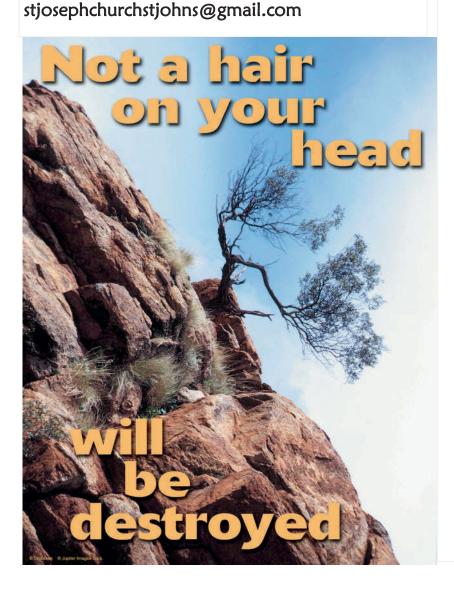
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#### ALL ARE WELCOME!

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 Jerry Fust Deacon Eric Elstro

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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 • 5:30 p.m. Saturday • 4:00 p.m.

### **Prayer Tree**

Parish Office: (989)-224-8994



### This Week's Liturgies

### Monday ● November 17

1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Luke 18:35-43 No Mass

### **Tuesday ● November 18**

2 Maccabees 6:18-31/Luke 19:1-10 6:00 p.m. Mass **†Tyler Coffey** 

### Wednesday • November 19

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31/Luke 19:11-28

12:05 p.m. Mass †Jeff Wadell

By: Knights of Columbus #3281

#### Thursday • November 20

1 Maccabees 2:15-29/Luke 19:41-44 8:30 a.m. Mass *†George French* 

By: Knights of Columbus #3281

#### Friday • November 21

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59/Luke 19:45-48

8:30 a.m. Mass †Cynthia Diekema

By: Brad and Andrea Rehmann Family

### Saturday ● November 22

1 Maccabees 6:1-13/Luke 20:27-40

5:00 p.m. Mass *†Fred and †John Orson* 

By: Kathy Orson

### Sunday ● November 23

2 Samuel 5:1-3/Colossians 1:12-20/Luke 23:35-43

8:00 a.m. Mass †Yvonne Asher

By: Jerry and Kay Deitrich

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

12:00 p.m. Mass †Judy Armbrustmacher

By: Mark and Diane Armbrustmacher

6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish †Karl Hufnagel

Bv: Family



**Friday** 

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn from November 16-22, 2025 in memory of Bill Fox

### **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.)

#### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

"To be near to God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord." Psalm 73 (72):28 (Communion Antiphon) "Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you says the Lord."

Mark 11:23-24 (Alternate Communion Antiphon)

The Communion Antiphon for this Sunday, as well as the alternative, are both reminders of the beautify and importance of time spent in adoration of our Eucharistic Lord. Eucharistic Adoration allows us to be near to Our Lord and adore Him, as well as, bring before Him our concerns and needs.

Interested in making a regular Holy Hour or have questions Text or call 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 Alissa McKeown Gabrielle Meece Teresa Miller Myah

Patrick Jenny Pytlowanyj Deacon Mary & Tita Robertson Patricia Roias Mary Schmitt Joan Schrauben Sherri

**Brad Walker** 

Millie Wassa

Anne Thelen Jennifer

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 Stiosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com

\*Please note: only immediate family members may add names to the bulle-



# WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

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

Help for Thanksgiving

The Clinton Community Thanksgiving Celebration and Dinner will again take place this year at St. Johns Lutheran Church, but as usual, we can use some help, both in the days prior to the event and Thanksgiving Day itself. My wife and I have been on the committee for the celebration and the event keeps getting bigger each year — we'll probably feed 400 or more people. Consequently, we need a great deal of help in preparing the food from Monday on.

