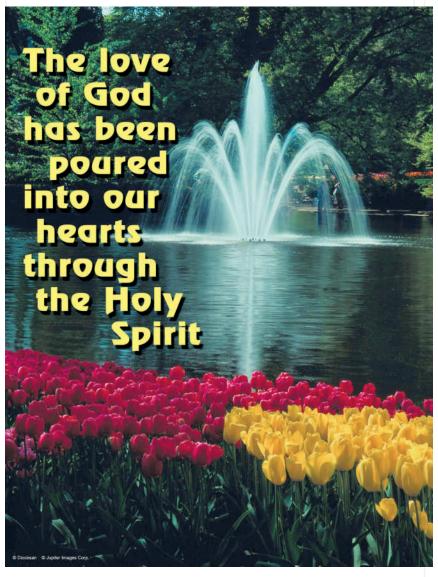
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Deacon Marv Robertson (retired)
Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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Baptism • Please contact the parish office
St. Joseph School • Chris Wells
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Confirmation • Jen Nelson
Christian Initiation of Adults • Amanda Grigar

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

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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 16

2 Corinthians 6:1-10/Matthew 5:38-42

No Mass

Tuesday ● June 17

2 Corinthians 8:1-9/Matthew 5:43-48

7:00 p.m. Mass †Cullen Simon and the living and deceased

members of the family

By: Gary and Beth Simon

Wednesday • June 18

2 Corinthians 9:6-11/Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

12:05 p.m. Mass †Mike Norris

Bv: Linda

Thursday ● June 19

2 Corinthians 11:1-11/Matthew 6:7-15

8:30 a.m. Mass For the Souls in Purgatory

Friday • June 20

2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30/Matthew 6:19-23

8:30 a.m. †Nancy Rolph

By: Fr. Mike Williams

Saturday • June 21

2 Corinthians 12:1-10/Matthew 6:24-34 Wedding Pieters/Vrabel 1:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Mass *†Fred and †Doris Orson and their living and*

deceased family members

By: Kathy Orson

Sunday ● June 22

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Genesis 14:18-20/1 Corinthians 11:23-26/Luke 9:11b-17

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

10:00 a.m. †Cindy Nunn

By: B. Haggs

12:00 p.m. In Honor of Zach, Megan, Jude, and Miller

Marco Family

By: Matt and Monica Poff

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Looking Ahead

There will be no Masses or Confessions Monday, June 23 through Friday June 27

Summer Hours for the Parish Office

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

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

Friday

CLOSED



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from June 15-21, 2025

Mike Norris



Mariya Peters and Josh Vrabel

40 Hours Devotion with Expostiion of the Blessed Sacrament

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

In the days leading up to the June 21st Corpus Christi Mass and procession, Bishop Boyea has asked us to "blanket" our communities in continuous prayer and intercession for the full conversion of all the souls within our boundaries."

It's not too late to sign up; there are still hours available. Please prayerful consider making a Holy Hour. We would like as many from or parish as possible to participate.

There is a sign up in the back of the church or use the QR code.



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 Mary & Tita Robertson Patricia Roias Joan Schrauben Sherri Anne Thelen Michael VanElls Jeff Wadell Jennifer Jerry

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Brad Walker

William Hess Jake Hoskins

Eric Martin Colby Munger Adam Novak Alex Roias David Seperic Noel Smith II Jordan Van Amburg

Jacob Longoria

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: only immediate family members may add names to the bulle-



WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

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

A NOD TO ST. JOSEPH -- And All Other Dads

I try to keep my musings fresh, and not repeat what I've done previously, but in reflecting on past Fathers Days, I found it hard today to resist recycling a bit of my 2021 Father's Day letter to St. Joseph.

Dear St. Joseph,

Happy Father's Day, although I guess every day in heaven with the Lord, your wife Mary and all the saints is a happy day. Of course, there was no such celebratory day when you were raising Jesus. Fathers just did what fathers were supposed to do, without any fanfare. In our country today, we do take a day to thank dads with cards and gifts and sometimes our kids even cut the lawn WITHOUT being told to do so.

When I was young I didn't understand all that goes into being a father and probably didn't grant my father the appreciation he deserved, although my memory of my last Father's Day with him is a fond one. Perhaps you've met my Dad. The Lord called him from this earth more than 30 years ago, so it's possible

you've seen him around.

His name was Henry, although most people called him "Bud". (He was quite the punster. One Spring at dinner, he glanced out the window and said "Look at all the 'Me's' on the trees" and just kept on eating. Slowly, there were chuckles and groans from around the table). Some say I'm an apple that didn't fall far from that tree.

I went on to ask St. Joseph for his intercession on behalf of all dads, noting how us fathers could use a prayer from someone who's walked a mile in our shoes (or sandals), and who I believe has a seat pretty close to the Lord in heaven. I repeat that sentiment today while also noting that this is a sad day for many people, including some dads who have lost their own fathers in the past year.

Being a father in today's culture is difficult, being a Catholic father is even more so. In St. Joe's time parental roles were more clearly defined than they are today. A lesson I learned in deacon formation is applicable to fathers as well. We were told often to strive to be effective, to not worry about being "good," which is a relative term.

