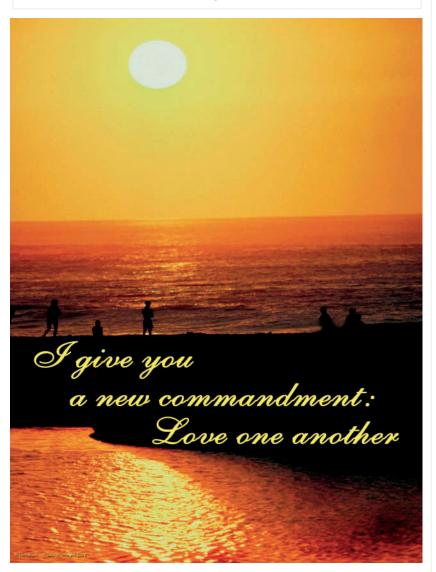
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Fr. Michael Williams
Deacon Marv Robertson (retired)
Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

Worship

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Parish Life

Parish Council • Dick Weller Finance Council • Scott Dzurka Parish Secretary • Judi Thelen Business Manager • Susan Mahoney Maintenance • Paul Atchley

Family Ministries

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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.

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Religious Education Office: (989) 224-8537

Regular Mass Schedule

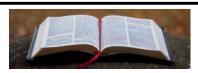
Saturday • 5:00 p.m.
Sunday • 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
Mass in Spanish • 6:00 p.m.
(Holy Days • Consult the bulletin)

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 19

Acts 14:5-18/John 14:21-26

No Mass

Tuesday ● May 20

Acts 14:19-28/John 14:27-31a

7:00 p.m. Mass Living and Deceased members of the Donald

Rademacher Family

Wednesday ● May 21

Acts 15:1-6/John 15:1-8

12:05 p.m. Mass †Fred Orson

By: Kathy Orson

Thursday ● May 22

Acts 15:7-21/John 15:9-11

8:30 a.m. Mass †Joseph Castle

By: Lisa, Linda and Brenda

Friday • May 23

Acts 15:22-31/John 15:12-17

8:30 a.m.. †Isabelle A. Long

By: Dan and Pat Snyder

Saturday ● May 24

Acts 16:1-10/John 15:18-21 **5:00 p.m. Mass** **Janice Parker

By: Leon and Ann Parker

Sunday ● May 25

Acts 15:1-22-29/Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23/John 14:23-29

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

10:00 a.m. †Leon Kramer

By: Diana Kramer and LeVeck Family

12:00 p.m. †Fred and †Betty Denovich

By: Lynn and Deb Denovich

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

†Emilia Castarieda

By: Family

I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOR EVER, MY KING AND MY GOD.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from Mary 18 - 24, 2025

Gerald Schafer and Susanne Schafer



Matthew Pearsall and Skyler Brown

Eucharistic Adoration

"Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament!"

Prayer given by Our Lady to Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinto at the time of the Fatima apparitions. May 13th was the memorial of Our Lady of Fatima.



Are you interested in committing to a monthly hour of Eucharistic Adoration on First Fridays/Saturdays? Please text/call Rebecca at 989-292-2072 for more information.

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

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 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)

And the Survey Says...

Not everybody is a game show fan, but nonetheless, I'm guessing that a great number of parishioners can name the game where we hear that iconic phrase: "And the survey says..." For those pretending not to know, here's another iconic phrase from the show: "We surveyed 100 people. The top six answers are on the board." Okay, now everybody has it -- "Family Feud."

It is not the Catholic way to promote feuding, of course, but just asking a couple generations of fans who their favorite "Feud" host is can generate that. (By the way, can you name all six hosts of the game show, which first aired in 1976?* Who was your favorite?) Well, let's pivot from talk about feuding, I really want to talk about surveys -- specifically a survey to be unveiled at Masses this weekend.

Hopefully, a large number of people will be able to complete it on their

phones right in the pews. It will also be available via paper copies and those parishioners who don't attend St. Joe's this weekend will have an opportunity to take it as well.

Before anyone starts moaning about taking another survey, note first that it will only take about three minutes. Note also that this is a parishioner-driven survey being conducted by the adult faith formation team -- not the diocese or the parish. This survey is different from ones we took just before Covid hit due to its targeting approach to finding the faith formation opportunities most desired by parishioners. The faith formation team wants to be specific.

For example, they hope results tell us how great the desire is for more Catholic History, more in-depth teaching on the Mass and Sacraments, more prayer and spiritual growth opportunities or more Catholic teaching on morality. That last one sounds ideal for parents: "How do you teach children Catholic morality in a world that ignores it?

This survey gives everyone a chance to identify the areas of the Catholic faith where they are lack-

ing. And not only that, this survey asks "How do you like to learn -- through books, lectures, podcasts, small groups and so on? Then the adult faith team can set up opportunities to maximize personal spiritual growth. It's my personal opinion that with the young families moving into the parish, that St. Joe's is something of a sleeping giant ready to awaken in a burst of spiritual growth. Help the faith formation team make that happen by letting them know what you desire from your parish and we will all benefit.

