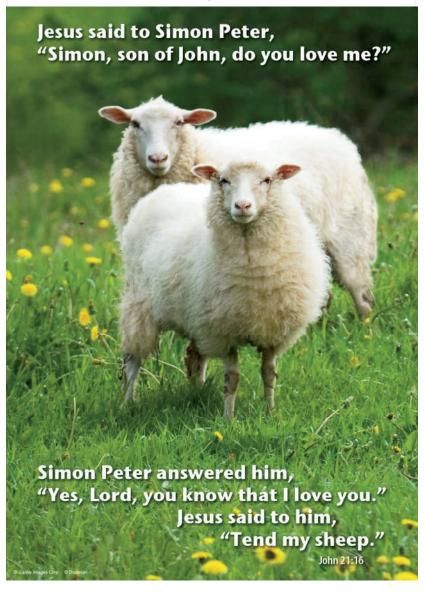
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Fr. Michael Williams
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Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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### **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 5

Acts 6:8-15/John 6:22-29

No Mass

### Tuesday • May 6

Acts 7:51--8:1a/John 6:30-35

7:00 p.m. Mass Society of St. Vincent DePaul Conference

### Wednesday ● May 7

Acts 8:1b-8/John 6:35-40

12:05 p.m. Mass †Alvina Alvarado

By: Susan Cardosa

6:30 p.m. Mass †Deacon Thomas James Rea

### Thursday • May 8

Acts 8:26-40/John 6:44-51

8:30 a.m. Mass †Rev. Fr. Vincent T. Hankerd

(50th anniversary of his death)

By: Dan and Margaret Jorae

### Friday • May 9

Acts 9:1-20/John 6:52-59

8:30 a.m.. †Brandon J Klein

By: The Sunshine Club

# Saturday ● May 10

Acts 9:31-42/John 6:60-69

5:00 p.m. Mass †Marvin and †Rita Harr

By: Family

# Sunday ● May 11

Acts 13-14, 43-52/Revelation 7:9, 14b-17/John 10:27-30

8:00 a.m. Mass †Leonard and †Romilda Smith and the living

and deceased members of their family

By: Kathy Orson

10:00 a.m. †Rich Childers

By: Family

12:00 p.m. †Lewis A. Kramer

By: Dan and Margaret Jorae

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish





The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from Mary 4 - 10, 2025 *Alvina Alvarado* 

# Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of

Bernice Hoebecke

# 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
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 are incompatible.

# 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
Myah
Colleen Plunkett

Jenny Pytlowanyj

Robertson
Patricia Rojas
Joan Schrauben
Sherri
Anne Thelen
Michael VanElls
Jeff Wadell
Jennifer
Jerry
Brad Walker

Millie Wassa

Deacon Mary & Tita

Bill Darnell Susan Darnell Please pray for our parishioners in the service,

especially:

Fr. Don Wieber

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)

# Potpourri, Three and Me

This is going to be one of those columns when I present a little bit of this and a little bit of that, a potpourri (the miscellaneous collection, not the herbal scent) of three points of interest -- including something about me. And that's where we'll start.

1. The last couple of weeks you have seen a note at the end of my column saying that the column is now available on the parish's YouTube website, but it doesn't say "why" we are doing it. This is my guess, basically, that there is a need for an audio outlet. The very first woman I visited as a home-bound Eucharistic Minister in 2017 was almost blind and could only read with the help of a machine. That process was a bit cumbersome.

For some reason, she came to mind a month or so ago. I began wondering if there's a portion of our parish that has difficulty reading the print in our Sunday bulletin and might benefit if my column were available on an audio/video outlet. So if you know someone who struggles reading the bulletin or perhaps can't at-

tend Mass regularly and consequently doesn't get a bulletin, help them find the website and in a couple clicks they can hear the column. (Thanks to Fr. Mike for his blessing on this pilot project and Dave Collins for his technical assistance in bringing this to fruition.)

2. We had a successful retreat last weekend at St. Joe's presented by instructors from the Catholic Biblical School called "Journeying with the Apostles." There was one segment that featured chapter 21 of John's Gospel, including the gospel read this past Sunday. We did an exercise called "lectio divina" which involves reading a section of Scripture a few times until a word, a phrase or a verse strikes the reader. For me it was verse 14 that stood out: "This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after he was raised from the dead." I knew that the number three was a number the Jew associated with perfection (i.e. the Holy Trinity, three days in the tomb), so what was John's purpose in noting this fact? I wondered.

Then "boom", it hit me -- Jesus warned his disciples three times that he would be crucified and rise on the third day, yet they were still surprised when it happened. Now he met with them three times after his Resurrection to let them know of his

plans for them to carry out his words, with the help of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate.

