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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 • Steve Thelen

#### **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 

◆ September 22

Ezra 1:1-6/Luke 8:16-18

No Mass

**Tuesday ● September 23** 

Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Luke 8:19-21

7:00 p.m. Mass †Jeff Wadell

By: Charlie and Lisa Wieber

Wednesday • September 24

Ezra 9:5-9/Luke 9:1-6

12:05 p.m. Mass †Jeanette Schomisch

By: Her husband

Thursday • September 25

Haggai 1:1-8/Luke 9:7-9

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

†Leon Nurenberg

By: Family

Friday • September 26

Haggai 2:1-9/Luke 9:18-22

8:30 a.m. Mass †Janet Smith

By: Her Husband, Dick

Saturday ● September 27

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a/Luke 9:43b-45

5:00 p.m. Mass Sick and Troubled who seek help and care

thru Blessed Frederic Ozanams intercession

By: The Society of St Vincent dePaul

Sunday ● September 28

Amos 6:1a, 4-7/1 Timothy 6:11-16/Luke 16:19-31

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Mass †Clair and †Margaret Thelen

By: Family.

12:00 p.m. Mass In Thanksgiving

By: Terry and Lori Pung

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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





Friday

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from September 21-27, 2025 in memory of

Seanette Schomisch

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

"I urge you with all the strength of my soul to approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible. Feed on the Bread of the Angels from which you will draw the strength to fight inner struggles, the struggles against passions and against all adversities, because Jesus Christ has promised to those who feed themselves with the most Holy Eucharist, eternal life and the necessary graces to obtain it

~St. Pier Giorgio Frassati



Pier Giorgio Frassati who was canonized this September 7th was only 24 when he died from polio in 1925. He was athletic, "riotously funny," and served the poor. He received daily communion from the age of 12 until the day before death with few exceptions. He spent frequent hours in Ado-

ration, often during nighttime hours, sometimes in his mountain clothes so he could leave early in the morning for an outing.

Information taken from frassatiusa.org.

#### 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
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)

#### Cracks in Our Windshields

As we go along in life, we realize how little control we have over what happens to us. A good example is a stone either falling out of the bed of a truck or perhaps kicked up by that vehicle's tire that bangs into our car's windshield. Such an incident happened to my wife and I as we were headed toward our grand-daughter's soccer game this past Saturday. The stone cracked the windshield in the lower right hand side and the crack immediately started to inch its way toward the middle of the windshield.

The incident got me to thinking about how we all react to cracks in our windshields. Do we curse left and right as if someone did this on purpose? Or do we remain calm and just accept it in the hopes that windshield replacement is part of our car insurance policy? The fact is that some of us accept the various cracks in our windshields as a part of life that create inconvenience and maybe a little cash, while others see

these occurrences as part of a plot to "get us."

There are many variables that go along with a crack in the windshield, of course. If the stone is fairly big and hits the windshield directly in front of the driver and spiders out quickly, it's a bigger problem than if it hits the lower part of the windshield on the passenger side. Financially, it's a bigger problem if one's car insurance does not cover windshield replacement than if one only has to pay a hundred dollar deductible.

Unfortunately, it's part of life and with God's help we get by. There are numerous people who are concerned that the world's windshield has a huge irreplaceable crack in its windshield. The shooting up of a church full of elementary students and the assassination of a political activist recently has many comparing it to the 1960's, when President John Kennedy was killed, as was his brother, a later presidential candidate. That same decade saw the assassination of civil rights activists Martin Luther King Junior and Malcolm X.

From a practical standpoint, there is not much we can do about the world

situation, whether it be war or other forms of violence. But we can always pray. Some political leaders ridiculed the thought of prayer after the Minneapolis church shootings, but we know the value of prayer. We had a very good turnout for our 40 hour adorations earlier this summer and we will have upcoming events such as healing services and an Advent prayer service of light. Now we will start a prayer campaign to bring the lost sheep within our parish back to church.

I can replace the windshield in my car and easily eliminate my crack-in-the-windshield problem. We all need God's help in improving the world situation, its crack too big for any one of us. With God, anything is possible, so let's get down on our knees with our hands folded and get to work.

#### 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/

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Saturday, October 4th
Unplanned
Free Movie and Popcorn
6:30 p.m.
at the Columbian Hall



Unplanned is the real-life story of Abby Johnson's conversion from Planned Parenthood clinic director to pro-life advocate. Any teens attending this film should have a trusted adult to discuss it's content with; the movie is not recommended for young children. Drinks and popcorn will be provided for free, RSVP to the parish office.

#### SAVE THE DATE!

#### Senior Luncheon and Mass

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at Noon Mark your calendars!

This event begins with Noon Mass celebrated at the Columbian Hall followed by lunch and a good time!
Invite your friends and pass along the date

If you would like to help with this event, please contact the parish office.



#### K-12 Grade

# Religious Education Program Calendar Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. -7:15 pm. lower level of the church

September 24: Class October 8: Class October 15: Class October 22: Class October 29: Class

#### 9th Grade Confirmation Class Calendar.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. lower level of the church

October 1st October 15th October 22nd

Dates will vary each month, please see the stjoecatholic.com website.

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

> "Drive for Your School" Event Saturday, October 18, 2025 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Parent School Council (PSC) is hosting a Drive for Your School Event Saturday, October 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will earn \$30 per drive (one per household) with a maximum earning opportunity of \$6,000.00!

ANYONE from the community can sign up or show up to the event to test drive a car!

#### St. Joseph School **LUNCH MENU**

Menu is subject to change, based on food availability from suppliers.

This institution is an equal

#### FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22-26, 2025

Monday: French toast with syrup, sausage,

hash brown, and milk.

