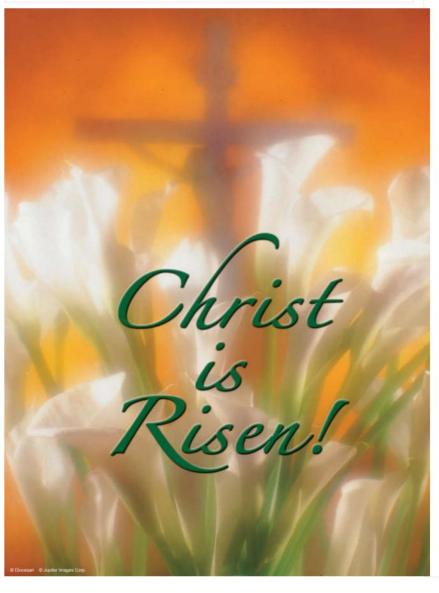
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Please call the parish office for more information on our Family Ministries.

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 ● April 21

Acts 2:14. 22-33/Matthew 28:8-15

No Mass

Tuesday ● April 22

Acts 2:36-41/John 20:11-18

No Mass or Confessions

Wednesday ● April 23

Acts 3:1-10/Luke 24:13-35

No Mass

Thursday • April 24

Acts 3:11-26/Luke 24:35-48

8:30 a.m. Mass †Gerald F. Lott

By Knights of Columbus #3281

Friday • April 25

Acts 4:1-12/John 21:1-14

8:30 a.m.. †Debbie Hintz

By: Doug, Sarah and the kids

Saturday 

◆ April 26

Acts 4:13-21/Mark 16:9-15

5:00 p.m. Mass †Betty Thelen

By: Joe and LuAnn Bodarko

Sunday ● April 27

**Divine Mercy Sunday** 

Acts 5:12-16/Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/John 20:19-31

8:00 a.m. Mass The People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. †Nicholas D. Thelen

By: The Nurenbergs

12:00 p.m. †Margaret Mary Crawford

By: Gail Wadell

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

# **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.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from April 20-26, 2025 **Dale Feldpausch** 

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.

# **Baccalaureate Mass**

All 2025 graduating Seniors are invited to the Baccalaureate Mass **Sunday, May 18, 2025** at the **NOON Mass.** Seniors should arrive at 11:30 a.m. in the lower level of the church for instructions. Mass will follow with a reception.

Please RSVP by May 12, 2025 at 989-224-8537 or email Jen at <a href="mailto:dre.stjoseph@gmail.com">dre.stjoseph@gmail.com</a>.

# **Eucharistic Adoration**

"Christ now raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has power over Him." Alleluia! (Romans 6:9)

Our risen and glorified Lord is present in the Blessed Sacrament; come adore Him!

Please prayerfully consider committing to a monthly hour of Eucharistic Adoration on First Fridays/Saturdays. If you cannot commit to a specific hour, add your name to the sub list or come at a time that works best for you. Please text/call Rebecca at 989-292-2072 to sign up or with questions..

# 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 Colleen Plunkett Daniel Pung Jenny Pytlowanyj Deacon Marv & Tita Robertson Patricia Rojas Joan Schrauben Sherri Anne Thelen Michael VanElls Jeff Wadell Jennifer Jerry

Millie Wassa
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Bill Darnell
Susan Darnell
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our parishioners
in the service,

Brad Walker

William Hess Jake Hoskins

especially:

Jacob Longoria Eric Martin Colby Munger Adam Novak Alex Rojas David Seperic Noel Smith II Jordan Van Amburg

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: <u>only</u> immediate family members may add names to the bulletin.



# WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

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

# Let's Make Our Lent Fruitful

Hallelujah! everyone. The Lord is risen and the gates of heaven are opened. We made it through Lent with only a couple missteps and now it's back to the old lifestyle of candy, french fries, pizza and beer, right? I think not! The whole idea of fasting and almsgiving throughout Lent is to make our lives more Christ-like, so that we can turn away from our old faults and live better Christian lives. After all, the true test of Lent isn't what we can do differently in our lives for a 40-day period, but which of the changes we made for Lent will bear fruit.

We are in a similar position as the apostles were, who just weren't sure what they were supposed to do next. The Acts of the Apostles is the first biblical book after the gospels and we will hear from it throughout the Easter season. We are told early by Acts author, Luke of Jesus' Ascension 40 days after his Resurrection. Then we have the descent of the

Holy Spirit on the apostles, then we see how they laid the Church's foundation.

