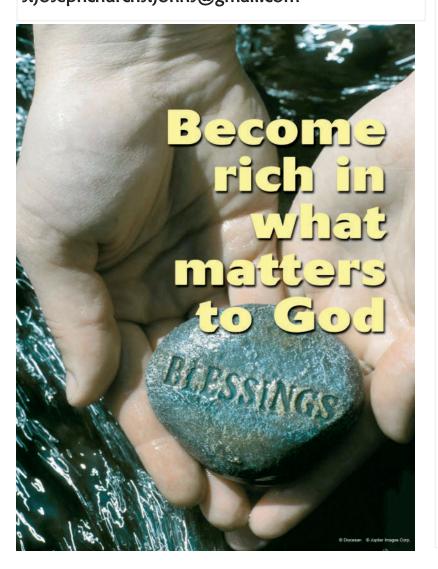
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Deacon Marv Robertson (retired)
Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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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
Maintenance • Randy Wills

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 ● August 4

Numbers 11:4b-15/Matthew 14:13-21

No Mass

Tuesday ● August 5

Numbers 12:1-13/Matthew 14:22-36

7:00 p.m. Mass

†Jeff Williams

By: Family

Wednesday ● August 6

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Peter 1:16-19/Luke 9:28b-36

12:05 p.m. Mass

†Jeff Wadell

By: Yvonne Makara

Thursday ● August 7

Numbers 20:1-13/Matthew 16:13-23

8:30 a.m. Mass

For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday • August 8

Deuteronomy 4:32-40/Matthew 16:24-28

8:30 a.m. Mass

†Mark and †Cheryl Williams

By: Family

Saturday • August 9

Deuteronomy 6:4-13/Matthew 17:14-20

5:00 p.m. Mass *†Alexandra Parker*

By: Mom and Dad

Sunday ● August 10

Wisdom 18:6-9/Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12/

Luke 12:32-48

8:00 a.m. Mass †Alan Simon

By: Mom and Dad

10:00 a.m. Mass †Vernetta Price

By: Jim Price

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

9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

(closed from noon - 1:00 p.m.)

CLOSED (until Labor Day)



Friday

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~St. Pope John Paul II



Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist! Would you like to spend some regular time with Our Lord, Who has humbled Himself so that He can be close to us? Call/text Rebecca about making a monthly Holy Hour or being a regular sub.

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KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

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Chris
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Lisa Clarizio
Sherri Couch
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Mick Droste Mary Enneking Keith Enneking 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, 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)

A Saintly Week

The Church celebrates its saints during the month of November, beginning with All Saints Day on the first of the month and All Souls Day on the second. But depending on how the calendar falls in a given year, there are several weeks that pop up each year that are loaded with feast days of those whom I'll call "interesting saints." This week is one of those weeks.

In a bit of irony, Monday is the feast of St. John Vianney, who is the patron saint of parish priests. The irony is that Monday is an off day for most parish priests.

What makes St. John an interesting saint, is that he was not considered a bright student, especially when it came to Latin. But he felt a strong calling to the priesthood and was thus privately tutored and passed seminary exams prior to being ordained. St. John was a compassionate priest and was revered as a confessor. The Lord worked many miracles through St. John and this, plus his compassionate counseling

in the confessional, brought large numbers to the small village of Ars. He spent as much as 16 hours in the confessional in his later years. A penitent would be hard pressed to confess a sin to Fr. John he hadn't already heard from another.

On Friday we have the great Saint Dominic, founder of the religious order the Dominicans. They were traveling preachers in the early 13th century whose main charge were to combat heresies, primarily the Albigensian heresy which espoused dualism -- with all matter being considered evil. Today Dominicans are considered a teaching order of religious. St. Dominic is often been seen as the one who invented the Rosary. Scholars today disagree about the Rosary's inventor, although the Dominicans are known to have spread the prayerful use of the

On Saturday, it's St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, a convert from Judaism, who though converted to Catholicism by then, was gassed as a person of Jewish heritage at Auschwitz during World War Two.

Next Sunday, is a feast that is near and dear to deacons -- that of St. Lawrence of Rome, considered to be that city's most famous postapostolic martyr. Lawrence's life account is a bit lacking in details, yet we do know that he was a deacon to Pope Sixtus II in the mid-third century. We know he had a great affection for the poor and tradition holds that, just prior to his death, he was ordered to surrender the church's riches, he assembled the poor and gave it to them. He did so because he considered the poor to be the Church's real treasure.

His most famous story is that he was roasted on a gridiron, but after awhile he asked to be turned over -- stating he was already done on that side. And thus he handed down to all deacons a sense of humor. (Right, Jerry?)

