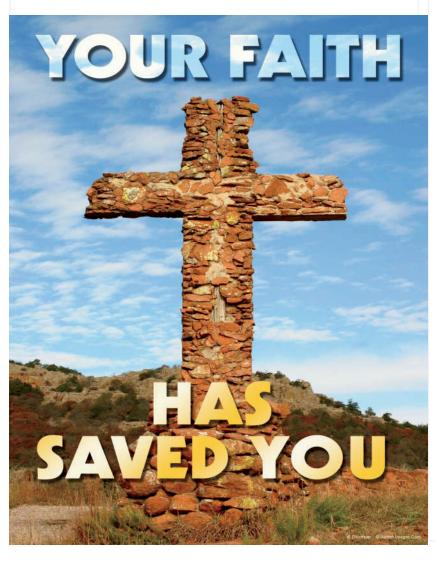
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Deacon Marv Robertson (retired)
Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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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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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 ● October 13

Romans 1:1-7/Luke 11:29-32

No Mass

Tuesday • October 14

Romans 1:16-25/Luke 11:37-41

7:00 p.m. Mass & Healing Service

†Susan Darnell

By: Discalced Carmelite Secular Order

Wednesday • October 15

Romans 2:1-11/Luke 11:42-46

12:05 p.m. Mass at the Columbia Hall

†Jim Rapport and †Oscar Simon and their deceased family members

By: Family

Thursday • October 16

Romans 3:21-30/Luke 11:47-54

8:30 a.m. Mass †Eunice Tiedt

By: Linda, Lisa and Brenda

Friday ● October 17

Romans 4:1-8/Luke 12:1-7

8:30 a.m. Mass †Neil and †Jean Harte

By: Gail Wadell

Saturday • October 18

2 Timothy 4:10-17b/Luke 10:1-9

5:00 p.m. Mass The Society of St Vincent DePaul

Sunday • October 19

Exodus 17:8-13/2 Timothy 3-14-4:2/Luke 18:1-8

8:00 a.m. Mass †Bob and †Germaine Nurenberg

By: Family

10:00 a.m. Mass The People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. Mass †Dean Henning

By: Knights of Columbus #3281

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish



Friday

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from October 12-18, 2025 in memory of

Bob and Germaine Nurenberg

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.)

INCLEMENT WEATHER

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

When St. Johns Public School closes for Inclement weather, so does St. Joseph Catholic Church parish office. If there is a weekday Mass scheduled that day, the Mass will still take place. Please consider all precautions if you still plan on attending the weekday Mass.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the parish office.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SENIOR APPRECIATION

MASS AND LUNCH

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 12:00 p.m.

Columbian (K of C) Hall, 1108 N US 127

We will start with Mass followed by lunch, pie and more!
All seniors of the parish and those who care for them are invited!
Plan to come and bring a friend!

No cost for attending

If you need a ride or help getting to the hall, please call the parish office 989-224-8994



KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Adam
Ari
Chris
Sawyer Ballinger
Lisa Clarizio
Jan Coffman
Sherri Couch

Verena DeBoer Mick Droste Mary Enneking Keith Enneking Trisha Fisher Friend Jack Hagerty 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)

Let's Work Those Beads

What's with those beads Catholics use while praying? is a question many people outside of the Catholic universe ask. St. John Henry Newman had this response when asked about the rosary:

"The great power of the rosary lies in this, that it makes the Creed into a prayer. Of course, the Creed is in some sense a prayer and a great homage to God; but the Rosary gives us the great truths of (Christ's) life and death to meditate upon and brings them nearer to our hearts."

October is the "Month of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary." We just celebrated this week the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (formerly Our Lady of Victory) to celebrate the defeat of the naval forces of the Ottoman Empire in 1571. A Catholic coalition of ships was able to turn back the Ottoman's ships and put a halt to the Ottoman rule of the Mediterranean.

