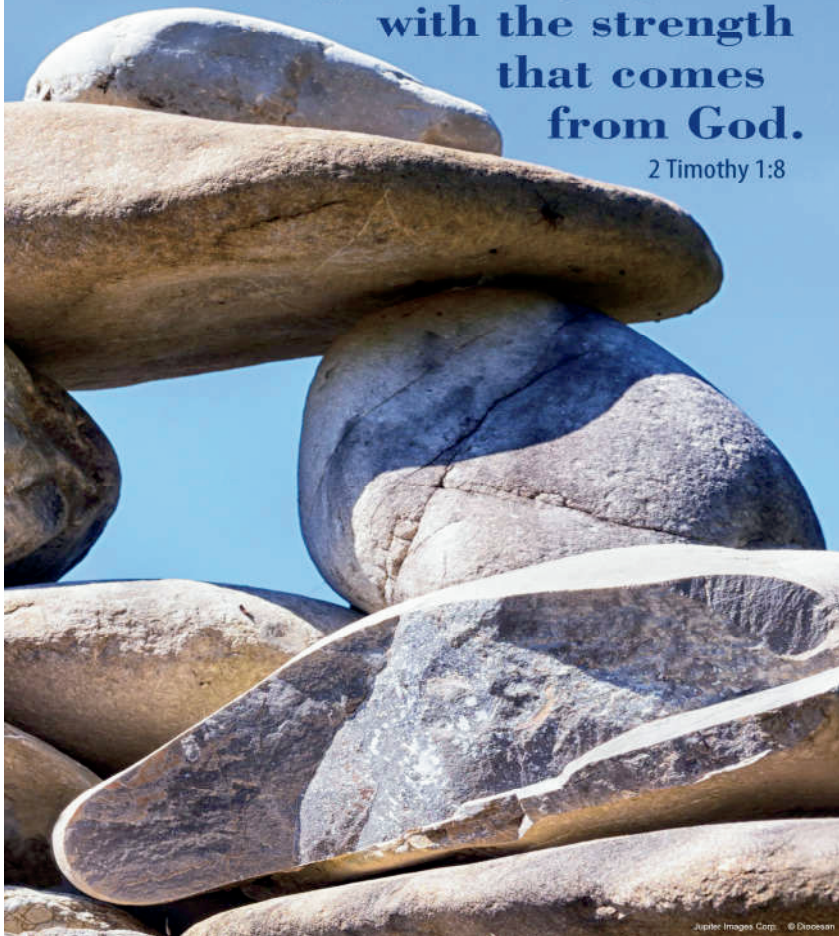


# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Bear your share  
of hardship for the gospel  
with the strength  
that comes  
from God.**  
2 Timothy 1:8



## **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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

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Parish Secretary • Judi Thelen  
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Confirmation • Jen Nelson  
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*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 • October 6**

*Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11/Luke 10:25-37*

**No Mass**

### **Tuesday • October 7**

*Jonah 3:1-10/Luke 10:38-42*

**7:00 p.m. Mass †Carol Burns**

*By: Diane Burns and Family*

### **Wednesday • October 8**

*Jonah 4:1-11/Luke 11:1-4*

**No Mass**

### **Thursday • October 9**

*Malachi 3:13-20b/Luke 11:5-13*

**8:30 a.m. Mass †Gerald Lott**

*By: Art and Mary Porubsky*

### **Friday • October 10**

*Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Luke 11:15-26*

**8:30 a.m. Mass †Keith Schafer**

*By: Sally Kramer*

### **Saturday • October 11**

*Joel 4:12-21/Luke 11:27-28*

**5:00 p.m. Mass †Bob and †Carol Frechen, †Ray Trevino**

*By: Mark and Diane Armbrustmacher*

### **Sunday • October 12**

*2 Kings 5:14-17/2 Timothy 2:8-13/Luke 17:11-19*

**8:00 a.m. Mass The People of the Parish**

**10:00 a.m. Mass †Kenneth L Price**

*By: Jim Price*

**12:00 p.m. Mass †Lloyd and †Reva Ernst**

*By: The Lawless Family*

**6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish**



The Sanctuary Lamp  
will burn from  
October 5-11, 2025  
in memory of  
*Justin Fox*

## 7th Annual Diocese of Lansing Eucharistic Rosary Congress Wednesday, October 8, 2025

On **Wednesday, October 8**, our parish will participate in the diocesan-wide Eucharistic Rosary Congress with **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from afternoon Mass until 7:00 p.m.**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed after Mass and the Rosary will be led at the top of each hour from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be Reposed at 7:00 p.m.



