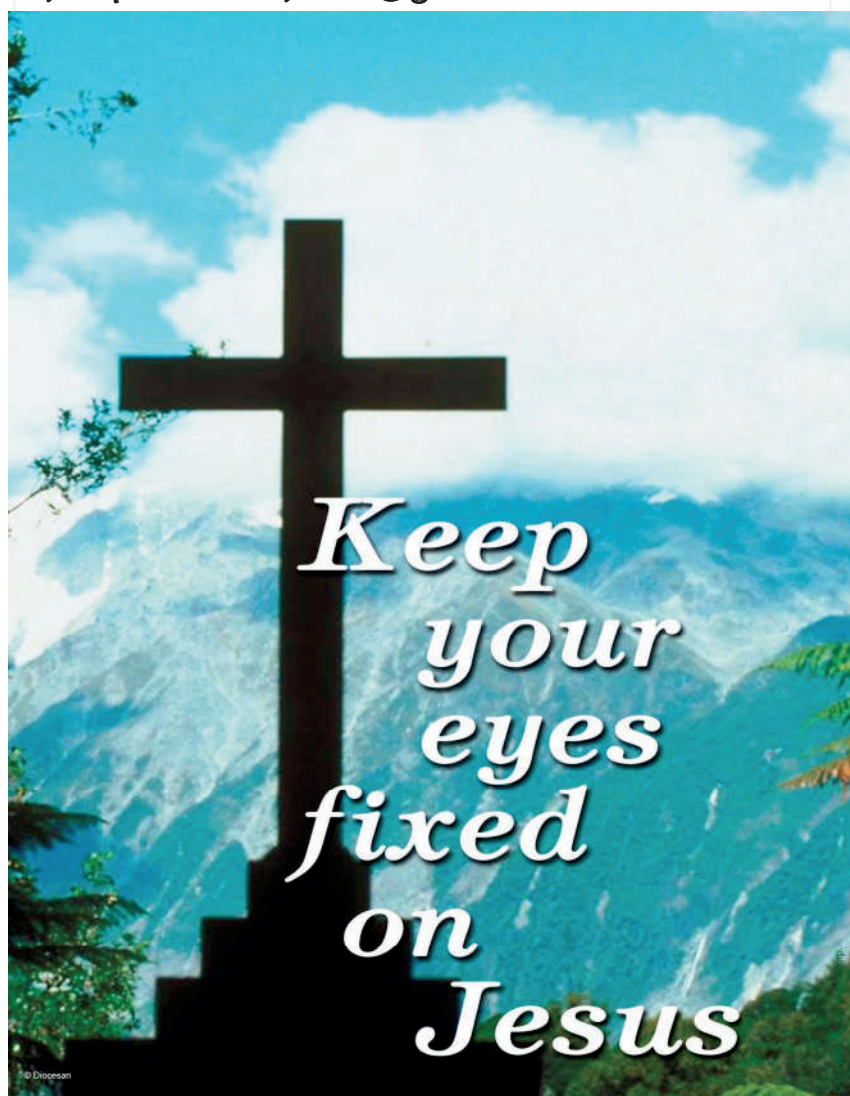


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Deacon Marv Robertson (retired)
Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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Parish Life

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Parish Secretary • Judi Thelen
Business Manager • Steve Thelen

Family Ministries

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St. Joseph School • Chris Wells
Religious Education • Jen Nelson
Confirmation • Jen Nelson
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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 • August 18

Judges 2:11-19/Matthew 19:16-22

No Mass

Tuesday • August 19

Judges 6:11-24a/Matthew 19:23-30

No Mass

Wednesday • August 20

Judges 9:6-15/Matthew 20:1-16

No Mass

Thursday • August 21

Judges 11:29-39a/Matthew 22:1-14

No Mass

Friday • August 22

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Matthew 22:34-40

No Mass

Saturday • August 23

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Matthew 23:1-12

5:00 p.m. Mass *The Canonization of Frederic Ozanam*
By: Society of St. Vincent dePaul

Sunday • August 24

Isaiah 66:18-21/Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13/Luke 13:22-30

8:00 a.m. Mass *†Doris M Orson*
By: Kathy Orson

10:00 a.m. Mass *†Frank and †Janet Glowacki*
By: Tim and Theresa Owen

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

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Please note:

There will be no
Tuesday evening Confessions
or Daily Mass this week,
August 18-22, 2025

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
August 17 - 23, 2025

Alan Simon



Eucharistic Adoration

"After the great and wonderful prayers have been completed, then the bread becomes the Body and the wine the Blood, of our Lord Jesus Christ."
~St. Athanasius (c.295-83 A.D.)

