ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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> Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

> > "Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves." Luke 10:3



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

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THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday ● July 7 Genesis 28:10-22a/Matthew 9:18-26 No Mass

<u>Tuesday • July 8</u> Genesis 32:23-33/Matthew 9:32-38 **8:30 a.m. Mass †Eunice Tiedt** By: Linda, Lisa and Brenda

Wednesday • July 9 Genesis 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Matthew 10:1-7 12:05 p.m. Mass †Donna Seay By: Family

Thursday July 10

Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Matthew 10:7-15 8:30 a.m. Mass †Dr. Alfredo San Juan By: His Family

Friday • July 11 Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30/Matthew 10:16-23 8:30 a.m. Mass †Don Randolph By: Kathy Randolph

Saturday • July 12 Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Matthew 10:24-33 1:00 p.m. Remenar/Schneider Wedding

5:00 p.m. Mass The People of the Parish

Sunday • July 13 Deuteronomy 30:10-14/Colossians 1:15-20/Luke 10:25-37 8:00 a.m. Mass †Yvonne Asher By: Gail Wadell

10:00 a.m. Mass †Marie Feldpausch By: Family

12:00 p.m. Mass *†Clayton and †Elizabeth Kramer* By: The Lawless Family

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Rest in Peace

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Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of *Dean Henning*



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from July 6 to July 12, 2025 **Judy Armbrustmacher**

Wedding Banns

Daniel Remenar and Chloe Schneider

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Adoration

"Look upon the hour of adoration assigned to you as an hour in paradise. Go to your adoration as one would to heaven, to the divine banquet. You will then long for that hour and hail it with joy. Take delight in fostering a longing in for it in your heart."

~St. Peter J. Eymard



We are in need of both monthly adorers and subs to help make First Friday/Saturday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament possible. If you are interested or have questions, text or call Rebecca at 989-292-2072.

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

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Patrick Jenny Pytlowanyj Deacon Marv & Tita Robertson Patricia Rojas Joan Schrauben Sherri Anne Thelen 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)

Did Jesus Have a Sense of Humor?

It seems like a simple question with a simple answer. Of course, he had a sense of humor, he created (fill in the name of your favorite foil,) didn't he? Although Jesus might not have been a joke teller, the late bible scholar Father Donald Senior wrote that many of his parables would have been received as humorous by the people of his day -- especially due to his use of exaggeration.

Father Donald said that since Jesus was fully human and fully divine he expressed emotions at the appropriate time -- he wept for Lazarus, he got angry at the moneychangers and so would have laughed as well. The gospels show him at multiple parties and he's often described as in the midst of a group of people. Humorous people are often found in the middle of the action at parties, so it's not a leap to say Jesus had a sense of humor. Now let's see if I do. Here's my annual mid-summer humor column.

An Irish farmer by the name of Muldoon lived by himself outside a small town in the Emerald Isle. His only companion was a faithful dog, who had been the man's best friend for a dozen years before passing away. He immediately went to his pastor, Fr. McCarthy, and asked if he could have a Mass said for the dog.

The priest said he was sorry, but he couldn't say a Mass for the dog.

"I understand, Father, I do," said Muldoon. "I guess I'll go down to that new church at the end of my road. Advise me Father Mac, do you think a donation of \$500 would be sufficient to offer for the service?"

"Don't be hasty," said the pastor, "you didn't tell me that your dog was Irish."

This type of humor varies quite a bit -- some soliciting a grin, some a chuckle, some a laugh and some (although rare) a guffaw. Now I think the word guffaw is a word that in and of itself should elicit a grin. It's just a funny sounding word, don't you think? Anyhow, here is another joke at which I'm aiming for a chuckle.

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.

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One man popped up in front of St. Peter and the Pearly Gates one day and Peter was puzzled after checking the man's record in the Book of Life, telling him: "I don't know if I should let you inside the gates. I can't find anything you did in your life that was really good, but I can't find anything really bad either. I tell you what, you're in if you can tell me one really good deed you did."

So the man proceeded to tell Peter of the time he stopped to help a hitchhiker who was being bullied by a group of thugs alongside a road. The man said "I ripped the chain off the leader's jacket, waved my tire iron at them, and told them to keep their hands off the hitchhiker."

"That was really good," Peter said, "but it's not in the Book of Life. When did this happen?"

"About two minutes ago," the man replied.

(Jokes are courtesy of "The Book of Catholic Jokes by Tom Sheridan)

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

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary will NOT have a get-together in July, allowing everyone time for a 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.

The Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the works of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope **Francis**. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the



margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www..obolodisanpietro.valen.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.

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: **www.childrensbusinessfair.org/dewitt-michigan.** Early Registration Deadline: Saturday, July 12, 2025. Late registration is \$30.

Have you liked us on FACEBOOK?



St. Joseph Church, St. Johns, MI

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Sanctuary Cleaners: Lori Pung and LuAnn Keilen



Due to early bulletin printing deadlines, the collection from the weekend of June 30, 2025 will appear in a later bulletin.



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.

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Vacation Bible School 2025

A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who donated items for Vacation Bible School!

Also, a Big Thanks to all the volunteers! We can't do it without you.

We are blessed!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences Coming Up!

Light up your marriage at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience!

Upcoming experiences are being held

- August 1-3, and October 3-5 at Augustine Center in Petoskey
- November 21-23 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit
- January 16-18 at St. William in Walled Lake
- January 30-February 1 at Country Inn and Suites in Grand Rapids.

Apply today at wwme.org or contact Amy and Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for information.



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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

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.

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.









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 oliverpls@gmail.com

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 Prayer Chalice: There are always opportunities to sign up for your household to host the traveling prayer chalice. Considering taking the chalice 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.

Did you know that a blue envelope donation goes to the Educational Trust Fund? The Educational Trust Fund supports education of our school students, religious education programs and RCIA. Please consider either donating 'to the Educational Trust Fund in the collection basket on Sunday or online at:

www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1479



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