Also today, in the long gospel version, Jesus ask Peter three times if he loved the Lord, and three times he said "Lord you know I love you." This balances out Peter's three denials that he was a disciple of Jesus after he was arrested in Gethsemane.

3. And the third potpourri topic is a short one. A documentary on the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis through the eyes of Catholic high school students played in local theaters last week. It really brought to light not only this saint-to-be's life before his death as a teenager, but also the problem teens face today with technology and depression that is leading to the highest teenager suicide rate ever. Help the teens in your life know God is always here for them.

# 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

# St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary

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

Columbian Hall.

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary's next monthly gathering will be held on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbian Hall. As usual, all ladies of the parish are invited to come celebrate Spring with a speaker from the Clinton County Garden Club. We will learn a little about gardening and flower arranging, followed by snacks, and fellowship. We'll fill our souls with the beauty and joy that God provides through the flowers He has created for our pleasure.



# 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:

- Larger diapers (sizes 4 and up)
- Pull ups
- Baby wipes
- Paper products: Facial tissue, toilet paper, and paper towers.
- Personal care items

Thank you in advance for your support!



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. We need many volunteers (Middle school leaders, Confirmation students, and adults) to help make VBS a success.

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



May is Mary's Month! May Crowning Mass Wednesday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a May Crowning Mass on Wednesday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m. with the K-12 Religious Education Program families. All parishioners are also invited to attend this Mass where we recognize Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Flowers are welcome!

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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.

MAY 5-9, 2025

Thursday:

Monday: Chicken and cheese quesadilla,

cucumbers, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Corn dog, green beans, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken fettuccini alfredo with

breadstick, broccoli, fruit, and milk. Hamburger on a bun with cheese,

fried chips, fresh fruit, and milk.
Friday: Cheese stuffed breadstick, carrots,

fresh fruit, and milk

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

# Liturgical Minsters May 10-11

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Volunteer

Volunteer

8:00 a.m.

Madison W.

Morgan W. 10:00 a.m. Mara T.

Ellis T.

Vera T.

12:00 p.m. Tanner K.

Miles S.

# Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:00 p.m. Group 3 8:00 a.m. Group 3 10:00 a.m. Group 3 12:00 p.m. Group 3

Lectors: 5:00 p.m. Sheila B.

8:00 a.m. Dean H. 10:00 a.m. Ted S. 12:00 p.m. Linda S.

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

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

Collection Counters: May 5 Group 4

Sanctuary Cleaners: Laurie Hunt and Tammy Zuker

# **STEWARDSHIP**

# For the weekend of April 27, 2025

Adults (344) gifts Including online giving): .....\$10,691.46 Loose Cash: ....\$713.00 Total: ....\$11,404.46

### Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund: \$65.00

Building Fund: \$411.00

Tuition Scholarship Fund: \$230.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$19,996.60. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.

# **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 <a href="www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers.">www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers.</a> Direct questions to Susan in the parish office at (989-224-8994, <a href="mailto:business.stjoseph@gmail.com">business.stjoseph@gmail.com</a>).

# **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.



# 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.

# **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>.

The Hope 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 goodtime. We will be starting a new book, Looking to St. Francis: The Man from Assisi and His Message of Hope for Today, on April 23rd. 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.



DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge to DSA. This week we surpassed our goal of \$98,185.24! As of April 27, 2025, we reached \$111,304.57 (or 113.4%) of our DSA goal. Thank you to the 256 families who have contributed to this

year's appeal which is 25.0% of our 1025 families.

Now that we have reached our goal, one-half of all additional contributions received will be returned to our local parish for our use. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider supporting our appeal with a gift that will benefit the work of Christ in our parish and through the wider church. You may submit your gift online at <a href="https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal">www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal</a> or with a DSA pledge envelope to the parish office.





St. Joseph Church adult choir
Do you enjoy singing? Do you enjoy
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If you have any questions, please contact

Jeff Richards at musicdirector.stjosephchurch@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.

# 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 parish office 989-224-8994.





# Why is it so important to register in a parish?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times young adults who have moved away for years or are still living with their parents think they are still signed up under their parent's registration. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of your parish.

We encourage and invite all adult members of our faith community (18 years or older) to register. Registration shows you belong. Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptisms, weddings, and when asked to be a sponsor/Godparent for Baptism or Confirmation. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. To register in our parish stop by the parish office to pick up a registration form or go on -line at our website stjoecatholic.com/forms.



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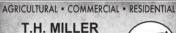
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