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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 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

JUNE 29, 2025



## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • June 30 Genesis 18:16-33/Matthew 8:18-22 No Mass

<u>Tuesday • July 1</u> Genesis 19:15-29/Matthew 8:23-27 No Mass (or confessions)

Wednesday • July 2 Genesis 21:5, 8-20a/Matthew 8:28-34 12:05 p.m. Mass †Fr. David Rosenberg

#### Thursday July 3

Ephesians 2:19-22/John 20:24-29 **8:30 a.m. Mass The United States of America** By: Society of St Vincent DePaul

#### Friday July 4

**Independence** Day

Genesis 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67/Matthew 9:9-13 **8:30 a.m. Mass †Justin Fox and †Nick Thelen** By: The Fox Family

Saturday ● July 5 Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29/Matthew 9:14-17 8:30 a.m. Mass For an End to Abortion

5:00 p.m. Mass *†Josephine Rogers* By: Monica Klaver and Family

Sunday ● July 6 Isaiah 66:10-14c/Galatians 6:14-18/Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9 8:00 a.m. Mass †Rita Thelen By: Art and Mary Porubsky

10:00 a.m. *†Dave Schroeder* By: The Schroeder Family

12:00 p.m. The People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. *†Santiago and †Esther Porras Navaez* 

*Rest in Peace* Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of

Nancy Lott Feff Wadell Michael VanElls



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from June 29 to July 5, 2025 *Justin Fox* 

## First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed sacrament will be Exposed for Adoration following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on First Friday, July 4th until Benediction and Mass at 8:30 a.m. on First Saturday, July 5th.

We are in need of subs at the following times: Friday, July 4th: 11:00 a.m. (2 needed), 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Saturday, July 5th: midnight, 1:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m.

Please text or call Rebecca at 989-292-2072 or sign up in the gathering space if you plan to attend at one of these times.



It is not necessary for everyone who comes to visit Our Lord to sign up for a specific hour or stay for an hour, however, we must have someone in attendance at all times that the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed, so your commitment for a specific hour is helpful. Thank you for helping to make this time of Exposition possible.

# KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially: Adam Chris Sawyer Ballinger Lisa Clarizio Sherri Couch Verena DeBoer Mick Droste Mary Enneking Keith Enneking Trisha Fisher Friend Cindy Fontus Brenda Higgins David Higgins Korine Alissa McKeown Gabrielle Meece Teresa Miller Myah

Patrick 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.

BE A PART OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



## WE ARE ALL Evangelizers

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

The Rock and the Angel When some people hear the words "Peter and Paul" they start smacking their lips and singing an old time commercial tune "Sometimes you feel like a nut, sometimes you don't." This, of course, refers to the Peter and Paul candy bars Mounds and Almond Joy which are in the "love 'em or hate 'em" categories when it comes to candy bar favorites. They're both filled with coconut - a turn-off for some people.

Though most of us have enjoyed a candy bar or two in our lives, perhaps even a Peter and Paul Mounds Bar or Almond Joy, we are not celebrating candy today, but rather the saints Peter and Paul. Specifically, we are celebrating the "Solemnity" of the Saints Peter and Paul. Their stories started quite differently, but they ended the same -- with martyrdom in Rome about 30 years after Jesus' death.

(**Fun Fact**: Not including the Virgin Mary, there are only two other saints whose lives are celebrated as solemnities by the Church -- Saints Joseph and John the Baptist).

Each of these saints has his own special feast days, but the Church takes this day to honor them together as apostles to the world. Peter was known as the apostle to the Jews. He, of course, grew up Jewish and was witness to the entire ministry of Jesus. He was able to take what he saw and experienced, and relate it to the Jewish community in a way that help show that Jesus was the fulfillment of Sacred Scripture -- what we now call the Old Testament.

Paul, meanwhile, was a faithful Jew who saw what Peter and the other apostles who walked with Jesus were preaching and sought to end what he saw as heresy. Remember he was standing right there in affirmation when the first deacon, Stephen, was stoned to death. Paul's conversion story is well known. He became a leader in "The Way" -as the followers of Christ were first called, and eventually played his role in salvation history as the apostle to the Gentiles.

What we get from our readings today about these two historychangers, is that we can be flawed, we can make mistakes or we can start out on the wrong paths and still gain entrance to heaven. Peter made several mistakes, such as denying Jesus three times in the Garden. Actually, just a couple verses after Jesus declared that Peter was the Rock upon which he would build his church, as we heard today, he was rebuked by Jesus for challenging his words. In our first reading, he was tapped on the shoulder by an angel and freed to spread the Good News.

Paul, as mentioned, started off on the wrong path and also was tapped on the shoulder one day on his way to Damascus. Maybe "knocked down" might be a better choice of words. Either way, the Lord got his attention and Paul became a master evangelist who withstood a ridiculous amount of obstacles to "finish his race" as he noted today in his letter to Timothy. That is, if you consider three shipwrecks and at least three imprisonments to be obstacles.

