# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

#### **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

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

<u>Monday ● July 14</u> Exodus 1:8-14, 22/Matthew 10:34--11:1 No Mass

<u>Tuesday • July 15</u> Exodus 2:1-15a/Matthew 11:20-24 **No Mass** (or Confessions)

Wednesday • July 16 Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12/Matthew 11:25-27 No Mass

Thursday • July 17 Exodus 3:13-20/Matthew 11:28-30 No Mass

Friday • July 18 Exodus 11:10--12:14/Matthew 12:1-8 No Mass

Saturday ● July 19 Exodus 12:37-42/Matthew 12:14-21 5:00 p.m. Mass *†Jim and †Trent Jakus* By: Family

Sunday • July 20 Genesis 18:1-10a, /Colossians 1:24-28/Luke 10:38-42 8:00 a.m. Mass †Nick and †Marge Koenigsknecht, †Janet Sinke and †Ron Koenigsknecht By: The Koenigsknecht Family

10:00 a.m. Mass †Denny Vandecar By: The Schroeder Family

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

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish †Margorita Alor By: Family **Looking Ahead** 

There will be **no Masses or Confessions** Monday, July 14 through Friday July 18 *and* Monday, July 21 through Friday July 25

# Summer Hours for the Parish Office

Monday -Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (closed from noon - 1:00 p.m.) CLOSED (until Labor Day)



Friday

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from July 13 to July 19, 2025 *Fabiano Family* 

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of Susan Darnell

### Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

286. What kind of worship is due to the sacrament of the Eucharist? "The worship due to the sacrament of the Eucharist, whether during the celebration of the Mass or outside it, is the worship of latria, that is, the adoration given to God alone. The Church guards with the greatest care Hosts that have been consecrated. She brings them to the sick and to other persons who find it impossible to participate at Mass. She also presents them for the solemn adoration of the faithful and she bears them in processions. The Church

encourages the faithful to make frequent visits to adore the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the Tabernacle."

~Compendium of the Catechism of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Are you interested in making a regular Holy Hour or in being a sub? Call or text Rebecca at 989-292-2072.

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially: Adam Ari Chris Sawyer Ballinger Bill Darnell 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 Mary Schmitt Joan Schrauben Sherri Anne Thelen Jennifer

Brad Walker Millie Wassa Fr. Don Wieber Please pray for our parishioners in the service, especially: William Hess Jake Hoskins Jacob Longoria

Jerry

**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS** 

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)

Who Won the Crusades? In order to answer the question: "Who won the Crusades?," we have to understand what the Crusades actually were. Were there actually good guys and bad guys? Were the Crusades political events or religious events? How many Crusades were there and did they all have the same purpose? These are just a few of the many questions that surround the Crusades and if you think I'm about to give you the answers to these questions, you've got another think coming.

What I do have is an easy path to getting these answers about the Crusades and more. On Wednesday, July 23rd, Amanda Grigar, St. Joe's adult faith director will host the second of three Summer Faith Formation sessions for adults and teens. The first session on Pope Pius XII's actions (or non-actions) relative to helping the Jews during World War Two was a huge success. Who knew that 35 people would come for such an event during the summer, when many people just shut their brains off? As such, she will now present this next session on the Crusades and a third one on The Medieval Inquisition next month.

I mentioned teens earlier, because the Crusades and the Inquisition happened some 800 years ago and are discussed in history classes, from a political, but not Catholic point of view. So parents and grandparents are encouraged to bring a teen to the next two sessions so they can connect the dots from a Catholic perspective. The Church doesn't come across as squeaky clean when one looks at the Crusades, but it's not Dr. Evil either. It's most certainly due some study.

I firmly believe that the more we understand our faith, including our history, the better Catholics we will be; better defenders of the faith we will be; and better evangelists we will be. That's why we went back 90 years to look at Pope Pius XII's words and actions during World War Two in our first summer faith formation program, and are going back more than 800 years to learn about and analyze The Crusades and The Medieval Inquisition.

