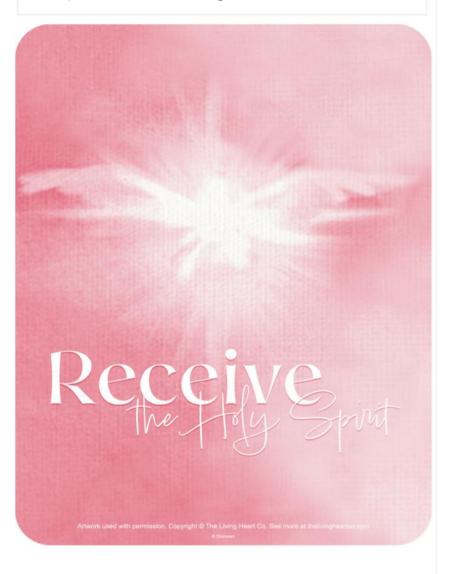
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Fr. Michael Williams
Deacon Marv Robertson (retired)
Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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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 ● June 9

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/John 19:25-34

No Mass

Tuesday ● June 10

2 Corinthians 1:18-22/Matthew 5:13-16

7:00 p.m. Mass In Honor of Fr. Mike Williams on his 30th

anniversary of the priesthood

By: Ladies Usher Group

Wednesday ● June 11

Acts 11:21b-26. 13:1-3/Matthew 5:17-19

12:05 p.m. Mass *†Peter W. Klein* (10th anniversary of death)

By: Dan and Margaret Jorae

Thursday ● June 12

2 Corinthians 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Matthew 5:20-26

8:30 a.m. Mass †Cortney J. Craig-Nowak

By: "The Spin Girls"

Friday • June 13

2 Corinthians 4:7-15/Matthew 5:27-32

8:30 a.m. †Mark and †Cheryl Williams

6:00 p.m. Downing/Cleland Wedding

Saturday • June 14

2 Corinthians 5:14-21/Matthew 5:33-37

5:00 p.m. Mass + Mike Norris

By: Tom Reynolds

Sunday ● June 15

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:22-31/Romans 5:1-5/John 16:12-15

8:00 a.m. Mass †Gerald and †Susanne Schafer

By: Family

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

12:00 p.m. †Mark Simon and the living and deceased

members of his family

By: Gary and Beth Simon

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

†Carolina Israel

By: Friends

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 8-14, 2025 The Blair Family



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- Sunday, June 8 from 2:00 p.m. until
- Monday, June 9 at 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 14th from 8:00 a.m. until
- Sunday, June 15 at 10:00 p.m.

We have been asked by Bishop Earl Boyea to participate in 40 hours Adoration from June 8-21 together with the parishes of the Northern Deanery and the entire diocese. St. Joseph Parish will be covering the above hours.



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

Millie Wassa
Fr. Don Wieber
Bill Darnell
Susan Darnell
Please pray for
our parishioners
in the service,
especially:
William Hoss

Brad Walker

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)

It's All Greek to Me

There was a play and a movie that came out about 60 years ago entitled "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" based on a series of farces by a Roman playwright in the third century B.C. The basic premise of the story was the attempt of a Roman slave to win his freedom by helping his master woo the girl next door. The play is full of puns and otherwise bawdy humor, the slamming of doors and the physical comedy of comedians similar to that of John Belushi or Chris Farley.

Why do I mention this old farcical movie? Well it popped into my head because a "funny thing happened to me" on my way to a reflection about today's feast of Pentecost -- I ran into Julius Caesar, who coincidentally sent many people to the Roman Forum for punishment. He's got nothing to do with the movie, but in reading up a bit on him while researching the movie, I came to realize some similarities between his final days and those of Jesus.

I am not implying that Caesar and Jesus were alike -- Caesar was a brutal military leader and Jesus was all about peace, but in the end each was betrayed by a close friend. They were each killed because of some leaders' belief that they were getting too powerful and might try to make themselves kings. And the conspirators in each situation promoted the idea that they were protecting their nation in calling for Caesar's and Jesus' executions.

The end for Caesar was truly "the end." Jesus' death however, marked the beginning of a series of events that changed the course of history -- his death led to his Resurrection, then to his Ascension and ultimately to today's feast of Pentecost. Jesus was the Advocate while he walked amongst us, and today we celebrate the Advocate he promised us -- as the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit.

So what does all this have to do with the title of today's reflection, "It's All Greek to Me?" Well it has to do with the first readings of the Pentecost Vigil Mass and the Pentecost Mass during the day and (here he comes again) Julius Caesar. At this weekend's Saturday Vigil,

the first reading is the story of the Tower of Babel, whereby man's hubris led him to think he could build a tower to heaven. God stopped that plan, assigning the builders different languages, forcing them to scatter to different parts of the world

Greek grew to be the language of the educated and that was the case in Jesus' time. But as people migrated into what we now know as Europe, Greek was no longer the language of intellectuals. So by the time William Shakespeare used the phrase in his play "Julius Caesar," "It's all Greek to me" was a common idiom indicating "I just don't understand what I am reading." Flash forward to Pentecost and the first reading for Masses during the day and we have the story of the Holy Spirit descending on the Apostles, allowing them to speak in different tongues and thus given the power to spread the Gospel to all nations. The Holy Spirit "un-Babel-ed" the world.