*Please join us!*

**There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space** if you would like to commit to prayer for a particular hour or please text or call Rebecca at 989-292-2072

### **What is the Eucharistic Rosary Congress?**

Parishes throughout our diocese and across the country are participating together in seven days of Eucharistic Adoration and hourly Rosary in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion, consecration and prayer. The Eucharistic Rosary Congress promotes the mission to renew our worship of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and to encounter His healing grace.

See [www.rosarycongressusa.org](http://www.rosarycongressusa.org) for detailed history and more information.



## 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  
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 [Stjosephchurchst-johns@gmail.com](mailto:Stjosephchurchst-johns@gmail.com)

**\*Please note: only immediate family members may add names to the bulletin.**



## WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

(AND WHATEVER ELSE IS ON  
DEACON ERIC'S MIND)

### Now More Than Ever

How long, O Lord? I cry for help  
but you do not listen!  
I cry out to you "Violence!"  
but you do not intervene.

These words in the first reading at Mass today were written about 25 hundred years ago, but they mirror the thoughts of possibly millions of people today as we process another violent act against innocent people targeted because of their faith. The words from the prophet Habakkuk show the frustration of a man of faith wondering where God is as the world seems to be crumbling when one act of evil follows another.

After hearing St. Paul's call last Sunday for faith, love, patience and gentleness many of us walked out of Mass and started to learn of the latest act of public evil only a hundred miles or so from us. A man, allegedly full of hate for Mormons, drove his truck into the Mormon church in

Grand Blanc started shooting at the church-goers and then set the building on fire. Five people were killed.

This follows closely on the heels of the assassination of a political activist (an avowed Christian) and the killing of two children in a Minnesota church who were attending a school Mass. Taken together we can understand the anguish of Habakkuk: "O Lord I cry for help...but you do not intervene." The prophet's words were written as he watched evil thrive within the house of kings of Judah, just before the Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem, including its sacred Temple.

We don't have to watch a great city like Jerusalem fall to know something is wrong with our moral compass in this world. "All it takes for evil to thrive is for good men to do nothing" is a saying attributed to the 18th century British statesman Edmund Burke. It remains true today.

As I mentioned a couple weeks ago, what we need is a change of heart when it comes to the basic human right of life. When

there are significant tragedies such as those mentioned, almost everyone is appalled and condemns the action. But as the crosses in our yard indicate, this is Respect Life month and though it's a call to a change of heart for those who support abortion, it's a reminder that the Catholic Church teaches protection for all life, from conception until natural death.

We can do that through prayer, and an opportunity for serious prayer is coming up this Wednesday when we will have Eucharistic Adoration from Noon until 7:00 pm. At the top of each hour, we will say a rosary for conversion as part of the nationwide Rosary Congress. And may we all pray for more respect for ALL life throughout our country. Let's not be counted among the men and women who do nothing as evil thrives.

*Deacon Eric*

[deaconeric@hotmail.com](mailto: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. 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



### 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.







**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 towers.
- Personal care items

Thank you in advance for your support!



### Respect Life Sunday

Today is Respect Life Sunday which begins 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 Frandor Center.

To sign up for a prayer time go to [40daysforlife/lansing.com](https://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.

Scan this QR code or visit:  
[eva.us/joe48879](https://eva.us/joe48879)



### 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 be 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.



### Michigan Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, October 11, 2025

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 vendors, and more.

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

## 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.



## Unlock the Potential Within

Lansing Catholic High School

Friday, October 10, 2025

Lansing Catholic High School invites parents and students to attend our October Prospective Family Night and Tailgate on Friday, October 10th. The event is from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. 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 [lansingcatholic.org/visit](https://lansingcatholic.org/visit). 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](mailto:admissions@lansingcatholic.org)



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! This weekend will be their **very first Donut Sunday** after all Sunday Masses 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/](https://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

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**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. 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 [musicdirector.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:musicdirector.stjoseph@gmail.com)





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 is available by scanning this AR Code.



## Retreat for Singles Late 50s and Above: *For widowed, divorced, and never married singles adults in late 50's and above*

**St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt MI**  
**October 31 - November 2, 2025**

Looking for a deeper relationship with God and a renewed sense of purpose for your journey through life's transitions? Connect with others and recharge your spiritual batteries on a RENEW retreat! The next weekend is October 31 - November 2 at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Cost is \$240 for meals and a single room. For more information, go to [www.RenewRetreats.org](http://www.RenewRetreats.org), or email [renewretreat.mi@gmail.com](mailto:renewretreat.mi@gmail.com), or call (517) 323-7012

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