So next time we hear Peter and Paul, let's remember the accomplishments of these two men, and not our sweet tooth.

## 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



# One more Thank you

In addition to all the people who Rebecca Nurenberg so deservedly thanked last week for their efforts to fulfill Bishop Boyea's mission to have round-the-clock Eucharistic Adoration from Pentecost until Corpus Christi, I would like to add, much I'm sure to their chagrin, **Rebecca and her husband Doug.** Without their work, I have doubts whether I could handle the dual-signing up process that included a sign-up Genius.

The two-week adoration period came to an end with Mass at the Lansing Lugnuts stadium and a Eucharistic Procession to the Capitol. Though the count of about two thousand Mass attendees was lower than organizers had hoped, there's no taking away the thousands of prayers generated throughout the two weeks.

Thank you again to everyone.



Congratulations newly married Mr. and Mrs. Fosh and Mariya Vrabel



Daniel Remenar and Chloe Schneider

## Diocesan Special Collections

Our Diocese will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection**, which provides Pope Leo with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering. **Please use the white Peter Pence envelope found in your bi-monthly envelope packets**.

For more information, visit www..obolodisanpietro.va/en.html



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 I July 5,	
Altar Servers:	5:00 p.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	8:00 a.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	10:00 a.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	12:00 p.m.	Mason W.
		Volunteer

#### 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
Lectors:	5:00 p.m.	Lisa W.
	8:00 a.m.	Rich H.
	10:00 a.m.	Ted S.
	12:00 p.m.	Linda S.
Ushers:	5:00 p.m.	Group 5A
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8C
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10C
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A
Collection Co	ounters: June 30	Group 4

Sanctuary Cleaners: Pat Snyder and Mary Harr

# **STEWARDSHIP**

## For the weekend of June 22, 2025

Adults (232) gifts Including online giving):	\$12,704.95
Loose Cash:	\$671.00
Total:	\$13,375.95

#### **Other Gifts Received**

Education Trust Fund:	.\$508.00
Building Fund:	.\$330.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	.\$207.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$19,806.95. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CALENDAR	PARISH (	CALENDA	R		JULY 2025	125
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1:00 p.m. Baptisms			4:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Bible Study (L)			
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6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish		6:30 p.m. Confessions 7:00 p.m. Mass	4:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Bible Study (L)		He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle." -St. John Paul II	hat thirst for fullness that promise; it is He who urges se life; it is He who reads in e choices, the choices that
Abbreviation Key: (L) Library (RR) Reception Room (RoR) Reception overflow Room (C) Church (CL) Choir Loft	y (RR) Reception Room (	(RoR) Reception overflow	Room (C) Church (CL) Ch	noir Loft (SH) Social Hall/Cafeteria	/Cafeteria (TL) Teacher's Lounge (G) Gym	ounge (G) Gym
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Events on this calendar can change without notice.

(RFC) - Religious Formation Class

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are "among the missing." Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the "sabbatical" rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship.

For centuries, there was no obligation to Sunday Mass in the sense of a written law, but Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshiping together on Sundays. They responded, "Then take our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot live." By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace. On our Independence Day, the experience of worship situates us in community, and evokes a commitment from us to be advocates of peace in all aspects of our society's life.

—James Field Church of St. Francis of Assisi



## Sanctuary Academy of DeWitt 4th Annual Children's Business Fair August 2, 2025 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Covenant Life Community Church Sanctuary Academy of DeWitt is hosting their 4th Annual Children's Business Fair! Children ages 6-16 are encouraged to participate. The cost to rent a booth is \$20, with an option to have this reimbursed through a business sponsorship. There will be cash prizes awarded for each age group. Registrants will create a product (without adult help) to sell and design and run their booth from start to finish. The fair will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Covenant Life Community Church at 2001 E Grand River, Lansing. Register for the fair today by visiting: <u>www.childrensbusinessfair.org/dewitt-michigan.</u> Early Registration Deadline: Saturday, July 12, 2025. Late registration is \$30.





Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Carmel The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites

Do you feel called to a deeper life of prayer? Are you interested in following Jesus more closely in the spirit of St. Teresa of Avilia and St. John of the Cross? The OCDS Community of Mary, Mother of God, queen of Carmel, in Lansing, Michigan invites you to consider life as a SECULAR CARMELITE--a beautiful way of life open to lay Catholics, married or single!

If you are a Confirmed and practicing Catholic at least 18y ears old and are interested in the Secular Carmelites of Lansing, please contact Dolores Olive at <u>oliverpls@gmail.com</u>

As Secular Carmelites, we embrace spiritual disciplines for the good of the Church. These include praying the Liturgy of the Hours and practicing mental or contemplative prayer daily. We also gather as a community once a month to be strengthened, encouraged, and to receive ongoing formation in the ways of Carmel.

# Summer Faith Formation Series

Wednesday, July 23 at 6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, August 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we examine two more of the most commonly misunderstood historical events involving the Catholic Church.

The topics will be announced soon.



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#### 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 <u>www.stjoecatholic.com</u> under forms or stop in the parish office.





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