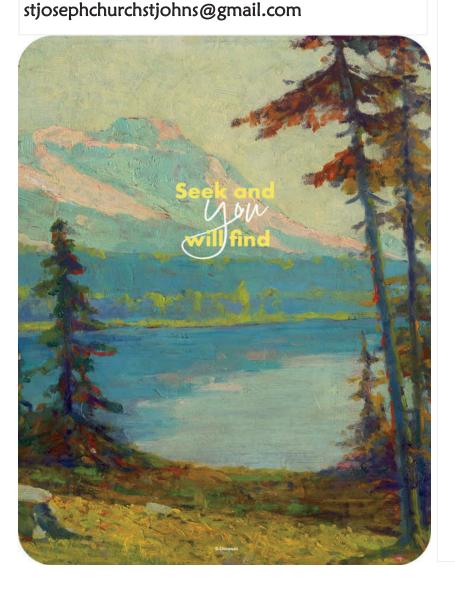
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Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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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 ● July 28

Exodus 32:15-24. 30-34/Matthew 13:31-35

No Mass

Tuesday ● July 29

Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/ John 11:19-27

7:00 pm. Mass †Monica Craig

By: Gail Wadell

Wednesday ● July 30

Exodus 34:29-35/Matthew 13:44-46

12:05 p.m. Mass †Helen Makara

By: Joe and Helen Kus

Thursday ● July 31

Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38/Matthew 13:47-53

8:30 a.m. Mass †Clarence and †Joan Mikolajczak and †Leon Nurenberg

By: Family

Friday • August 1

Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Matthew 13:54-58

8:30 a.m. Mass †Sister Marcia Andrews

By: Steve and Susan Mahoney

Saturday • August 2

Leviticus 25:1, 8-17/Matthew 14:1-12

8:30 a.m. Mass For an End to Abortion

5:00 p.m. Mass †June O'Neill

By: Bill and Family

Sunday ● August 3

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23/Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11/Luke 12:13-21

8:00 a.m. Mass †Richard Connors

By: Greg and Bernie Wagner

10:00 a.m. Mass †Kelly Kloeckner

By: Kloeckner Family

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

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

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 (until Labor Day)



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from July 27 to August 2, 2025

Yvonne Asher

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, August 1 until Benediction and Mass at 8:30 am. on First Saturday, August 2, 2025

We are in need of subs at the following times:

Friday, August 1: 11:00 a.m. (2 needed) 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 2nd: 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.



"When your hour is particularly difficult, rejoice all the more; your love will be greater for its' suffering more. It is a privilege hour that will count for two."

~St. Peter J. Eymard (known as "the apostle of the Eucharist")

Memorial August 2

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Adam
Ari
Chris
Sawyer Ballinger
Lisa Clarizio
Sherri Couch
Verena DeBoer

Mick Droste Mary Enneking Keith Enneking Trisha Fisher Friend 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
Jerry
Brad Walker

Millie Wassa Fr. Don Wieber

Please pray for our parishioners in the service, especially:

William Hess Jake Hoskins Jacob Longoria Eric Martin Adam Novak Alex Rojas David Seperic Noel Smith II Jordan Van Amburg

Colby Munger

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)

Is Quality Time Possible Nowadays?

Can we find "quality time" in our lives, or are we too busy nowadays to create it? The concept of quality time came up at an Average Joes meeting recently spurred on by a recent reflection by noted Catholic author and speaker Matthew Kelly, who said:

"If you want twenty minutes of quality time with someone you love, schedule three or four hours with him or her one afternoon, and chances are, somewhere in the middle of that three or four hours you will have your twenty minutes of quality time."

In Kelly's opinion, "Relationships thrive under one condition: carefree timelessness." So if you want that 20 minutes of quality time in our busy world, we need to carve out a larger block of time within which there can be meaningful exchanges. The "quality time" is not scheduled, but the framework for it is.

Just a couple of weeks ago, my

wife asked me on a Saturday what we were going to do Sunday afternoon since nothing was scheduled for the first time in a couple months. I said "Let's go to Lake Michigan, have a walk, a nice dinner and watch a sunset. We can easily be back in time Monday for your afternoon shift at St. Vinny's."

So we drove down to St. Joseph to avoid as much of the Canadian wildfire smoke as we could, and though not specifically planned, there were a handful of "quality time" segments. We walked and we reminisced, since we lived in St. Joseph for three years when we were first married.

We also quietly watched children on the beach carousel, watched boats come up the channel from Lake Michigan, listened to the community orchestra and dined at an outdoor restaurant overlooking the lake. Then we watched the sunset from the bluff across the street from our hotel. Some may say the whole 22-hour round trip was quality time, while others might identify one of the segments. The bottom line is that we experienced Kelly's "carefree timelessness."

In describing all this, it's important to note that it's not a plan that's

limited to our human relationships. We should have this type of relationship with Jesus as well. A good way to do that is First Friday adoration. If we "carve out" an hour on every First Friday, we may find ourselves having a quality block of time (maybe 10 or 15 minutes) when we are listening intently to Our Lord. In doing so, we put aside the cares and worries of our lives and connect with Jesus -- heart to Sacred Heart.

(In the spirit of truth, about which I expounded here last week, a quick overnight trip in search of quality time, such as I outlined today, is not part of my normal persona. I am much more likely to respond to "What shall we do Sunday afternoon?" with "I'll finally get to watch a Tigers game from beginning to end" than to say "road trip." Now Sundays will never be the same -- just a month before football season starts. Uh, oh!)

