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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
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 23

Genesis 12:1-9/Matthew 7:1-5

No Mass

Tuesday • June 24

Isaiah 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Luke 1:57-66, 80

No Mass (or confessions)

Wednesday • June 25

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18/Matthew 7:15-20

No Mass

Thursday • June 26

Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16 or Genesis 16:6b-12, 15-16/Matthew 7:21-29

No Mass

Friday • June 27

Ezekiel 34:11-16/Romans 5:5b-11/Luke 15:3-7

No Mass

Saturday • June 28

Genesis 18:1-15/Matthew 8:5-17

5:00 p.m. Mass †**Charles Hutton**

By: Close Friends

Sunday • June 29

Solemnity of the Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts: 12:1-11/2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18/Matthew 16:13-19

8:00 a.m. Mass †**Hugo and †Lucille Fox**

By: Family

10:00 a.m. **The People of the Parish**

12:00 p.m. †**Gerald Lott**

By: Charlie and Lisa Wieber

6:00 p.m. **Mass in Spanish**

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies
to the family and friends of

Joan Bozung

Lena E. Eily

Marjorie Halfmann

Helen Makara

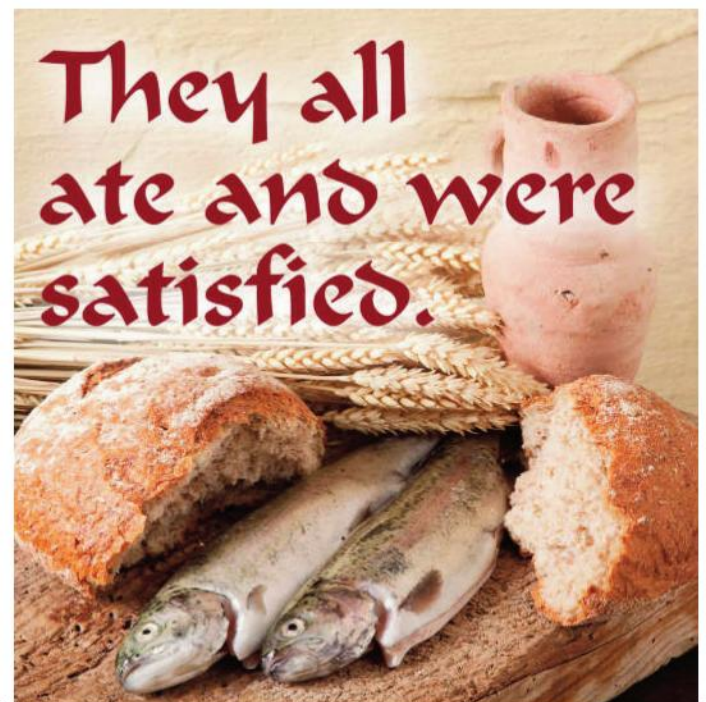


The Sanctuary Lamp

will burn from

June 22-28, 2025

Louie and Virginia Eister



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
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***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)

From Deacon to Fr.

Most of us have too much on our plate to worry about "ceremony." We have to deal with the day-to-day hurdles of life -- illness, job loss, car repairs, paying the mortgage and so on. We have no time for pomp and circumstance. I would put myself in that group for most of my life. I could never figure out why so many Americans, for example, cared about British royalty and their ceremony. We fought a war some 250 years ago to free ourselves from British rule, why should we care who the fourth-in-line for the throne is dating? But I've had a bit of a change of heart in recent years.

Last week's priest ordination for the Diocese of Lansing was a great reminder for me that there is a place in my life for ceremony, especially in the Catholic Church. We recently saw the great ceremony involved in the inauguration and installation of a new Pope. Tens of millions of people watched on TV across the world, Catholics and non-Catholics -- drawn by ceremony

and what each action in the ceremony means.

I attended that ordination of new priests for the Lansing Diocese. Seven young men walked into Mass as transitional deacons and walked out as priests. They have lived the last year with the word Deacon in front of their names, and though they maintain the role of deacon as a result of their diaconate ordination -- today they can now put the word "Father" in front of their names.

The ceremony was wonderful, from the processional hymn's first line: "All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing" to the last line of the closing hymn: "to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise." The Mass, left me full of spiritual energy and glad to be a Catholic. This ceremony was beautiful, and as one priest commented to me, "that was sacred."

