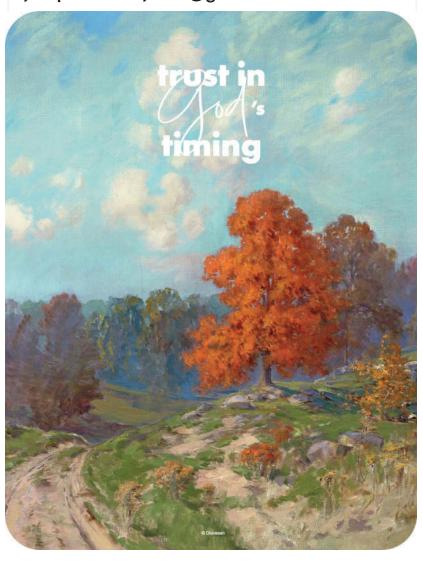
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Fr. Michael Williams Deacon Jerry Fust Deacon Eric Elstro

Worship

Music • Jeff Richards

Parish Life

Parish Council • Dick Weller Finance Council • Scott Dzurka Parish Secretary • Judi Thelen Business Manager • Steve Thelen Maintenance • Randy Wills School Custodian • Steve Dyer

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

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 ● October 20

Romans 4:20-25/Luke 12:13-21

No Mass

Tuesday ● October 21

Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Luke 12:35-38

7:00 p.m. Mass IHO Marie Leonard on her 100th Birthday

By: Anne, Joyce, Sharon and Val

Wednesday • October 22

Romans 6:12-18/Luke 12:39-48

12:05 p.m. Mass †Keith Harter

By: Chris and Brenda DeLiso

Thursday ● October 23

Romans 6:19-23/Luke 12:49-53

8:30 a.m. Mass St. Joseph Education Trust Fund

Friday • October 24

Romans 7:18-25a/Luke 12:54-59

8:30 a.m. Mass *†Dave Schroeder*

By: Susie Schroeder

Saturday ● October 25

Romans 8:1-11/Luke 13:1-9

1:00 p.m. Nuptial Markey/Barabanov

5:00 p.m. Mass †Donald and †Laura Jorae

By: John and Camilla Vitek

Sunday ● October 26

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18/Luke 18:9-14

8:00 a.m. Mass †William Lindsey

By: Michael Warnke

10:00 a.m. Mass †Susan Dunsmore, †Karen Prior, and

†Linda McCausey

By: The Path of Divine Hope Grief

Ministry

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

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from October 19-25, 2025 in memory of

Ron Schneider

Rest in Peace

Our prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of

George French and Brenda Higgins

Beginning November 4, 2025
ALL Tuesday Masses
will begin at 6:00 p.m.
Confessions will be at 5:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you--for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart...go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love.

~St. Therese of Lisieux (memorial October 1)



Are you interested in making a monthly Holy Hour on First Fridays/Saturday, or becoming a sub? Call or txt Rebecca at 989-292-2072

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Adam Ari Chris Sawyer Ballinger Jan Coffman Sherri Couch Verena DeBoer Mick Droste
Mary Enneking
Keith Enneking
Trisha Fisher
Friend
Jack Hagerty
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
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name from the
bulletin prayer list,
please call the parish

office: 989-224-8994

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*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)

He's Back for More

Who's back? You ask. Well in what's becoming a semi-annual "must-attend" event, our favorite Catholic historian Phillip Campbell is returning to St. Joe's this week (Thursday the 23rd) to speak and answer questions on a topic that is quite timely. Campbell, who's visited us several times in the past two years, will be presenting a deep look at how the Church has come to view the "Piety for the Dead in Catholic Tradition."

While the rest of the world is wrapped up in both the fun that comes with a "Casper the Friendly Ghost" attitude toward the spirit of Halloween or teenager-focused horror world of evil-spirits and slasher movies, Phillip will give us a more focused look at Halloween, All Saints Day and All Souls Day. In doing so, Phillip will incorporate three areas of our faith that a recent parish survey indicates are of most interest to parishioners — prayer and spirituality, history and

liturgy.

When we pray the Apostles Creed, we conclude by saying "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and life everlasting, Amen." What is the communion of saints? Who is the Catholic Church? The answer is that the Church is the Communion of Saints.

The Church is all of us walking around on this earth AND those souls in purgatory AND the saints in heaven. The three groups are referred to in Catholic circles as the Church Militant, the Church Suffering and the Church Triumphant. Those of us fighting the fight against evil are the Militant, those souls in Purgatory are the Suffering and the saints in heaven are the Triumphant. Our life goal as Catholics, therefore, is to move from the Militant to the Triumphant while hoping that our time in Suffering is minimal.

