenten Fish Fry 2025**



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The Spring 2025 40 Days for Life Vigil campaign is set to begin on Ash Wednesday and we will again be praying across from the Frandor Center Planned Parenthood facility Monday through Saturdays from 7:00 am until 6:00 p.m. 40 Days for Life is a prayerful and peaceful vigil in which prayers are sent out for the end of abortion, for those who have had abortions and for the conversion of those who support abortion. We need many prolife advocates to help us cover the vigil hours. To sign up for a time, go to 40daysforlife/lansing.com. I will be going to pray each Thursday at 2:00 p.m. if you would like to pray that hour. Please call Mary Beth if you have any questions.

# Pray For Peace

Attention All Widows/Widowers

Please join

### "Kindred Friends"

at our next meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. In the church basement





### Grief Support Workshop 2025

Friday, May 9, 2025 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10, 2025

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.\*

St. Joseph Catholic Church 109 Linden Street., St Johns

Grieving with Great HOPE is a weekend grief support workshop that offers a prayerful, practical, and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters include John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement apostolate.

For registration forms and details visit: www.goodmourningministry.net Or call Jackie at 517-449-2928. Seating is limited. Registration is \$10. Please register by April 13, 2025. \*with light breakfast options available at 9;30 a.m. and lunch.



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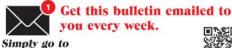
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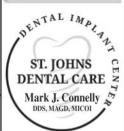


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