

# 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  
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Parish Secretary • Judi Thelen  
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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 • May 12**

Acts 11:1-18/John 10:1-10

**No Mass****Tuesday • May 13**

Acts 11:19-26/John 10:22-30

7:00 p.m. Mass †Paul and †Barb Minarik

By: Dan and Margaret Jorae

**Wednesday • May 14**

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/John 15:9-17

12:05 p.m. Mass †Stephen Kay and living and deceased family members

**Thursday • May 15**

Acts 13:13-25/John 13:16-20

8:30 a.m. Mass †Russell Fletcher

By: Steve and Susan Mahoney

**Friday • May 16**

Acts 13:26-33/John 14:1-6

8:30 a.m. †Dennis and †Alice Gallagher

By: Ronald and Maurine Mitchell

**Saturday • May 17**

Acts 13:44-52/John 14:7-14

5:00 p.m. Mass Deceased members of the Arnold and Clara Schomisch Family

By: Family

**Sunday • May 18**

Acts 14:21-27/Revelation 21:1-5a/John 13:31-33a, 34-35

8:00 a.m. Mass †Dennis Worrall

By: Tuesday Morning Bible Group

10:00 a.m. †Ken Weber and †Carol Huhn

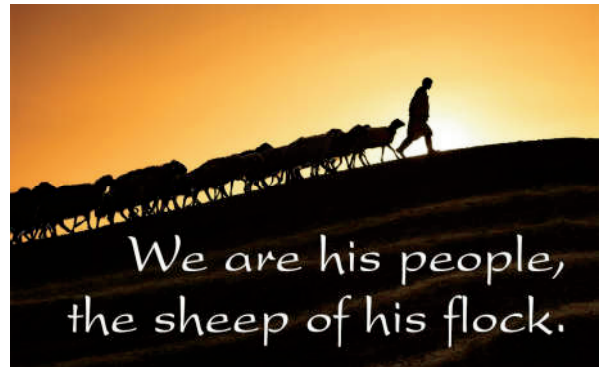
By: Janet McKeown

12:00 p.m. †Gerald and †Susanne Schafer

By: Family

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish  
For the Health of Carolina Israel

By: Friends

The Sanctuary Lamp  
will burn from  
May 11 - 17, 2025*Arnold and Clara Schomisch Family***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**"The Eucharist is the heart of the Church. Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the life of the Church will blossom."  
Pope St. John Paul II

As the flowers of spring bring beauty to the earth, let us through our love for Jesus, present to us in the Holy Eucharist, help to bring life and beautify to the Church and the world.



Are you interested in making a monthly Holy Hour of First Friday/Saturday? Please text/call Rebecca at 989-292-2072

## 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 EnnekingKeith Enneking  
Trisha Fisher  
Friend  
Cindy Fontus  
Brenda Higgins  
David Higgins  
Korine  
Alissa McKeown  
Gabrielle Meece  
Teresa Miller  
Myah  
PatrickColleen Plunkett  
Jenny Pytlowany  
Deacon Marv & Tita  
Robertson  
Patricia Rojas  
Joan Schrauben  
Sherri  
Anne Thelen  
Michael VanElls  
Jeff Wadell  
Jennifer  
JerryBrad Walker  
Millie Wassa  
Fr. Don Wieber  
Bill Darnell  
Susan Darnell**Please pray for our parishioners in the service, especially:**William Hess  
Jake HoskinsJacob 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 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)

### "Are Ya fer Me or Agin Me?"

Sorry, I slipped into my cowboy persona for a second. Those fans of TV and movie westerns can relate to the title of today's talk, which is, of course, Cowboy-ese for: "Are you with me or against me?" Actually, this grammatically correct question was asked by Jesus in Matthew 12:30 and his point is clear: There is no neutral ground when it comes to following the Lord. We're either "all in or all out" when it comes to being disciples of Christ, whether it's in first century Galilee or 21st century America. Same attitude -- different context in Wild West days, however.

But when it comes to the question of faith versus reason or the Church versus science, it's not an either-or case -- though some philosophers may argue that this is most certainly the situation. St. Thomas Aquinas, however, came to the conclusion in the 13th century that faith and reason are not only compatible, but rather intertwined. There certainly are, and have been, those who say faith

is unprovable, so seek truth only in science; or on the flip side truth is only available in the bible; and finally, those who say faith is subjective (i.e. faith may be true for me, but it may not be for you). If we only had someone to clear this all up for us.

