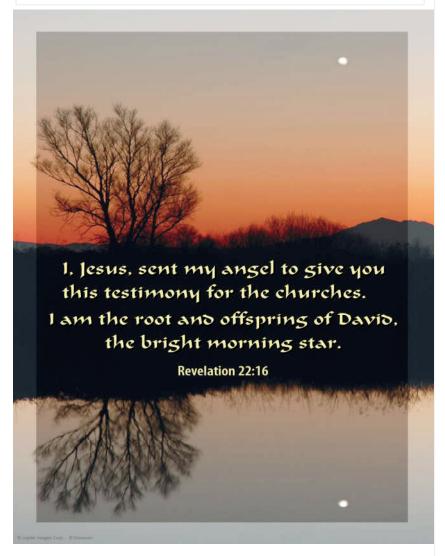
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### **Pastoral Care**

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 • Samantha Neher 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 ● June 2

Acts 19:1-8/John 16:29-33

No Mass

Tuesday • June 3

Acts 20:17-27/John 17:1-11a

7:00 p.m. Mass For Michelle Pescatello for healing

By: Jack and Julie Williams

Wednesday ● June 4

Acts 20:28-38/John 17:11b-19

12:05 p.m. Mass The living and deceased members of the

**Sylvester and Martin Family** 

By: Roy and JoAnn Simon

Thursday ● June 5

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/John 17:20-26

8:30 a.m. Mass †Bernard and †Marie Fox

By: Lee and Ann Parker

6:00 p.m. Mass 6th Grade Graduation Mass

Friday • June 6

Acts 25:13b-21/John 21:15-19

8:30 a.m.. In Honor of the living and deceased members of

the Gregory and Paulette Szpont Family

By: Brian and Deb Szpont

Saturday • June 7

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/John 21:20-25

8:30 a.m. Mass For An End to Abortion

1:00 p.m. Pearsall/Brown Wedding

5:00 p.m. Mass †Rick Kerr

By: Family

Sunday ● June 8

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11/1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13/John 20:19-23

8:00 a.m. Mass †Leon and †Bertine Thelen

By: Tom and Brenda Thelen Family

10:00 a.m. †Carol Huhn

By: Janet McKeown

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

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

The soul of Luis Porras Navarez

By: Family

### Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of

### Merritt Scharnweber

### **Parish office Hours**

Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

(closed from noon - 1:00 p.m.)

Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(closed from noon - 1:00 p.m.)



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from June 1-7, 2025

Arnold and Irmina Thelen

# St. Joseph Parish with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- Sunday, June 8 from 1:00 p.m. until
- Monday, June 9 at 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 14th from 8:00 a.m. until
- Sunday, June 15 at 10:00 p.m.

We have been asked by Bishop Earl Boyea to participate in 40 hours Adoration from June 8-21 together with the parishes of then Northern Deanery and the entire diocese. St. Joseph Parish will be covering the above hours.

Please see page three of this bulletin for more details

### KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Adam Chris Sawyer Ballinger Lisa Clarizio Sherri Couch Verena DeBoer Mary Enneking Keith Enneking
Trisha Fisher
Friend
Cindy Fontus
Brenda Higgins
David Higgins
Korine
Alissa McKeown
Gabrielle Meece
Teresa Miller
Myah
Patrick

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

Millie Wassa
Fr. Don Wieber
Bill Darnell
Susan Darnell
Please pray for
our parishioners
in the service,
especially:

**Brad Walker** 

William Hess Jake Hoskins 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)

### **Heavenly Winds**

"And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." (Acts 2:2-4)

To those who are thinking that I'm running a week ahead of the liturgical cycle, you are correct -- the feast of Pentecost is next week, June 8th . But just as the Holy Spirit often brings me words and ideas as I write as if on a breeze, I was inspired by the encouraging news of a couple young adult Catholics who recently approached the parish about being confirmed. Just as the apostles did not wait a week to proclaim the

Good News of Jesus after being filled with the Holy Spirit, why should I wait a week to share this good news of young adults seeking the sacrament of Confirmation?

It's reasonable to ask: "If there are two young adults stepping up to seek this sacrament, how many other Catholics are attending Mass every week, but for whatever private reasons had not received the sacrament of the Holy Spirit?" I strongly encourage all adults, young and not-so-young, who have received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but not Confirmation, to contact the parish office. Join the two who have stepped forward for instruction by Amanda, our adult faith formation director.