There are those who say my joy stems from the fact that I have experienced ordination from the inside, in front of the bright lights. I won't deny that. I appreciate the fullness of an ordination ceremony more because the bishop laid

his hands on me and prayed the Holy Spirit down and I laid my hands on the Book of the Gospels and promised to read, believe and teach the gospel. But I believe we can all better understand "ceremony" if we learn why certain actions and words take place.

History and tradition play a big part in ceremony, but the ordination ceremony is so much more. These seven young men are blessed with the powers handed down to them by Jesus through the bishops. They can now say Mass, absolve sins in Reconciliation and prepare the dying through the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Joy radiated from each of them as they processed out.

I no longer concern myself with Americans who follow British royalty. They can buy an issue of "People" magazine -- but stay away from Catholic ceremony. It's special.

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/](https://www.youtube.com/@StJosephCatholicChurch-StJohns)

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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.

Traveling Chalice for Vocations

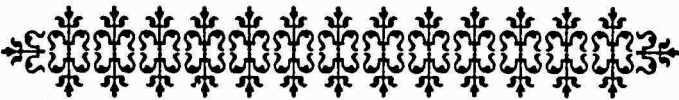
If you love the Catholic faith and want to contribute in a meaningful way, please pray for vocations. The Knights of Columbus has provided a traveling chalice that you can take home for a week of daily prayers. The chalice is located on a table in the front of the annex. Simply sign up for the week that you want, and the chalice as well as suggested prayers are yours for that week.



Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the 40 Hours Intercessory Adoration a success! A special thanks to Fr. Mike for taking the time to Expose and Repose the Blessed Sacrament multiple times for giving us Our Lord's blessing at Benediction, and for supporting Bishop Boyea in this opportunity for spiritual renewal in our diocese. Thanks to Deacon Eric and Mary Beth Elstro for being our parish ambassadors by helping to coordinate and promote our days of Exposition, as well as our parish secretary, Judi, for making sure information was in the bulletin, on Facebook and in the announcements, along with handling many other details. Thanks to all of you who signed up and showed up for an hour (or several), to all those who stopped in to spend time with Our Lord, and for those who worked behind the scenes to make this happen. I believe Our Lord will bless our families, parish, community and diocese through our efforts in this time of intercessory prayer. Finally, thank you to Our Lord for giving Himself to us in his Blessed Sacrament.

If you are interested in making a monthly Holy Hour on First Fridays or being a sub, text/call Rebecca at 989-292-2072.



Congratulations newly married
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew and Skyler Pearsall
on June 7, 2025

and

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony and Kassidy Cleland
on June 13, 2025

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

Please contact Chris wells at
principal@stjoecatholicsschool.org.



Liturgical Minsters
June 28 and 29

Altar Servers:	5:00 p.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	8:00 a.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	10:00 a.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	12:00 p.m.	Derek C.
		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.	Sheila B.
	8:00 a.m.	Lu Anne C.
	10:00 a.m.	Tori S.
	12:00 p.m.	Dawn L.

Ushers:	5:00 p.m.	Group 5C
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8B
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10B
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A

Collection Counters: June 23 Group 3

Sanctuary Cleaners: Sue Fox

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of June 15, 2025

Adults (271) gifts Including online giving):\$17,164.89
Loose Cash:.....566.50
Total:\$17,731.39

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:\$0.00
Building Fund:\$231.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:\$135.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$19,934.95. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.

If you were raised as a child in the parish:

- And are now over 18 years of age
- And you did not fill out a parish registration form
- You are NOT a registered parishioner!

Why is it important to be registered in the parish:

- We can reach you with important information about the parish and it's ministries
- We have a more accurate idea of the number of parishioners we have in the parish.
- It allows us to seek your input and feedback.
- It allows you to formally support the parish financially, since envelopes will be issued to you for your use.
- We can start a sacramental record for you.
- Finally, registering can also help you have a greater sense of belonging to and ownership of the parish.

Please note:

The **envelopes** you receive when registering **will now play an important role in the reception of the sacraments.** (i.e. Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage) in the parish. This also includes Godparent selection. We're asking all parishioners to get into the habit of using your envelopes in the weekly collection. Even if you give online or don't have anything to put in the envelope, please submit an empty envelope. It will help us know how many registered parishioners attend a given Mass and it will also come in handing for determining if a person, presenting themselves for a sacrament, is attending Mass regularly as is required.

You can obtain a registration form from our website at www.stjoecatholic.com under forms or stop in the parish office.

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