Sweet and Sour chicken over rice. Tuesday:

peas, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Lasagna with breadstick, green

beans, fruit, and milk.

Hotdog on a bun, French fries, Thursday:

fruit, and milk.

Friday: Cheese pizza, cucumbers, fruit, and

milk.

Milk choice includes chocolate fat free milk or white 1% Low fat milk

Milk \$0.50 Lunches are \$3.25

#### Liturgical Minsters September 27/28

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Volunteer

Volunteer

Volunteer 8:00 a.m.

Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Volunteer

Volunteer

12:00 p.m. Volunteer

Volunteer

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:00 p.m. Group 2 8:00 a.m. Group 2 10:00 a.m. Group 2 12:00 p.m. Group 2

Chad G. Lectors: 5:00 p.m.

> Rich H. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Rose R.

12:00 p.m. Linda S.

> 5:00 p.m. Group 5A 8:00 a.m. Group 8E 10:00 a.m. Group 10C 12:00 p.m. Group 12A

Collection Counters: September 22 Group 4

Sanctuary Cleaners: Jane Randolph & Veronica Rozen

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

#### For the weekend of September 14, 2025

Adults (280) gifts Including online giving): .....\$42,762.28 Loose Cash: .....\$814.96 Total: ......\$43.577.24

#### **Other Gifts Received**

Ushers:

Education Trust Fund: ......\$135.00 .....\$136.00 Tuition Scholarship Fund: .....\$52.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2025 is \$21,766.75. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.

#### Piety for the Dead in Catholic Tradition Thursday, October 23, 2025 6:30 p.m. in the Church Basement

For Catholics, the Church is not only those of us who happen to be alive and walking around--it also includes the generations who have gone before us! From time immemorial, piety for the dead has been an integral aspect of Catholic spirituality, a means whereby we connect with our past and aid the departed souls with our prayers.

In this talk, Catholic history author **Phillip Campbell** will do a deep dive into the history, customs, and spirituality behind the Church's piety for the dead and leave you with a greater appreciation for the Church's tradition.



#### Unlock the Potential Within Lansing Catholic High School

Lansing Catholic High School invites parents and students to attend our October <u>Prospective Family Night & Tailgate</u> on Friday, October 10th. The event is from 5 - 7 pm. After attending, join us for a food truck tailgate at Cougar Stadium, you will receive free admission to the LCHS football game and a voucher for popcorn. Discover what Lansing Catholic High School has to offer by enjoying a tour with a student ambassador of the campus. Students and parents will also have the opportunity to ask questions during a Q/A panel. Save time at the door and pre register at <u>lansingcatholic.org/visit</u>.

Registration is not required, but is appreciated. Can't make it? Check out other dates or schedule your own visit with the admissions office at admissions@lansingcatholic.org.

#### Aquinas College Open Houses Saturday, October 4 Saturday, November 1

Aquinas College welcomes all high school students and their families to our Fall Open Houses on Saturday, October 4 and Saturday, November 1!

Explore academic programs, connect with our supportive faculty, staff and students, chat with admissions and financial aid experts, and tour our scenic campus.

Details and registration information can be found at <u>aquinas.edu/openhouse.</u>

# St Monica Ladies Auxiliary Presents the 2nd Annual Fundraiser



Saturday, October 11, 2025
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
(doors open at 6:00 p.m.)
at the
VFW Hall
2497 Old US 27, St. Johns
Tickets (ages 14 and up) are \$15.00
from any Auxiliary member
Or call Dawn at
(517) 282-7648





# ADULT FORMATION SURVEY RESULTS

**Total Surveys Submitted:** 

364





**Survey Respondents by Age** 

18-28	5%
29-44	21%
45-60	24%
61-79	40%

80+.....9%

Would like to receive communications beyond the bulletin & announcements.

Please enroll in our new email and text communications.

You have a wide variety of interests!



#### Topping the list are:

- -Prayer and Spirituality
- -Catholic History and Practices
- -Mass, Liturgy, and the Sacraments

The Adult Formation Team
thanks everyone for
participating in the survey. Your
many valuable insights help us
to better serve all parishioners!



This is only a snapshot of the results. Please join us downstairs TODAY to learn more.

#### Help Spread the Faith Appeal Annual Evangelization Appeal

This annual appeal raises money to help spread the love of Jesus Christ and his Holy Church through our various Diocese of Lansing media channels:

#### This includes:

- Televised Outreach Mass The Sunday Mass taped at Saint Thomas Aquinas in East Lansing each week and broadcast via local television stations for the benefit of shut-ins.
- ◆ Faith Magazine A monthly magazine sent to you and every Catholic 65,000 homes
- FAITHmag.com Catholic content to help you grow as a disciple and evangelize.
- Social Media Nearly every day our diocesan communications department shares information and inspiration via Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, direct e-mail and Twitter.

By supporting the Help Spread the FAITH Appeal, you will answer Christ's call to share the Gospel message by using the powerful tools of today's media.

### 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.



#### St. Joseph Church Adult Choir

Do you enjoy singing? Do you enjoy hearing beautiful choral music? Do you love to sing praises to our God? If you do, we would love to have you join us.

Church choir rehearses every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the church choir loft.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Richards at <a href="mailto:musicdirector.stjosephchurch@gmail.com">musicdirector.stjosephchurch@gmail.com</a>



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#### The Baby Shower Ministry:

October is the month of Mary. In honor of our Holy Mother, beginning October 4th and throughout the month of October, we will be filling a "Pack 'n Play" for babies and their moms to be donated to the **Shared Pregnancy** in Lansing. The Shared Pregnancy will accept all baby item donations but especially needs the following:

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