(NOTES: The winner of the "joke vote" is "I didn't even know your dog was Catholic." The consensus was that "your dog was Irish," was good, but not quite as funny.)

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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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.

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 stjoecatholic.com website and near the church main entrance.

SAVE THE DATE!

<u>CONFIRMATION PREPARATION MEETING</u> Sunday, September 21: **9th Grade Confirmation Can**didate 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.stioseph@gmail.com

Parents Seeking Sacraments for Children:

If you are seeking a sacrament for yourself or your child, please make sure you are first an active participating member of the parish. That means that you are formally registered and participating in the life of the parish, especially participating in community worship through weekly attendance at Weekend Masses. When you are here for Mass, it is important that you place your contribution envelope in the collection, even if it is empty. There is no way I can possibly know how often, or even if a person is attending Mass otherwise. Extra envelopes will be available in the back of church in case you forgot to bring yours with you. So, please use your envelopes by placing them in the collection each time you come to Mass. This will allow me to verify a person's Mass attendance quickly and easily when they present themselves (or their children) for Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Godparents and Confirmation sponsors, or Marriage. When it comes to this policy you should know, multiple envelopes put in at a weekend Mass will be considered participation for that one Mass. Additionally, envelopes dropped off or mailed into the parish will not be considered participation at Mass. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Blessings ~ Fr. Mike

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 9 and 10

5:00 p.m. Altar Servers: Volunteer Volunteer 8:00 a.m. Kavnin S. Volunteer 10:00 a.m. Volunteer Volunteer 12:00 p.m. Volunteer Volunteer

Extraordinar,	y Ministers	of Ho	ly Commu	ınion:
	5:00	p.m.	Group	1
	8:00	a.m.	Group	1
	10:00	a.m.	Group	1
	12:00	p.m.	Group	1
Lectors:	5:00	p.m.	Chad G	i .
	8:00	a.m.	Lu Ann	C.
	10:00	a.m.	Karen [Э.
	12:00	p.m.	Mary B	eth E.
Ushers:	5:00	p.m.	Group	5C
	8:00	a.m.	Group	8C
	10:00	a.m.	Group	10D
	12:00	p.m.	Group	12A

Collection Counters: August 11 Group 2

Sanctuary Cleaners: Ramona Smith & Leona Thayer

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For the weekend of July 27, 2025

Adults (302) gifts including online giving):	\$14,396.45
Loose Cash:	\$863.25
Total:	\$15,259.70
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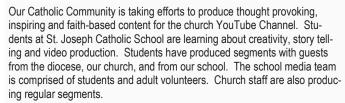
Mission to the Diocese of Kumbakonam Collection: \$8,881.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2025 is \$17,663.05. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.



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Please contact the church office to learn about volunteer opportunities to benefit our Catholic youth. **Call (989) 224-8994.**













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.

Husbands, brothers, dads, sons and grandsons All are invited to join us for the Average Joe's Men's Group

We meet each Saturday morning in the church basement at 9:00 a.m. to discuss issues affecting men in society today.

Gatherings include speakers and videos to provide a variety of perspectives on how men think about and then act on

challenges in everyday life.

The informal meetings also provide an opportunity for men of the parish to learn from each other.

All faiths are welcome!



What is the Prayer Tree?



The Prayer Tree is an organized group of individuals who pray for our parish family. Prayer requests are confidential and are not shared with anyone outside of the prayer tree members. Parishioners can add their prayer requests for themselves, family members, or friends by contacting the Parish Office at 989-224-8994. The prayer request will be passed on to the prayer tree participants within one business day.

The prayer list published in the bulletin is not the same as the Prayer Tree.

To add an immediate family member to the bulletin prayer list call the office 989-224-8994.

Do you have 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.

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.







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

Career Opportunity

Office of Human Resources

The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Lansing is accepting applications for a Development Officer. The position reports to the President of the Catholic Foundation and has direct supervision over the data management and donor services staff. This is a full-time, exempt position.

Red Cross/ Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Monday, August 4, 2025 10:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. St. Johns KC Hall 1108 N US 27, SJ

Redcrossblood.org/ 1-800-733-2767 Sponsor Code: StJohnsKofC





Clinton County Right to Life is looking for walkers, adults and children, to be part of their entry in the **Mint Festival Parade on Saturday, August 9**. To join us, just come to the parade line up behind Oakview School by 9:30 a.m. and locate number 33. Your participation in support for Life will be greatly appreciated.

For questions call Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088.



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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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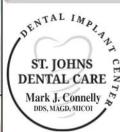


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