The men on the Holy League ships prayed the rosary the night before the battle, while churches throughout the Papal States were reportedly filled as they all prayed the rosary for Mary's intercession. Pope Pius declared after the battle that it was Our Lady's intercession that brought them this victory --Hence the battle's moniker "The Miracle at Lepanto."

The rosary is a great prayer of intercession that should be prayed slowly to allow meditation on the various mysteries and truths of Christ's life, as St. John Henry indicates. The mysteries are chronological within themselves from the first Joyful Mystery of the Annunciation (Angel Gabriel's visit to the Virgin Mary announcing God's plans for her as the Mother of Jesus,) through the joys and sorrows of her life and concluding with her coronation as Queen of Heaven and Earth – the last of the Glorious Mysteries.

Catholic scholar Scott Hahn has an interesting take on the rosary, for those who think recitation of the numerous Hail Mary's is tedious. Hahn points out that praying the Rosary allows the faithful to say "Blessed are you among women" at least 50 times, fulfilling Mary's prophecy in her Magnificat that "all generations

will call me blessed."

Hahn adds that the Rosary is also a special form of prayer because "it engages the whole person." Those who pray the Rosary can use their speech to form the words and their hearing to listen to the prayer's meaning, and tracking the prayers on Rosary beads gives their sense of touch a chance to become involved. He reminds us that meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary also engages our hearts and the minds.

Pope Leo XIV has called for Catholics to pray the rosary for peace every day through the month of October. We are all aware that our world is full of war and violence, so, even though we are a third of the way through October, let's heed the pope's request because it's never too late to pray for peace.

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



St. Monica
Ladies Auxiliary
Monthly Gathering
Halloween Fun and



Fellowship

Monday, October 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. *Columbian Hall*

All ladies of the parish are cordially invited to this evening of friendship and faith. The theme for the evening is Halloween Fun and Fellowship. It will be an evening of treats with no tricks. Come to enjoy fall themed snacks and fun games. There will be plenty of time to share faith and conversation. New faces are always welcome to share in the evening.

SAVE THE DATE!

St Monica Ladies Auxiliary will host

Ladies Advent Celebration

Friday, December 5th

More details to follow

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.



K-12 Grade

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

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 15th October 22nd

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

Youth Group Night

All 9th - 12th grade youth are invited to YOUTH GROUP on Wednesday, October 15th at 7:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. in the lower level of the church. Plan for the next on Wednesday, November 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Please SCAN the QR Code to attend



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

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

St. Joseph School **LUNCH MENU**

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13-17, 2025

Monday: No School

Tuesday: Chicken Tenders, peas, apple crisp,

and milk.

Wednesday: Pig in a blanket, green beans, fruit,

and milk.

Thursday: No School Friday: No School

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

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

Liturgical Minsters October 18/19

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

Icnacio O. Lectors: 5:00 p.m.

> 8:00 a.m. Trevor H. 10:00 a.m. Tori S. 12:00 p.m. Dawn L.

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

8:00 a.m. Group 8C 10:00 a.m. Group 10B 12:00 p.m. Group 12A

Collection Counters: October 13 Group 3

Sanctuary Cleaners: Pat Snyder and Mary Harr

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of October 5, 2025

Adults (349) gifts Including online giving):\$33,284.97 Loose Cash:.....\$952.00 Total:\$34.236.97

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:\$248.00\$219.00 Tuition Scholarship Fund:\$80.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2025 is \$21,965.79. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.

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: Larger diapers (sizes 4 and up)

- Pull ups
- Baby wipes
- Paper products: facial tissue, toilet paper, and paper towels.
- Personal care items





Respect Life Month

October is Respect Life Month. This month is set aside for deeper prayer and reflections on the value of human life from conception to natural death. The theme for 2025 Respect Life month is *Life: Our Sign of Hope* to go along with the theme of hope for the jubilee year. There are several events that can help with our prayers for life. The 40 Days for Life is a prayerful and peaceful vigil which runs from September 24 to November 2, 2025. It is held outside abortion sites to pray for those who are faced with a choice in an unplanned pregnancy. Our vigil is outside Planned Parenthood in the Frandor Center.