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/

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On behalf of the Baby Pantry, I would like to thank St. Joseph's parishioners for the multitude of baby and personal care products that you donated to the Baby Pantry. Your generosity is overwhelming.

We rely on donations such as these to provide assistance to families in need. That is the reason we have been here to serve families for 28 years.

May God bless you for your generous support.

~Kathy Smith

~~Forty Hours Devotion~~

Bishop Boyea has asked every parish in every deanery to host a 40 Hours Devotion between the Feast of Pentecost until the weekend of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Our parish will host the 40 Hours Devotion on Sunday June 8 through the evening of Monday June 9 and again on Saturday June 14 until the evening of Sunday June 15. We need a lot of people to participate and be here during our hours of adoration. Please use the QR code or

sign-up sheets in the gathering space in the back of church this weekend. Please help us make this time of prayer a success, sign up today!

~Fr. Mike

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!

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 14 and 15

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Volunteer Volunteer

> Volunteer 8:00 a.m.

Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Volunteer Volunteer

12:00 p.m. Volunteer

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

Beth S. Lectors: 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. Tervor H. 10:00 a.m. Karen D. 12:00 p.m. Mary Beth E.

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

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

Collection Counters: June 9 Group 1

Sanctuary Cleaners: Jane Randolph and Veronica Rozen

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of May 25, 2025

Adults (303) gifts Including online giving):	\$13,892.49
Loose Cash:	\$520.00
Total:	\$14.412.49

For the weekend of June 1, 2025

Adults (298) gifts Including online giving):	\$18,015.66
Loose Cash:	772.01
Total:	\$18.787.67

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	.\$173.00
Building Fund:	.\$118.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$45.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2024 is \$19,906.63. 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 <u>Careers Page</u>.



Anthony Cleland and Kassidy Downing

Mariya Peters and Josh Vrabel

Kindred Friends

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



St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary Picnic Potluck June 9th, at 6:30 p.m. Columbian Hall

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary will begin the summer with a Picnic Potluck for our June get-together on Monday, June 9th (note the corrected date) at the Columbian Hall at 6:30 p.m. All ladies of the parish are invited to come and share in an evening of faith, fellowship and food. Please bring your favorite picnic food to share. We will enjoy our food as we discuss our summer plans. A drawing will be held for a basket of summer treats. Come---enjoy an evening with faithful friends.

Adult Confirmation at St. Joseph Parish

Are you an adult who did not receive the sacrament of Confirmation in your youth? It's not too late for you to receive this sacrament of deeper connection with Christ and His Church! Please contact Amanda at the parish office or rcia.stjosephparish@gmail.com if you are interested in joining other adults preparing to be confirmed.



Fatima Rosary Thursday, *June 12* at 6:00 p.m.

Because of a wedding scheduled for June 13th, the Fatima Rosary will be prayed on the front steps of the church on *June 12th* at 6:00 p.m. to pray for our world. Bring a friend and bring a chair if you'd like! We will pray one complete rosary.

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.



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.



(**K**eavenly Father, Lord of the Harvest,

From Fr. Mike:

What to do with your old and unwanted Religious items

A sacramental is a sacred sign that bears resemblance to the sacraments. Sacramentals include religious articles such as scapulars, blessed holy cards, crucifixes, statues, Bibles, missals, Lectionaries, holy water and oils, liturgical vestments, and altar cloths. But what are you to do with them when they break, become tattered and worn out? You can't just discard them. They're almost like people, sacred. They need to be treated properly, even at the end.

The basic rule for the disposal of these items is to burn or to bury them. During the 1800s the Church issued several decisions concerning the this issue. Here are a few examples: A chalice which becomes "unserviceable" is not to be sold but must be used for some other sacred purpose or melted. Vestments, altar cloths, and linens must be destroyed. Polluted or excess holy water must be poured into the ground. Palms are to be burned, and the ashes then used for distribution on Ash Wednesday or returned to the ground. A broken rosary or religious statue normally would be buried. In all, the underlying idea is that when has been dedicated to God should be returned to God. Never should one just "throw out" what has been blessed and dedicated to God.

With the exception of rosaries which can be placed on the rosary rack, please do not bring your unwanted items to the parish nor leave them in the back of the church. I understand the idea of leaving those things for someone else to pick up and use. However, that is not happening, and items just continue to pile up. After a while this becomes a problem because it makes the church look unkept. If you don't have a fire pit to burn the items or have a yard in which to buy them, then ask a neighbor or relative if they can help you dispose of those items. This is precisely what we do with items that are left in the church.



Jesus, Eternal High Priest, give us men willing to sacrifice and serve. Make their hearts after your own Sacred Heart.

Holy Spirit, Everlasting Love between the Father and Son, strengthen, inspire, and set men on fire with divine charity. Grant them the courage to say yes to their vocation.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Mother of priests,
comfort and protect your sons
as they discern their call.
With Saint Joseph,
may they know your love and companionship
as they deepen their relationship with Jesus.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. St. Anne, pray for us. St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for us.



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.

Just engaged? Congratulations!



Any engaged couple who would like to complete the sacrament of marriage at St. Joseph Church should meet with Fr. Mike at least 9 months before your proposed wedding date. First pick up a white "Holy Matrimony" folder located in the gathering space with all the information about marriage preparation in the Catholic Church.

To schedule an appointment to meet as a couple with Fr. Mike, contact the parish office (989-224-8994 or stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com)



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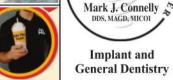
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