Are you interested in attending an hour of adoration of our Eucharistic Lord-present to us Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity - on a monthly basis or in being a sub?

Text or call Rebecca at (989) 292-2072

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

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Lisa Clarizio
Sherri Couch
Verena DeBoer

Mick Droste
Mary Enneking
Keith Enneking
Sonia Fedewa
Trisha Fisher
Friend
Brenda Higgins
David Higgins
Korine
Mary Ladd
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
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,

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***Please note: only immediate family members may add names to the bulletin.**



WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

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

Bringing the Heat

Baseball is a sport that is full of clichés and catch-phrases. Many of us have probably heard unique phrases at Little League games like “steppin’ in the bucket” to describe a batter who tends to step away from a pitch instead of toward it. We may have also heard the term “can of corn” when there is an easily catchable fly ball to the outfield. The term actually comes from the early 1900s, when cans of corn were often stacked high on local market shelves. A store-keeper or stock boy would use a long stick or broom handle to knock a can of corn from the top shelf, making for an easy catch as it fell.

Another term, used in higher leagues still today, is “bringing the heat” to describe a pitcher’s fastball. “Bringing the heat” in major league baseball nowadays could mean a pitch in excess of 100 miles per hour. A catcher without enough padding in his glove can really feel the heat if he doesn’t catch it in the webbing of his mitt. But baseball is really not today’s focus – but heat is.

In today’s gospel from Luke, Jesus “brings the heat” in a pointed speech to his disciples: He says: “I have come to set the earth on fire and how I wish it were already blazing.” It was a blazing fastball to the psyche of the disciples. They must have been thinking “Is this the same Jesus whom we have often heard preach in a way to bring people together?” It most certainly was and is. He undoubtedly split families back then, as he does now, because that’s the way we are, people who have trouble agreeing. Most of us, know of people in our own families who were raised Catholic, but who do not now practice their faith.

Scholars say there is a two-fold purpose in terms of the fire he preaches about here. The first might reference the end of days, when the wheat is separated from the chaff, which is then tossed into the eternal fire. The fire in Luke’s account of Jesus’ might also refer to the tongues of fire that appeared over the apostles’ heads at Pentecost – the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Standing alone, these words of Jesus are startling, but upon reflection we can see that he is encouraging those who believe to keep the faith burning. Come on Holy Spirit: “bring the heat.”

NOTE: Don’t forget to attend the third program in our Summer Faith Formation Series entitled “Understanding the Inquisition” this Wednesday, August 20th at 6:00 in the church basement. For many people the word *Inquisition* conjures up images of cruel torture devices used by the Church. But there is much more to the Inquisition – for starters there were several Inquisitions in Medieval Europe and they did not all involve the Church. As in her previous presentations this summer on Pope Pius XII and the Crusades, Amanda Grigar will try to clear up some of the misinformation we may have come to believe about the Medieval Inquisition. Perhaps we will find that the Church was not quite the “bad guy” secular historians have made us out to be.

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

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.

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MORE INFORMATION
COMING SOON

K-12 Grade Religious Education Program

Start Dates:

- ♦ **Wednesday, September 10:** K-8th Grade Family Mass at 6:00 p.m., class and parent meeting
- ♦ **Wednesday, September 17:** Youth Group Night (9-12th grades) 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. (lower level of the church) , K-9 Grade registration forms are available on the stjoeatholic.com website and near the church main entrance.

SAVE THE DATE!

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION MEETING

Sunday, September 21: 9th Grade Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor Meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the lower level of the church.

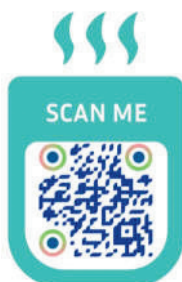
FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION SESSION

Thursday, September 25: Parent/Child session at 6:00 p.m. in the lower level of the church for all families with children seeking First Communion in the Spring of 2026

Contact Jen Nelson for more information at:
dre.stjoseph@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP NIGHT - September 17, 2025

All 9th-12 Grade youth are invited to attend a "Discipleship Groups in the Making" night on Wednesday, September 17th at 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the lower level of the church. Plan ahead for the next one on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.