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

Summer Faith Formation Series

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

The word *Inquisition* conjures up the worst images popularly associated with historical Catholicism; however, most people are familiar with nothing beyond the stereotypes associated with it. Adults and teens are invited to join us as we examine this part of our "family history" as Catholics, coming to a better understanding of the origin, structure, aims, and procedures of this controversial and misunderstood part of Church history.

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Event August 11, 2025 6:30 p.m. at the Columbian Hall

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary will hold its next monthly event on August 11th at the Columbian Hall. It's a novel event called a "Trade Market Exchange." In order to participate in the exchange, the doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for you to bring some type of product such as flowers, fresh garden vegetables, home baked goods or home canned goods



such as jam. Once you have brought an item, you can then exchange your item for an item brought by another. There is no money involved. This will be a fun way to share in the bounty found in our gardens and kitchens. During the exchange, enjoy some snacks and fellowship. We're looking forward to seeing many new faces at this unique event.

POSITION OPENING - Business Manager

We are accepting applications for our parish Business Manager position. The position requires excellent organizational skills, experience with accounting principles and processes, and an understanding of facility maintenance needs. This position is full time with insurance, leave time, and pension benefits. Full position description is available at https:// www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers

If you are someone who embraces the teachings and mission of the Catholic Church and are interested in working in this environment, please apply online or send your resume, cover letter, and references to Business Manager Position, St. Joseph Church, 109 Linden St., St. Johns, MI 48879, or email to

business.stjoseph@gmail.com.

St. Mary, Westphalia 5K Run/Walk and Kids Run Saturday, September 20, 2025 8:00 a.m. Registration now open!

Registration is now open! Register online at https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Westphalia/ StMaryFamilyFest.

In addition, paper registration forms are available for download at this site.



Please contact Darren and Becky Kramer's at stmaryrunwalk@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you in advance for yoursupport.



St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary **Future events**

October 11, 2025 Free Shrugs Clean Comedy Show

December 5, 2025 Women's Advent Celebration

More details to come for these events.

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 August 2 and 3

5:00 p.m. Altar Servers: Volunteer Volunteer 8:00 a.m. Volunteer Volunteer 10:00 a.m. Quinn D. Palmer D. 12:00 p.m. Mason W. Volunteer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

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: Beth S. 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. Dean H. 10:00 a.m. Rose R. 12:00 p.m. Linda S. Ushers: 5:00 p.m. Group 5B 8:00 a.m. Group 8B 10:00 a.m. Group 10C 12:00 p.m. Group 12A

Collection Counters: August 4 Group 1

Sanctuary Cleaners: Teisha Miller and Janet Thelen

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of July 20, 2025

Adults (257) gifts Including online giving):\$17,602.24 Loose Cash:\$493.06 Total:\$18.095.30

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	.\$665.00
Building Fund:	.\$251.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	.\$125.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2025 is \$18,464.17. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

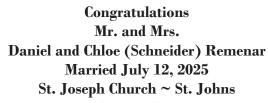
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			4:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Bible		Adoration from after Mass	Mint Festival
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish	7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting (KCH)		Study (L)		until 6:00 p.m. Parish Office is Closed	4:00 p.m. Confession 5:00 p.m. MASS
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Mint Festival			6:00 p.m Fatima Rosary		Holy Day of Obligation	9:00 a.m. Average Joes (RR)
Baptisms			(church steps)		6:00 p.m. Mass	
•	6:30 p.m. St. Monica Event	6:30 p.m. Confessions	4:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Bible Study (L)		Adoration from after Mass	
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish	(KCH)	7:00 p.m. Mass			Parish Office is Closed	5:00 p.m. Mass
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			10:30 a.m. Kindred Friends (L)		Adoration from after Mass	9:00 a.m. Average Joes (RR)
			4:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Bible Study (L)	School Walk-thru	until 6:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m. Confession
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish			6:00 p.m. Summer Series - The Inquisition (RR)			5:00 p.m. Mass
24 Masses: 8 & 10 AM, Noon	25 No Mass	26	27 12:05 p.m. Mass	28 8:30 a.m. Mass	29 8:30 a.m. Mass	30
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish	First Day of School		4:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Bible Study (L)		Adoration from after Mass until 6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. Average Joes (RR)
31 Masses: 8 & 10 AM, Noon		6:30 p.m. Confessions	5:00 p.m. Grief Ministry		No School	
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(K) Kitchen (Sch) School (KCH) K of C Hall (KC) - Knights of Columbus (AFF) - Adult Faith Formation (RCIA & OCIA) - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults/Children Events on this calendar can change without notice. (RFC) Religious Formation Class

Leading the Rosary Volunteers needed

Did you know we say the Rosary is prayed a half an hour before each Mass every weekend? In order for these Rosaries to be said on Saturdays and Sundays, we are looking for volunteers to lead the Rosary, especially at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and Sunday at Noon.

If you are interested, please call the parish office.







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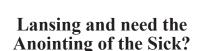
Michigan Catholic Women's Conference October 11, 2025 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lansing Center, Lansing MI

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

~Proverbs 3:5-6

Women from across Michigan are invited to come together to focus on their faith and experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. Throughout the day, women will be encouraged and inspired to ignite their spirits and grow their faith by hearing from Catholic speakers, engaging in praise and worship music, and celebrating holy Mass with our bishops.

For more information go to michiganwc.org



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

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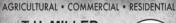


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