Fortunately, we do. It's our homeschool teacher friend Phillip Campbell, who is returning for his third visit to St. Joe's to give us his expertise in his talk this Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> entitled "The Pursuit of Wisdom." Campbell, a Catholic history author as well as teacher, will enlighten us on the historical relationship between Catholicism and scientific inquiry.

In his own words from our bulletin promo: "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 are incompatible." The philosophical discussion on Church versus science began centuries before Aquinas, but it really exploded in the period known as the Enlightenment, which ran from the late 17th century until the early 19th century, with a heavy lean toward science. Campbell will walk us through

these long debated discussions in "The Pursuit of Wisdom."

*I would be remiss if I did not give thanks to Moms today. I feel quite blessed in saying that not only did I have a great Mom, but I have a wife who is a great mother, in addition to three sisters, two daughters and two daughters-in-law who have been, and are continuing to be, wonderful mothers. Being a good mother has always been difficult and trying to raise a Christian family in today's anti-religion culture is even harder. So I would like to offer a sincere "thank-you to all mothers who give (and gave) their all to bring up children as strong Christians. May God bless you all.*

*Deacon Eric*

[deaconeric@hotmail.com](mailto: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>



## St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary

Monthly Gathering  
May 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.  
Columbian Hall.

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary's will be celebrating Spring at their next get-together--tomorrow, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. Our celebration will feature special guest speaker, Kathy Valentine, from Plant Professionals. She will tell her story about how she got started and will share tips on flowers and planting. We'll fill our souls with the beauty and joy that God provides through the flowers He has created for our benefit. There will be a give-away for all who attend. All ladies of the parish are invited, but **please RSVP** by calling Dawn at (517) 282-7648.



## The Pursuit of Wisdom: The Church and Science (Faith and Reason)

Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

*St. Joseph Parish, lower level of the church*

In this talk for teens and adults, we will discuss the historical relationship between Catholicism and scientific inquiry, combatting the popular narrative that the Church and science are enemies.

Phillip Campbell is a history teacher and author of historical works, including *In Pursuit of Wisdom: Catholicism and Science Through the Ages* from Our Sunday Visitor. He received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Ave Maria University and a Certificate in Secondary Education from Madonna University. Phillip has appeared on EWTN, Ave Maria Radio, the Catholic Faith Network, and numerous other programs and podcasts promoting historical literacy.



### Vacation Bible School Registration and Volunteer Forms

## 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](http://stjoecatholic.com). We need many volunteers (Middle school leaders, Confirmation students, and adults) to help make VBS a success.

Contact Jen Nelson at [dre@stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:dre@stjoseph@gmail.com) with questions or to say you can help!

### The Baby Shower Ministry

May is the month of Mary. In honor of our Holy Mother, we will be filling a "Pack 'n Play" for babies and their moms to be donated to the **Baby Pantry in St. Johns**. The Baby Pantry will accept all baby item donations but especially needs the following:

- Diapers (especially sizes 3 and up)
- Warm clothes and socks
- Receiving blankets
- Crib sheets
- Diaper bags, changing pads
- Bibs, washcloths
- Mom and baby shampoo, lotions, soap
- rash ointment
- Clean, gently used baby items are welcome



*Each donation is so helpful, and prayers are always welcome!*

### St. Joseph Catholic School Lunch Menu

#### FOR THE WEEK OF

**MAY 12-16, 2025**

- Monday:** French toast sticks, hashbrown, sausage, fruit and milk.
- Tuesday:** Taco with salsa, refried beans, fruit, and milk.
- Wednesday:** Hot turkey, mashed potatoes with corn, fruit, and milk.
- Thursday:** Hot dog on a bun, French fries, fruit, and milk.
- Friday:** Pizza, fresh carrots, apple crisp, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.25

Milk \$0.50

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

### Liturgical Minsters May 17-18

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

### 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

<b>Lectors:</b>	5:00 p.m.	Lisa W.
	8:00 a.m.	Lu Ann C.
	10:00 a.m.	Joe T.
	12:00 p.m.	Mary Beth E.