Each of these summer adult faith sessions are based on booklets Amanda has worked on with Catholic history teacher and author Phillip Campbell, who has visited St. Joe's for speaking engagements a few times over the last year-and-a-half. These early evening sessions provide a great opportunity to get out of the house for a walk and still get back home before dark during this "late sunset time of the year."

Those of us who are parents encourage our kids to get some learning time in during the summer when we all have some extra time available. St. Joe's Summer Faith Formation series gives us an opportunity to practice what we preach -- and that's coming from someone who knows a bit about preaching.

#### 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/ @StJosephCatholicChurch-StJohns

## Summer Faith Formation Series

Adults and teens are invited to join us as we examine two more of the most commonly misunderstood historical events involving the Catholic Church.

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

Wednesday, August 20, at 6:00 p.m. The Inquisition

Despite ending over 750 years ago, the Crusades still provoke passionate discussion. By learning about the people, events, and ideas behind the Crusades, we can clear away misunderstandings to better understand these complex events and what they mean for Catholics today.

#### St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary will NOT have a get-together in July, allowing everyone time for family vacations and holiday celebrations. Our next St. Monica get-together will be August 11.

> The August get-together will be a "Trade Market."

More details will be forthcoming.

#### Is there something special you would like Father Mike to bless?

At the top of the ramp entrance, near the sacristy door, there is a table set up for you to place any items you'd like to have blessed. Father will bless them before Mass begins, and you can easily pick them up afterward.

# If you lost it..... We probably found it!

We have quite a collection of lost and found items gathered over the past few months that are looking for a good home. Perhaps it's yours? Kindly check out our lost and found box located at the back of the church (the table by the main doors) to see if we found your missing items. We have all sorts of things-



-coats, hats, mittens, prayer books, rosaries, children's toys, and glasses.

Items not claimed by July 20th will be sorted, cleaned and donated.

Attention All Widows/Widowers Please join "Kindred Friends"

at our next meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. In the church basement

The words of Jesus, "I was a stranger, and you welcomed Me" resounds today stronger than never. We would like to invite you to come, and see, and listen to the stories of hope and suffering of the Hispanic families, who are our brothers and sisters in our Church.



Refugees La Sagrada by Kelly Latimore

### "I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME"

PRESENTATION

Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm at Cristo Rey Church

San Martín de Porres Hall 201 W. Miller Rd. Lansing, MI 48911

Light refreshments will be provided.

If you have any questions please contact the Cristo Rey office at (517) 394-4639

Liturgical Minsters				
	July	19/20		
Altar Servers:	5:00 p.m	. Vo	olunteer	
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	8:00 a.m	. Vo	olunteer	
		Vo	olunteer	
	10:00 a.m	. Gi	racie H.	
		Vo	olunteer	
	12:00 p.m	. Vo	olunteer	
		Vo	olunteer	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:				
	5:00 p.n		roup 1	
	8:00 a.n	-	roup 1	
	10:00 a.n		roup 1	
	12:00 p.n	n. G	roup 1	
Lectors:	5:00 p.n	ο Δι	nn P.	
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	10:00 a.n		assandra G.	
	12:00 p.n		ebbie T.	
	12.00 p.n	n. D		
Ushers:	5:00 p.n	n. G	roup 5C	
	8:00 a.n	n. G	roup 8E	
	10:00 a.n	n. G	roup 10A	
	12:00 p.n	n. G	roup 12A	
Collection Court	nters: July	14 G	roup 2	

Sanctuary Cleaners: Becky Swender and Barb Longoria

# **STEWARDSHIP**

### For the weekend of June 29, 2025

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Adults (284) gifts Including online giving	g): \$17,164.89
Loose Cash:	\$566.50
Total:	\$17,731.39

## For the weekend of July 6, 2025

Adults (326) gifts Including online giving): .	\$20,658.15
Loose Cash:	\$505.00
Total:	\$21,163.15
Other Gifts Received	
Education Trust Fund:	\$328.00
Building Fund:	\$133.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$95.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2025 is \$21,163.15. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.



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 CAR-MELITE--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.

# **Traveling this summer?**

<u>MassTimes.org</u> provides worship times, locations, contact info, websites and maps of over 117,000 churches in 201 countries and territories.

## **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.





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