Why do it now? Well, first of all, it is the third of the sacraments of initiation. It confirms and strengthens baptismal grace. The Catechism says: "by the sacrament of Confirmation {the baptized} are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." Confirmation completes the initiation process of entry into Catholi-

cism and brings the Holy Spirit alive in us, just as it did in the apostles some two thousand years ago.

Still, some may be saying, "today is the feast of the Ascension, not Pentecost." My response is that Jesus, in his final words just before ascending into heaven, gave a nod to the coming of the Holy Spirit -- just as he had on several occasions previous. In the last sentence Jesus proclaimed, as written in the Acts of the Apostles: "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth."

We can never be a week early when celebrating the Holy Spirit -- we need to help take the gospel "to the end of the earth" today.

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

# Adult Confirmation at St. Joseph Parish

Are you an adult who did not receive the sacrament of Confirmation in your youth? It's not too late for you to receive this sacrament of deeper connection with Christ and His Church! Please contact Amanda at the parish office or rcia.stjosephparish@gmail.com if you are interested in joining other adults preparing to be confirmed.

### ~~Forty Hours Devotion~~

In the Church, there is a devotion called the Forty Hours Devotion and is a special forty-hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament. The number *forty* has always signified a sacred period of time: the rains during the time of Noah lasted 40 days and nights; the Jews wandered through the desert for 40 years, our Lord fasted and prayed for 40 days before beginning His public ministry. The 40 Hours Devotion remembers that traditional "forty-hour period" from our Lord's burial until the resurrection.

Bishop Boyea has asked every parish in every deanery to host a 40 Hours Devotion between the Feast of Pentecost until the weekend of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Our parish will host the 40 Hours Devotion on Sunday June 8 through the evening of

Monday June 9 and again on Saturday June 14 until the evening of Sunday June 15. We need a lot of people to participate and be here during our hours of adoration. Please use the QR code or sign-up sheets in the gathering space in the back of church this weekend. Please help us make this time of prayer a success, sign up today! ~Fr. Mike



### The Summer with the Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School June 23-25, 2025

for children 4 years and older.



Registration and Volunteer Forms are available at the main entrance of the church and online at stjoecatholic.com. We need many volunteers (Middle school leaders, Confirmation students, Sacred Heartill and adults) to help make VBS a suc-

Contact Jen Nelson at <a href="mailto:dre@stjoseph@gmail.com">dre@stjoseph@gmail.com</a> with questions or to say you can help!

### Vacation Bible School Donations

We are seeking donations for all the VBS campers that will be joining us in June for a

### Summer With the Sacred Heart VBS!

Donations that would be greatly appreciated include:

- Individual bags of chips (any kind)
- Items for trail mix: M&M's, pretzels, Cheerios, and Raisins
- Cookies and food bars of any kind
- Red tablecloths and Sacred Heart pictures, statues, holy cards, etc.,

For questions, contact Jen Nelson at Dre.stjoseph@gmail.com. Donations can be dropped off in the Parish Office before June 19th. ~Thank you!

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St. Joseph Catholic School Lunch Menu FOR THE WEEK OF

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

**JUNE 2-5, 2025** 

Pig in a blanket, cucumbers, fruit, and Monday:

milk

Tuesday: Field Day - No lunch served

Chicken fettuccine alfredo with bread Wednesday:

stick, broccoli, fruit, and milk

Thursday: Hamburger on a bun with cheese, fried

chips, fruit, and milk

Friday: Pizza, carrots, fruit, and milk

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

### Liturgical Minsters June 7 and 8

5:00 p.m. Altar Servers: Volunteer

Volunteer

Volunteer 8:00 a.m.

Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Bryson S.

Paisley S.

12:00 p.m. Volunteer

Volunteer

### 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

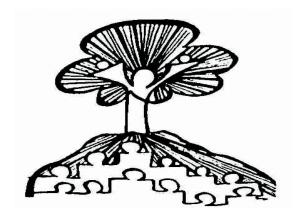
Lectors: 5:00 p.m. Diane A. 8:00 a.m. Dean H. 10:00 a.m. Rose R. 12:00 p.m. Linda S.

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

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

Collection Counters: June 2 Group 4

**Sanctuary Cleaners:** Christine Boak and Mary Jane Boak



Due to early bulletin printing deadlines, the collection from the weekend of May 25, 2025 will appear in a later bulletin.