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

**Collection Counters:** May 12 Group 1

**Sanctuary Cleaners:** Pam Ervin and Karen Feldpausch



## STEWARDSHIP

### For the weekend of May 4, 2025

Adults (354) gifts Including online giving): .....\$24,706.41  
 Loose Cash: .....\$993.00  
 Total:.....\$25,699.41

### Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:.....\$291.00  
 Building Fund: .....\$228.00  
 Tuition Scholarship Fund: .....\$74.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$45,153.24. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.



## HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Clinton County Right to Life wishes all mothers a Blessed Mother's Day. Thank you for bringing God's gift of life to us. Your love and care is a blessing. As a small token to show our love, there are prayer cards in the pews for you to take. There will also be carnations available after Masses for a small donation, so treat Mom with a beautiful flower or two.



### Position Opening: Summer Assistant Custodian

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 (109 Linden Street).

### 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, wear your cap and gown.

Mass will follow with a reception.

**Please RSVP by May 12, 2025** at 989-224-8537 or email Jen at [dre.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:dre.stjoseph@gmail.com).

### 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 a 3 hours per day for each school day (3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.); may include full-time summer work if desired. 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 at (989-224-8994, [business.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:business.stjoseph@gmail.com)).

### Leading the Rosary

Did you know we pray the Rosary every weekend a half hour before all Masses? If you would like to help lead the Rosary before Mass, especially before the 5:00 p.m. Mass, please call the parish office.

**The Holy Spirit Bible Study** meets in the church basement on Wednesday's at 4:00 p.m. Would you like to join us? Now would be a good time. We will be starting a new book, *Looking to St. Francis: The Man from Assisi and His Message of Hope for Today*, on April 30th. If you have any questions, please call 989-640-7413

### St. Paul Street Evangelization Training Workshop Holy Family Parish - Ovid Saturday, May 31, 2025 8:30 a.m. - Noon

Jesus commands us to go into the world and evangelize, to share the gift of our faith with others in our everyday lives. Join SPSE Vice President Adam Janke as he leads this half-day Basic Evangelization training. The cost is \$15.00 and includes all training materials as well as a continental breakfast. You can register online at [stpaulse.com/ovid](http://stpaulse.com/ovid).

### Grief Ministry

After experiencing Holy Thursday when Jesus washed the feet of his apostles, are you feeling God calling you toward great service? The Path of Divine Hope Grief Ministry is open to new members at this time. To learn more about this parish ministry and discern whether God is calling you to help in this way, please call 989-640-7413.



### Attention All Widows/Widowers

Please join

### "Kindred Friends"

at our next meeting on  
**Wednesday, May 21, 2025**  
at 10:30 a.m.  
In the church basement





**Congratulations  
to all the children  
who celebrated their  
First Holy Communion  
this past weekend!**



*Congratulations to our  
newly baptized*



***Leandro Ibarro***

*the son of Luis Ibarra Jaime  
and Norally Castelan Juarez  
on April 12, 2025*

***Roan Rodolfo Rositas***

*the son of Rachel Boots*

***Beau Brian Hardaker***

***Bryer Robert Hardaker***

***Brennlee Lillian-Elizabeth  
Hardaker***

*the children of Robert and Brianna (Tomasek)  
Hardaker  
on April 29, 2025*



**Please bring your  
Smartphone to Mass  
on May 17 and 18th.**

The adult formation team will be conducting a brief anonymous survey of all those ages 18 and older to better meet your needs within the parish. A paper form of the survey will be available for those who need it.



**Fatima Rosary  
Tuesday, May 13th  
6:00 p.m.**

The Fatima Rosary will be prayed on the front steps of the church on May 13th at 6:00 p.m. to pray for our world. Bring a friend and bring a chair if you'd like! We will pray one complete rosary.

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## Some Adult Formation Opportunities to Look Forward to in 2025

A partial sneak peek at what lies ahead

- ♦ **Late Spring/Summer (dates TBD): Understanding Catholic Historical Controversies series.** We will be tackling some of the most questioned and controversial topics in the history of the Church, including: the Crusades, the Inquisition, the Native Missions, the Galileo Affair, and Pope Pius XII and the Holocaust. Helpful for a variety of people, from those curious about Catholicism to those seeking to better navigate these tricky topics when they come up.
- ♦ **June 21, 2025: A Diocesan-wide Mass and Eucharistic Procession will be held in Lansing.** 6,000 people participated in a similar event in 2018; you will not want to miss this powerful experience.

And more! Watch the bulletin for additional information about these and other opportunities to grow in your faith.

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Brent Moeggenborg

June 2025



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