*Getting back to the Family Feud, let's see what the survey of hosts says: The first host of "Family Feud" was Richard Dawson, followed by Ray Combs, Louie Anderson, Richard Karn, John O'Hurley and the current and longest-running host Steve Harvey.

Deacon Eric

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

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SURVEY To take the Adult Faith Formation Survey (open to EVERYONE 18 years old and older) Please scan this code or go to:

bit.ly/JosephSurvey

Your participation in this survey is important to our efforts to bring meaningful opportunities to St. Joseph Parish!



Adult Faith Formation Survey

It starth 9, 2000, fear over Y2K had waned, Bill Clinton was the President of the United States, the movie Whole Nine Yards was at the top of the box office and Susan Mahoney began working for St. Joseph parish. Susan began as our parish and school bookkeeper. Eventually she moved into the role of our Business Manager. Over the last 25 years, Susan helped see our parish and school through a recession, boiler replacements, renovations to the church and school, and countless other projects.

Susan will be retiring later this week after 25 years of service to St. Joseph church and school. I'd like to thank her for her dedication to St. Joseph over the years and we all wish her well in her new endeavors. Samantha Neher will be taking over as the Business Manager of our parish and school. She is from the DeWitt area, but lives here in St. Johns with her family. I'll let her share her story with you in a future bulletin article. In the meantime, I'd like to formally welcome her to St. Joseph. I'm looking forward to working with her over the coming years. Please join me in keeping both Susan and Sam in prayer.

We are truly blessed here at St. Joseph. ~ Fr. Mike

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 stjoecatho-Summer With The (Middle school leaders, Confirmation students, and adults) to help make VBS a success.

Contact Jen Nelson at dre@stjoseph@gmail.com with questions or to say you can help!

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

Do you have questions about St. Joseph Catholic School or are interested

registering this 2025/26 school year?





St. Joseph Catholic School Lunch Menu

FOR THE WEEK OF

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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

MAY 19-23, 2025

Mac and Cheese, pretzel, green beans, Monday:

and milk..

Tuesday: Broasted chicken, rice, carrots,

strawberry shortcake, and milk.

Cheese stuffed breadstick, cucumbers Wednesday:

fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Hamburger with cheese, fried chips,

fresh fruit, and milk.

Chicken poppers, cucumbers, fresh Friday:

fruit, and milk.

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

Liturgical Minsters May 24-25

5:00 p.m. Altar Servers: Volunteer

Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Volunteer

Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Cassie S.

Gracie H. 12:00 p.m. Mason W.

Derek C.

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

Icnacio O. Lectors: 5:00 p.m.

> Rich H. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Cassandra G.

12:00 p.m. Debbie T.

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

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

Sanctuary Cleaners: The Schroeder Girls

Collection Counters: May 19



For those of you paying attention to last week's Stewardship amounts, the weekly tithing SHOULD'VE been \$20,126.41.

Group 2

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of May 11, 2025

Adults (354) gifts Including online giving):\$16,408.27 Total:.....\$17,144.27

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$191.00 Building Fund:\$172.00 Tuition Scholarship Fund:\$50.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$20.059.94. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.

Position Openings at St. Joseph School

Summer Assistant Custodian

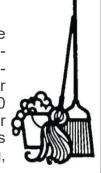
This is a temporary, 40-hour per week position from approximately June 16 to August 8, Duties include assisting maintenance staff with moving furniture and heavy summer cleaning of the school. Previous experience not necessary. Full position description and online application are at:

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

Paper forms are available in the parish office (109 Linden Street).

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. Pre-



vious experience not necessary, but knowledge of commercial cleaning procedures and supplies is helpful. Apply at www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers. Direct questions to Samantha in the parish office at (989-224-8994, business.stjoseph@gmail.com).

In a Lansing Area 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.

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

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.

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.

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



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!

Traveling this summer?

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

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.



Congratulations to our newly baptized



Kason Elmer Shaffer son of Jacob and Alayna (Childers) Shaffer Brayden Tyler DeLong son of Tyler and Jenna (Weber) DeLong

May 11, 2025

Donate Blood In Honor Of Roger Dershem

The Knights of Columbus and the Dershem family are proud to host this blood drive in Memory of Roger Dershem. Roger was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma in August of 2021,

Roger was one that never said no and always carried his

"Get-R-Done" attitude with him in everything he did. Roger was also a dedicated donor and rolled up his sleeve to donate 117 units of his O+ blood to help others. Please join us to help show Roger's family, fellow Knights, and community in appreciation for all that he did for our community.



Blood Drive St. Johns Knights of Columbus

1108 N. US 27

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

To schedule an appointment, log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code:StJohnsKofC)or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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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.

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.



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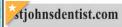




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