### Have we heard from you?

If you are at least 18 years old, we need your perspective to create events and activities at St. Joseph. You might think of it as a faith formation, strengthening your relationship



Adult Faith Formation Survey

with God, spiritual growth, Catholic education, holy inspiration, or something else! No matter what you call it, or how long you've been here, we could all do a little more with our faith. This is your opportunity to help shape what St. Joseph Parish offers. Complete a brief (3-minute) anonymous survey by scanning this QR code, or typing <a href="mailto:bit.ly/JosephSurvey">bit.ly/JosephSurvey</a> in your browser. Paper forms are also available in the gathering space. Please submit your paper or online survey by June 1 to help shape parish priorities.

Thank you!

# **Summer Assistant Custodian**Position Open

This is a temporary, 40-hour per week position from approximately June 16 to August 8, Duties include assisting maintenance staff with moving furniture and heavy summer cleaning of the school. Previous experience not necessary. Full position description and online application are at:

https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers.

Paper forms are available in the parish office

# Jubilee Year Mass and Eucharistic Procession With Bishop Boyea

Saturday, June 21, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

Bishop Earl Boyea invites you to join him and clergy from around the Diocese for Mass at the Jackson Field (home of the Lansing Lugnuts), and a Eucharistic Procession to St. Mary Cathedral. After the procession there will be an opportunity to receive the indulgence for the Jubilee Year. See full details and RSVP at www.eucharisticjourney.org.

### **Summer Series:**

### **Understanding Pius XII and the Holocaust**

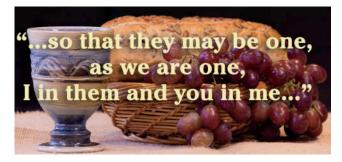
Wednesday, June 25 at 6:00 p.m. Lower level of the church

Perhaps the most controversial modern historical event involving the Catholic Church is Pius XII's alleged indifference to the suffering of the Jewish people during the Holocaust. Join us as we look at Pius' activity before being elected pope, his silence during the time in question, what went on behind the scenes but is rarely discussed, and more.

# Wedding Banns

 ${\tt Matthew\ Pearsall\ and\ Skyler\ Brown}$ 

Anthony Cleland and Kassidy Downing



### Red Cross/ Knights of Columbus Blood Drive In Honor of Roger Dershem

Monday, June 2, 2025 10:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

St. Johns KC Hall 1108 N US 27, SJ

Redcrossblood.org/ 1-800-733-2767 Sponsor Code: StJohnsKofC

### 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.

### **Parents Seeking Sacraments for Children:**

If you are seeking a sacrament for yourself or your child, please make sure you are first an active participating member of the parish. That means that you are formally registered and participating in the life of the parish, especially participating in community worship through weekly attendance at Weekend Masses. When you are here for Mass, it is important that you place your contribution envelope in the collection, even if it is empty. There is no way I can possibly know how often, or even if a person is attending Mass otherwise. Extra envelopes are available in the back of church in case you forgot to bring yours with you. So, please use your envelopes by placing them in the collection each time you come to Mass. This will allow me to verify a person's Mass attendance quickly and easily when they present themselves (or their children) for Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Godparents and Confirmation sponsors, or Marriage. When it comes to this policy you should know, multiple envelopes put in at a weekend Mass will be considered participation for that one Mass. Additionally, envelopes dropped off or mailed into the parish will not be considered participation at Mass. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

~Blessings ~ Fr. Mike

Do you have questions about St. Joseph Catholic School or are interested in registering this 2025/26 school year?

Please contact Chris wells at princpal@stjoecatholicschool.org.



### Leading the Rosary

Did you know we pray the Rosary a half an hour before each Mass every weekend? In order for these Rosaries to be said on Saturdays and Sundays, we are looking for volunteers to lead the Rosary, especially Saturdays. If you are interested, please call the parish office.

## 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.



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St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary
Picnic Potluck
June 16th, at 6:30 p.m.
Columbian Hall

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary will begin the summer with a Picnic Potluck for our June get-together on Monday, June 16th at the Columbian Hall at 6:30 p.m. All ladies of the parish are invited to come and share in an evening of faith, fellowship and food. Please bring your favorite picnic food to share. Stay tuned for more details in future bulletins.

### **Prayer for Travelers**

Lord, be our guide and our protector on the journey we are about to take. Watch over us. Protect us from accidents. Keep us free from harm to body and soul. Lord, support us with Your grace when we are tired. Help us be patient in any trouble which may come our way. Keep us always mindful of Your presence and love. Amen.

### **Traveling this summer?**

MassTimes.org provides worship times, locations, contact info, websites and maps of over 117,000 churches in 201 countries and territories.



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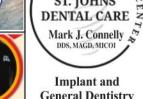
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