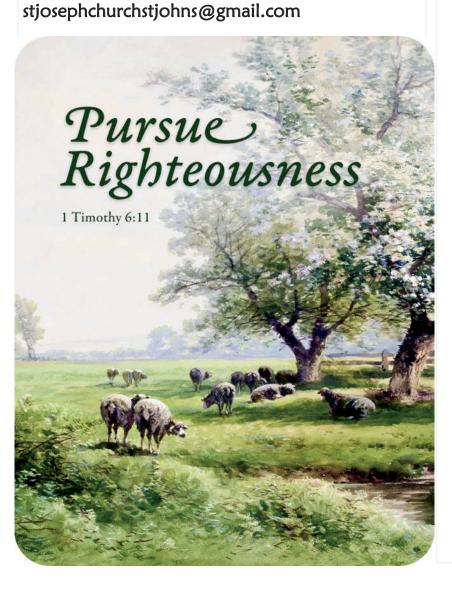
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Fr. Michael Williams
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Parish Life

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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.

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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 • September 29

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14/John 1:47-51

No Mass

Tuesday ● September 30

Zechariah 8:20-23, Luke 9:51-56

No Mass (Priest Convocation)

Wednesday • October 1

Nehemiah 2:1-8/Luke 9:57-62

No Mass (Priest Convocation)

Thursday • October 2

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Matthew 18:1-5,10

No Mass (Priest Convocation)

Friday • October 3

Baruch 1:15-22 /Luke 10:13-16

8:30 a.m. Mass Deceased and living members of the Oscar Simon Family

By: Roy & Jo Ann Simon

Saturday • October 4

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29/ Luke 10:17-24

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

5:00 p.m. Mass *†Hope Hoskins*

By: Dad

Sunday • October 5

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14/Luke 17:5-10

8:00 a.m. Mass †Hilary and †Marcia Schmitz

By: Jerry Hufnagel Family

10:00 a.m. Mass †James, †Agatha and †Dale Feldpausch

By: Family.

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

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from September 29-October 4, 2025 in memory of

Hope Hoskins

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.



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, October 3rd until Benediction and Mass at 8:30 a.m. on First Saturday, October 4th.



We are need of subs at the following times: <u>Friday, October 3rd</u>: 11:00 .m. (2 needed) 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 4th: 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.

Please text or call Rebecca at 989-292-2072 or sign up in the gathering space if you plan to attend one of these times.

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)

Psst, Pass It On

"Just as it is greater to illuminate something than merely to shine, so it is greater to pass on to others what we have contemplated than just to contemplate." – St. Thomas Aquinas

Aquinas, recognized as one of the greatest, if not "the" greatest, minds in Catholic thought, is telling us that we have an obligation to share our contemplative thoughts in the hopes of stimulating greater thoughts or discussion. That's part of what I like about the Average Joes men's group here at St. Joes. Someone in the group reads something of great interest and contemplates its relevance to his own life and shares his conclusion.

Then he tosses it out for others to ponder and, in Aquinas' words "illuminates it," which leads to discussion and greater understanding. I haven't noticed any budding Aquinases in the group (although we do have a couple Thomases") but we do regularly share what we've been thinking.

I believe that it's important for those of us who have had great life experiences and who have spent time contemplating great questions such as "What does God want me to do with my life?" to share our conclusions. The same applies (to a lesser degree) smaller questions as "Should I go with the white, eggshell or offwhite paint for the upstairs bathroom?" In the most recent (October) issue of "Faith" magazine, writer Pete Burak points out that his Grandma was great at sharing: "Until her death a few years ago, Grandma always included ice cream treats, games at her table...and stories about recent adventures, past experiences and commentaries on life."

Burak, vice-president of faith-based Renewal Ministries, describes in his article the value of older generations sharing their contemplative thoughts and experiences with younger generations and that often takes place while playing a simple game of cards. There are many grumblings about current American culture and, as Burak points out, that a culture can be best understood by what "they celebrate and what they tolerate. What does a group of people value and not value?" he says.

Strong families and societies "understand, celebrate and pass on beginnings" and likewise show respect and honor things when they end. Part of the futility many of us feel about American culture is that it tolerates disruptions to the beginning and endings of life. Our culture does not celebrate as a whole, our elderly, and now euthanasia is now in ten states. Our society also tolerates abortion - legal in more than 20 states. Before our culture will change, we need contemplation and a change of heart.

So let's take a longer look at the important issues in society. Let's contemplate what the future will be for future generations if we keep squeezing the most vulnerable out of our society. Let's share our Catholic contemplation with the world, so that we do not squeeze the Grandma Buraks out of this world. Let's illuminate and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our lost sheep.

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 by Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

Piety for the Dead in Catholic Tradition Thursday, October 23, 2025

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.



K-12 Grade

Religious Education Program Calendar

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. -7:15 pm. lower level of the church

Class October 8: 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

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Menu is subject to change, based on food availability from suppliers. St. Joseph School LUNCH MENU

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FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 3. 2025

Monday: Chicken tenders, cucumbers, fruit,

and milk.

Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese with warm

pretzel, green beans, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Broasted Chicken, rice, carrots, fruit,

and milk.

Hamburger with cheese, fried chips, Thursday:

fruit, and milk.

Cheese stuffed bread stick, fresh car Friday:

rots, 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 October 4/5

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Volunteer

Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Volunteer

Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Volunteer

Volunteer

12:00 p.m. Volunteer

Volunteer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:00 p.m. Group 3 8:00 a.m. Group 3 10:00 a.m. Group 3 Group 3 12:00 p.m.

Shelia B. Lectors: 5:00 p.m.

> Bob P. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Karen D.

12:00 p.m. Mary Beth E.

Ushers: 5:00 p.m. Group 5B

> Group 8A 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Group 10D 12:00 p.m. Group 12A

Collection Counters: September 29

Sanctuary Cleaners: Kate Mullen & Kari Schneider

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of September 21, 2025

Adults (256) gifts Including online giving):\$19,515.40 Loose Cash:.....\$660.55 Total:\$20,175,95

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:\$35.00\$275.00 Tuition Scholarship Fund:\$75.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2025 is \$21,619.77. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CALENDAR	PARISH (CALENDA	8	0	OCTOBER 2025	025
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 Masses: 8 & 10 a.m., Noon	6 No Mass	7	8 NO MASS	9 8:30 a.m. Mass	10 8:30 a.m. Mass	11
Knights of Columbus		9:30 a.m. Bible Study (L)	4:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Bible Study (L)	9:00 a.m. Bible Study (L)	Adoration (C) from after Mass until 6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. Average Joes (RR)
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6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish	7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting (KCH)	7:00 p.m. Mass	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (CL) 7:00 p.m. OCIA (RR)	7:00 p.m. OCIA (RR)	No School	7:00 p.m. "Free Shrugs Improv" (VFW)
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Baptisms	6:00 p.m. Fatima Rosary (C	9.30 a.m. bible study (L)		9:00 a.m. Bible Study (L)	wass and o.oo p.m.	PSC Fundraiser – Drive for
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6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish	6.30 p.m. st. Monica Ladies Auxiliary (KCH)	7:00 p.m. Mass –				4:00 p.m. Confession
	No School	Healing Service	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (CL)	No School-St Joe Only	No School - St Joe Only	5:00 p.m. Mass
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		6:30 p.m. Confessions	7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class	6:30 p.m. "Piety of the Dead"	Modeling Dobose	4:00 p.m. Confession
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Abbreviation Key: AFF - Adult Faith Formation (C) Church (RR) Reception Room (CL) Choir Loft (G) Gym (K) Kitchen KC - Knights of Columbus (KCH) K of C Hall (L) Library OCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RF/C) - Religious Formation/Class (SH) Social Hall/Cafeteria (Sch) School (RoR) Reception overflow Room (TL) Teacher's Lounge (VFW) Veterans Foreign Wars Hall (YG) Youth Group

Please Note: events on this calendar can change without notice, please see the bulletin for most up to date info

Adult Formation Survey Results Total Surveys Submitted: 364

33% Men 64% Women Survey Respondents by Age:

18-28	5%
29-44	21%
45-60	24%
61-79	40%
80+	

42% Would like to receive communications beyond the bulletin and announcements

You have a wide variety of interest! 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!

The presentation on the results of the Adult Faith Formation Survey from last weekend's even is available by scanning this AR Code.





Knights of Columbus **Donut Sunday!** October 5, 2025 in the church basement



The Knights of Columbus are mixing things up and will alternate between their Pancake Breakfast Sundays and Donut Sundays! Mark your calendars for their very first Donut Sunday after all Sunday Masses on October 5, 2025 in the church basement.

To get you into the Fall Season, there will be cider donuts and apple cider, coffee, and milk for you to enjoy. Donations accepted! Hope to see you there!



The next Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday, November 2, at the school's social hall.

Red Cross/ Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Monday, October 6, 2025

11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. St. Johns KC-Columbian Hall 1108 N US 27, SJ

Sign up to donate at Redcrossblood.org/ 1-800-733-2767

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 and will be sold after all Masses September 27/28 and October 4/5

"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!

Do you like to sing?

Our choir is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact our Music Director, Jeff Richards at musicdiretor.stjoseph@gmail.com







Michigan Catholic **Women's Conference**

Saturday, October 11, 2024 9:00 a.m. Cost: \$75.00

Registration link: https://mcwc.ticketspice.com/2025-mcwc

Join Catholic women from across Michigan for a full day of faith, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. The 2025 Michigan Catholic Women's Conference will feature inspiring Catholic speakers, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, uplifting music, shopping with over 50 venders, and more.

Come refreshed, encouraged, and inspired to Live the Promise as daughters of God, trusting fully in His love and providence.

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

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- Personal care items Thank you in advance for your support!









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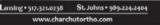
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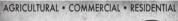


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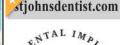
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