Scan the QR code below to say you're coming.

Contact Jen Nelson for more information at:
dre.stjoseph@gmail.com



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@stjoeatholicsschool.org



Liturgical Minsters

August 23/24

Altar Servers:	5:00 p.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	8:00 a.m.	Volunteer
		Volunteer
	10:00 a.m.	Gracie H. Nolan C.
	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:	5:00 p.m.	Lisa W.
	8:00 a.m.	Bob P.
	10:00 a.m.	Tori S.
	12:00 p.m.	Dawn L.

Ushers:	5:00 p.m.	Group 5B
	8:00 a.m.	Group 8E
	10:00 a.m.	Group 10B
	12:00 p.m.	Group 12A

Collection Counters: August 18 Group 3

Sanctuary Cleaners: Laurie Hunt & Tammy Zuker

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of August 10, 2025

Adults (324) gifts Including online giving):\$20,071.77
Loose Cash:.....\$551.00
Total:\$20,622.77

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:\$240.00
Building Fund:\$161.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:\$50.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2025 is \$19,641.00.
If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.

Attention All Widows/Widowers

Please join
"Kindred Friends"
 at our next meeting on
Wednesday, August 20, 2025
 at 10:30 a.m. In the church basement

Senior Mass and Luncheon October 15, 2025

Interested in helping to plan and organize this October's Senior Mass and Luncheon? The coordinating group will meet once in August and once in September. New faces are always welcome!! Leave your name at the office along with the best way to contact you.

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.



Journeying Through Grief A simple, powerful way to care for people who are grieving

Journey through Grief is a 6-week, loving, caring, and supportive program for individuals who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We will be using a four-booklet series as a base for our small group sessions. Author Kenneth C. Haugk writes in a warm, caring style, with short, easy-to-read chapters. He walks alongside the reader through the grief journey, sharing helpful insights about grief, biblical truths, and stories that provide comfort and reassurance.

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801 N Bridge Street, DeWitt MI

Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

September 24th, October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th

\$10 optional donation

Co-Leaders: Trink Fetzner, Jim Kurt and Linda Kahler

Register by calling or emailing Trink Fetzner:

(989) 620-4464 or Fetznerjohn@aol.com

Catholic Community of St. Jude: Compassion Ministry

SEPTEMBER 4

6:30 PM

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Surviving Divorce

September 8 - December 8, 2025

7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

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St. Mary's Parish in Westphalia is pleased to announce that we will once again be offering Surviving Divorce sessions, to bring hope and healing to anyone who has experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Surviving Divorce is designed to help you work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce from others who share your experiences. The program will help you navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances.

This program is for the newly separated and divorced, and those still struggling with issue many years later. It's aimed to help you discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you, find answers, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. Surviving Divorce will be held every Monday starting September 8 to December 8, 2025 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Library at St. Mary, Westphalia (No meeting on November 24th - for Thanksgiving). The program fee is \$20 to cover the cost of the Personal Guide.

To register, please go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YQ5Q1UBB-Y5AQR4Qs1_x5XzISy3Ynxi9Q6qD7v5zmaU/edit or contact St. Mary Parish at 989-587-4211 by September 8, 2025.

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Catholic Foundation August-National "Make-A-Will" Month

August is National Make-A-Will Month, a timely reminder to create or update your will and ensure your loved ones and faith-filled priorities are taken care of. As faithful stewards, preparing a will is one of the most important ways we can leave a legacy of love and faith. The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Lansing offers a free and secure online will-writing tool to help you get started. Visit www.catholicfoundationlegacy.org to begin your plan today in as little as 20 minutes.

To learn more about leaving a gift to your parish, school, or favorite Catholic ministry, please contact Lisa Brown at the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Lansing at (517) 253-8738 or lbrown@catholicfoundationoflansing.org.

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

Don't Forget to Let Us Know Your 2025/26 Meeting and Fundraising Schedules!!

If you are part of a parish, school, Athletic Program or outside organization that meets at the Church or School building -

All meetings, sports practices, and events must be scheduled through the parish office.

**Don't assume we know about your meetings.
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All organizations planning on fundraising after Masses must also confirm dates with the parish office.



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Traveling this summer?

MassTimes.org 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.



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.

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