To sign up for a prayer time go to 40daysforlife/lansing.com

There will be a pac 'n play in the gathering space to collect baby needs to support Shared Pregnancy. Share Pregnancy provides support and assistance to mothers who choose life. You will also see the white crosses outside church which gives a visual for the babies lost to abortion. This visual is a reminder to pray for these mothers who made this choice and to also remember those mothers who still feel they must make a choice--we pray that they choose life. I pray at the 40 Days for Life vigil site every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join me or go to the website to sign up for another time. Remember that prayers are desperately needed to end the scourge of abortion in our world.

Mary Beth 989-227-0088



Have you Heard?

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text messages.
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Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Monday, October 13, 2025 6:00 p.m.

The front steps of the church

To commemorate our Lady's visit to the children of Fatima, please join us as we pray one Rosary and focus on prayer to reunite our nation.

A HEALING MASS

hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Tuesday, October 14, 2025 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church

The Healing Mass is intended to bring solace to those who might be struggling with a medical condition, their faith, a troubled relationship, a personal loss, or any other personal issues. There will be an opportunity for a limited number of anointing's by Father Mike.

The Church's Rite of Anointing restricts the reception of this sacrament to those who, because they are elderly or because of illness, are in grave danger. They do not have to by dying, but their condition should be supposed serious.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is for the person to receive Spiritual Healing and, if it be God's will, physical healing as well.

You may want to enhance your healing process by participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the Mass Tuesday evening.



Attention All Widows/Widowers Please join

"Kindred Friends"

at our next meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

in the church basement

Long-Term Substitute Teaching Position: February - May, 2026

St. Joseph Catholic School in St. Johns, Michigan is accepting applications for a Kindergarten long term substitute teaching position. This position will last for twelve (12) weeks and begins in February, and finishes in May, 2026. Experience in teaching and/or substitute teaching in the classroom is preferred. The classroom also has a part-time aide Monday-Friday each school week.

Interested applicants please contact: Chris Wells, Principal, principal@stjoecatholicschool.org. or call the school office at 989- 224-2421.

In a Lansing Hospital and Need the Anointing of the Sick?

When you or your loved one is ill, receiving the Sacrament of the Sick is important. When in a Lansing area hospital, please let your attending nurse know you would like the Anointing of the Sick. They will contact the chaplain who will, in turn, contact a local priest who is "on call" to come and give you the sacrament. This is the quickest way for you or your loved one to receive the sacrament, if they didn't already receive it before going into the hospital.

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Upcoming Experiences:

November 21-23 January 30-Feb 1 March 6-8 April 10-12 St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center - Detroit Country Inn and Suites - Grand Rapids Center for Ministry - Saginaw St. Francis Retreat Center - DeWitt

Attention Catholic Homeschooling Families:

Please join other Catholic Homeschool Families for a
Lansing Area Catholic Homeschoolers Potluck Social
on Saturday, October 18, 2025
St. Therese Parish Gym
102 W. Randolph St., Lansing
following the 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Therese
Please bring a dish to pass
plates and plastic ware will be provided.
They will also have basketballs, board games, and smiling faces excited to visit with friends both old and new.

Please RSVP to Kristine Witkowski at

kristinewitkowski@gmail.com

Saint Carlo Actuis

Feast Day October 12th
Our lives will truly be beautiful
only if we discover how to love
God above all things and our
neighbor as ourselves.







Traveling Chalice for Vocations

If you love the Catholic faith and want to contribute in a meaningful way, please pray for vocations. The Knights of Columbus has provided a traveling chalice



that you can take home for a week of daily prayers. The chalice is located at the top of the ramp entrance near the sacristy door. Simply sign up for the week that you want, and the chalice as well as suggested prayers are yours for that week.



Caitlin Markey and Liya Barabanov

"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. in the school parking lot. 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





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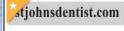
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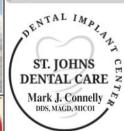




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