If our words or actions effect change or deep thought, then we are doing

our jobs.

Studies have shown that Catholic children led by a faithful father are much more likely to maintain their faith into adulthood than those led by a mother alone. Fathers in St. Joe parish have a great opportunity today and tomorrow (June 15-16) to lead their children in the unique prayer opportunity of 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration.

Sign up in the gathering space for an hour of quiet prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament -- and let your children know what you are doing. Better yet, bring one of more of your children with you to take advantage of this one-on-one time with Jesus. Or how about a trip to the baseball stadium in Lansing next Saturday -- FOR MASS.

May the Lord bless all fathers with St. Joe's gifts of faithfulness, obedience, comfort, protection, prayerfulness and humility. And let's be true Catholic Dads.

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/
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Congratulations on newly baptized

Wesley Joseph Klein

He is the son of Damian and Abby (Sillman) Klein on June 8, 2025



GOD BLESS Fathers

Clinton County Right to Life wishes all fathers a very blessed Father's Day. It is through your love and care of our mothers that God's gift of life can flourish in our world. Many studies show that a strong and loving father in a home brings about a healthy life and faith for the children. Thank you to all fathers—whether you are a father, grandfather or stepfather, your love and care is appreciated. As a little thank you to all fathers today, pleas take a prayer card that can be found at the end of the pew.

God bless you today and always.



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 <u>stjoecatholic.com</u>. We need many volunteers (Middle school leaders, Confirmation students, Sacred Heartill and adults) to help make VBS a suc-

Contact Jen Nelson at dre@stjoseph@gmail.com 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 Rai-
- 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!

Kindred Friends

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.

In the church basement.



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.

Liturgical Minsters June 21 and 22

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Volunteer

Volunteer

Willow R. 8:00 a.m.

Mabel R.

10:00 a.m. Gracie H.

Nolan C.

12:00 p.m. Volunteer

Volunteer

Group 12A

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

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	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.	Chad G.
	8:00 a.m.	Kathy W.
	10:00 a.m.	Steve M.
	12:00 p.m.	Debbie T.
Ushers:	5:00 p.m.	Group 5B
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8A
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10A

Collection Counters: June 16 Group 2

12:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Cleaners: Kate Mullen and Kari Schneider

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of June 9, 2025

Adults (357) gifts Including online giving):	\$22,549.17
Loose Cash:	949.00
Total:	\$23.498.17

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$240.00
Building Fund:	.\$435.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$61.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$19,979.92. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.

Position opening at the Diocese

The Diocese of Lansing is now accepting resumes for a **Regional Staff Accountant** to join the Parish Financial Services Team. To learn more about this position and to apply, please visit the

Diocese of Lansing Careers Page.

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



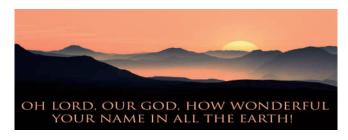


Join us for an epic evening of faith, fun, and fellowship! We'll kick things off with Mass at 4:00 p.m., celebrated by Bishop Boyea, followed by a short time adoration (about 20-30 minutes). Afterward, stick around for a delicious dinner--main dish is on us, but please bring a side to share.

Once we're fueled up, get ready for an evening of outdoor festivities until 10:00 p.m.!

Think beach, high ropes, climbing tower, zip lines, corn hole, bonfire vibes, and plenty of space for board games and more! We'll have music for Mass, ice breakers to help everyone connect, and Abbey will be our MC for the night!

- Young adults ages 18-39 are welcome to Join!
- Cost: \$25 per person
- Footwear: Closed-toe shoes are required if you want to participate in climbing activities
- Food: Bring a side, drink, or dessert to share
- After party? If you're not ready for the night to end, we're heading to Block Brewery in Brighton after 10:00 p.m.
- Waiver must be signed to use equipment at the retreat center.



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.



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The Food Box

The Food Box donations help families in our community through the Emergency Food Assistance



Program at Capital Area Community Services (CACS). Donations can be placed in the wooden box in the back of church, at the top of the stairs by the 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.

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.

The Importance of Mass

Do I have to go to mass every Sunday, or attend one of the Masses on Saturday afternoon/evening?

Yes! Even if you have company at the house, and they don't go to Mass. You still have the obligation to attend. Every Christian is responsible to God first. We also have an obligation to give witness to His will in our lives. Going to Mass when everybody else remains home can be a powerful influence, a channel of grace that God can use to awaken others to their responsibilities to Him. If we fail to attend Mass, we give scandal by reinforcing in others the attitude that the Sunday Mass is dispensable, in addition to our own sin of neglecting the Mass.

What if I'm out of town or traveling?

No matter where we are, we still must go to Mass. We have the obligation of trying to find a Mass celebrated in our area. If we are a hundred miles from anywhere, up in the mountains camping, that's one thing. But if our travels have taken us somewhere we can get to Mass, we must attend.

~Fr. Mike

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.



Lansing 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.



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