A great way to make that happen would be to attend next Saturday's (April 26th ) Easter Retreat in the church basement. We normally view retreats as full-day or multi-day events that allow for extended periods of prayer and reflection. This is a little different in that it is only four hours long -- running from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and is designed to take a deep dive into the lives of the apostles, who as we know, were at a loss for what to do until sent on mission by the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

The retreat is entitled "Journey With the Apostles" and will help us build on the successes we had in Lent. The program, which will feature inspiring talks in addition to Eucharistic Adoration, will be run by a team of biblical instructors from the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan. Having taken their four-year bible series, I can attest to the quality of their instruction. Cost is 25 dollars and includes a light breakfast and coffee. If anyone would like to come but is a little light on cash after Easter, please contact Amanda Grigar at the

church office and your fee will be covered.

The whole idea is to bolster us in our faith and help us take our short-term gains of Lent and turn them into long -term fruitful changes in our spiritual lives. We are in the Octave of Easter and "Journey With the Apostles" can help make that a permanent state of spiritual well-being. See the bulletin for registration website and phone number. Let's journey along with apostles.

Congratulations and welcome to all those who came into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. A very hearty welcome to St. Joe's for Chris, Jesse, Laureen and Lindsey.

Deacon Eric deaconeric@hotmail.com

You can now watch and listen to Deacon Eric's column through this link on Youtube.

https://www.youtube.com/ @StJosephCatholicChurch-StJohns

# **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.



# K-12 Grade Religious Education April Calendar:

- Wednesday, April 23: K-12 Classes and Youth Group for 9-12 Grades
- For more information, class times, and other dates go to stjoecatholic.com First Communion Preparation Dates:
- Sunday, April 27: First Communion Practice at 1:30 p.m. in the church

Contact Jen Nelson at 989-224-8537 or dre.stjoseph@gmail.com for more information.



# COFFEE AND DONUTS!

The members of **St. Vincent de Paul** invites you downstairs for coffee and donuts after the **Sunday morning** 

Masses for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2025. Please join them to learn more about the services they offer and their dedication to serving the poor and marginalized, embodying the spirit of mercy and compassion that

Divine Mercy Sunday celebrates.

# SAVE THE DATE!!!

Parents with children ages 4-12 are invited to:

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Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese with pretzel,

green beans, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Scalloped potatoes with ham, fruit,

and milk.

Thursday: Hamburger with cheese, fried chips,

fruit, and milk

Friday: Cheese pizza, carrots, fruit, and milk

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

# Liturgical Minsters April 26/27

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Volunteer

Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Nolan C.

Ella C.

10:00 a.m. Quinn D.

Palmer D.

12:00 p.m. Mason W.

Derek 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. Diane A.

8:00 a.m. Bob P. 10:00 a.m. Steve M. 12:00 p.m. Debbie T.

*Ushers:* 5:00 p.m. Group 5C

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

Collection Counters: April 21 Group 1

Sanctuary Cleaners: Ramona Smith and Leona Thayer

# The Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is an intercessory prayer that asks the Lord to send His mercy upon us and upon everyone living in the world. It is prayed using the rosary and takes ten minutes to pray. The chaplet is traditionally said during the hour of mercy, the 3:00 p.m. hour. According to the Diary of St. Faustina, Jesus promised that all who recite this chaplet at the hour of death or in the presence of the dying will receive great mercy. The Vatican has



approved Jesus/ promises to St. Faustina regarding the Chaplet, Divine Mercy Sunday and the Divine Mercy picture. You may want to research the many promises of mercy that Jesus made to St. Faustina. The chaplet is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist so it is especially appropriate to pray It after receiving the Eucharist at Mass. Please join the Path of Divine Hope Grief Ministry after the last Saturday Mass each month when the Diving Mercy chaplet is said for the parishioners who died during the month. This month it will be **prayed after mass on April 26th** 

Due to early bulletin printing deadlines, the collection from the weekend of April 13, 2025 appear in a later bulletin.

# 2025

# EASTER FLOWERS





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# **Clinton County Right to Life** Focus on Life 2025 annual benefit dinner Thursday, May 1, 2025 at the Columbian Hall.

The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. with the program and dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Amber Roseboom, President of Right to Life of Michigan. Amber will give a very energetic and informative talk on current pro-life issues. Tickets are \$35.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students.

For more information or reservations, call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088.

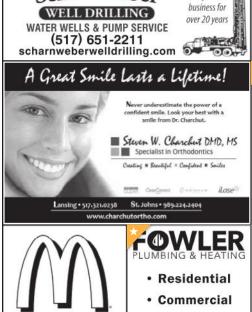
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# The Pursuit of Wisdom:

# The Church and Science (Faith and Reason)

Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:20 p.m. St. Joseph Parish, lower level of the church

Today there is a popular narrative that Catholicism and science are irreconcilable enemies. Many even believe that the Church has been responsible for hindering scientific progress and continues to do so, to the point of crisis for millions who have abandoned the Faith over perceived discrepancies between Christianity and science. In this talk for teens and adults, Catholic history author and teacher Phillip Campbell will discuss the historical relationship between Catholicism and scientific inquiry. When we understand the past, we can better understand how we arrived at our current situation - and thus respond to those who believe that faith and reason and incompatible.





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