What Phillip Campbell will do is to fill in the gaps in understanding for us. In his own words he will "do a deep dive into the history, customs

and spirituality behind the church's piety for the dead and leave us with a greater appreciation for the Church's tradition." Phillip says that piety for the dead is an "integral aspect of Catholic spirituality" in which we can connect with the past and, through our prayers, aid departed souls.

Those who have heard Phillip speak are aware of his straightforwardness and sense of humor while engaging in deep Catholic topics such as his most recent talk on the Church's views on science and faith. Those who haven't will likely be pleased about how he succinctly answers questions of great depth and complexity. Don't miss this engaging Catholic historian in the Church basement this Thursday, the 23rd, that will prepare us for this important upcoming spiritual "triduum" period in the Church's liturgical

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

Piety for the Dead in Catholic Tradition

Thursday, October 23, 2025
6:00 p.m. Join us for a Traditional All Souls' Day Treat
6:30 p.m. Presentation
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.

Phillips Campbell is a history teacher and prolific author of historical works, most known for *The Feasts of Christendom*, an exhaustive resource on the major festivals of the Christian calendar. He has appeared on EWTN, Ave Maria Radio, the Catholic Faith Network, and numerous other programs and podcasts promoting historical literacy.

K-12 Grade

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

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

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

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



Caitlin Markey and Líya Barabanov

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.



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

St. Joseph School **LUNCH MENU**

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FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20-24, 2025

Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes

with gravy, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese with pretzel,

broccoli, fruit, and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup with blueberry

muffin, fruit, and milk.

Thursday: Hamburger with cheese, fried chips,

fruit, and milk.

Cheese pizza, cucumbers, fresh fruit, Friday:

and milk.

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

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

Liturgical Minsters October 25/26

Altar Servers: 5:00 p.m. Volunteer Volunteer

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

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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

Ann P. Lectors: 5:00 p.m.

> 8:00 a.m. Dean H. 10:00 a.m. Ted S. 12:00 p.m. Linda S.

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

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

Collection Counters: October 20 Group 4

Sanctuary Cleaners: Lori Pung and LuAnn Keilen

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For the weekend of October 12, 2025

Adults (302) gifts Including online giving):\$15.942.18 Loose Cash:.....\$753.00 Total:\$16.695.18

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:	\$157.00
Building Fund:	\$510.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$22.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2025 is \$21,607.75. 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

Thank you in advance for your support!

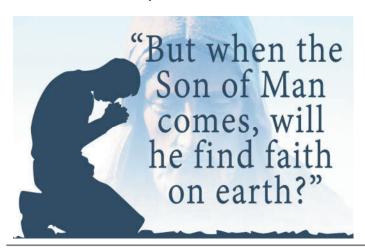


Respect Life Month

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







The wait is over!

After months of anticipation,

"The Chosen"

Season Five entitled "Holy Thursday" returns to the (not-so-big) screen in the church library Friday, October 31, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

This will run for the next four weeks and will be a great preparation for Advent!

So, please join us and enhance your understanding of the Gospel through this unique TV series.

The final four episodes will run throughout January, Beginning on Friday, January 9th.

Deacon Eric

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 parttime 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.



Veterans Shower

to benefit Michigan Veterans Homes

The gathering space will once again be the location to receive your donations for the Veterans who have served our country. November 1-16, 2025 A list of suggested donations will be coming soon.



Congratulations on the newly Baptized

Warren Neil Hufnagel

on October 12, 2025 He is the son of Nicholas A. Hufnagel and Natalie (Singer) Hufnagel

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Advent Celebration Friday, December 5, 2025 Guest Speaker Bianca Murray - Mother Theresa House

More details to follow



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.

Your St. Joseph Church Adult Choir is now rehearsing music for the Advent season. 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 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

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

Right to Life of Michigan Second Annual Michigan March for Life November 6, 2025

Right to Life of Michigan and the March for Life are holding the second annual Michigan March for Life on November 6, 2025. The march will begin with a pre-rally concert at 10:00 a.m., the rally (which includes several prolife speakers) will begin at 11:00 a.m. then the March for Life will start at Noon. The Rally will be held outside the State Capitol building in Lansing. Marchers will peacefully walk around the capitol to advocate for all human life from conception to natural death. The march will also stand for commonsense laws that support women, safeguard families, and defend the unborn in our state. Please join in this march to demonstrate our belief in the sanctity of life.



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