We have a well-coordinated system that has been developed by our chef over the last six years, but we need to plug in bodies along the way to make food prep a simple process. We're asking people to sign up on our Sign-Up Genius which can be accessed through our website <a href="mailto:cthanksgiving.org">cthanksgiving.org</a>. All we ask of our volunteers is a two-hour shift on any day from Monday through Thursday, and you get to choose the task, the time and the day.

Assignments on Monday will be making squash and deboning turkeys. Tuesday shifts include making green bean casserole, making stuffing and deboning turkeys. Wednesday, you can choose from

deboning turkeys and washing dishes at the end of the day. All this prep on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will take place at the Columbian Hall. Thursday, we need people at the hall to boil and mash potatoes, to wash utensils, warm corn and be a food runner to the Lutheran Church, where there are several kitchen and serving duties to be filled.

We all know we have much for which to be thankful to God – in this community and in this nation. Even if we have had a difficult year, this is an opportunity for us to remember what we have been given by the Lord and give a little back to the community. And after we work (or before) we invite all to join in the dinner and celebration. We want everyone to feel welcome, for Moms to take a day off from cooking, for families to eat together, for kids to play in our kids corner and for football fans to finally see a Detroit Lions Thanksgiving Day victory (they don't come very often). This is for everybody.

At this point, I would ask everyone to look ahead and see if they may be able to serve on the committee that runs this event every year. The current committee is dissolving after this year's event.

As much as it pains us to think that way after we've built this efficient dinner and celebration up, growing, even after pushing through the COVID pandemic. Our chef has to step away to care for his wife who has been diagnosed with a debilitat-

ing disease. His wife, our treasurer, is also leaving. Our chairman is moving out of the area. Current members will help train, but without new volunteers to step up this could the end of this wonderful event

Time is a precious commodity, especially around the holidays. Let's start the Christmas season early by giving some time to our community, for as we hear in the great Prayer of St. Francis: "It is in giving that we receive and in dying that we are born to eternal life."

\*NOTE: If you know anyone who has difficulty reading the print of our church bulletin, or is homebound and doesn't regularly receive the bulletin, we record this column for our YouTube page each week. It can be accessed through the YouTube site listed at the end of this column or our parish website halfway down the homepage on the right-hand side.

### 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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St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary
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On

Friday, December 5, 2025 Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Program begins at 7:00 p.m. Guess Speaker

Guess Speaker

Bianca Murray

**Mother Teresa House** 

Theme for the Night:

Trusting in God's Plan-Successfully Living Out God's Plan as

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Tickets are \$10.00 and

can be purchased at the Parish Office

### YOU'RE INVITED!!

Clinton Community Thanksgiving Celebration and Dinner November 27, 2025 St. John's Lutheran Church 511 E Sturgis St., St. Johns 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dinner

RSVP 989-292-0972 or CCThanksgiving.org

There will be kids activities, fellowship, music, football and lots of food! Community Sponsored - No Cost to You

# K-12 Religious Education Program for November

November 19: K-9 Classes/ Confirmation

Class at 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

November 26: No Classes

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

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

### Is there something special you would like Father Mike to bless?

At the top of the ramp entrance, near the sacristy door, there is a table set up for you to place any items you'd like to have blessed. Father will bless them before Mass begins, and you can easily pick them up afterward.

### 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 School LUNCH MENU

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

### FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17-25, 2025

Monday: Corn dog, carrots, fruit, and milk.

Tuesday: Thanksgiving dinner- Turkey,

mashed potatoes with gravy, roll, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and milk.

Wednesday: Turkey noodle soup with blueberry

muffin, fruit, and milk

**Thursday:** Hamburger with cheese, fried chips,

fruit, and milk

**Friday:** Cheese stuffed breadstick,

cucumbers, fresh fruit, and milk.

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

Lunches are \$3.25 Milk \$0.50

# Liturgical Minsters November 22/23

*Altar Servers:* 5:00 p.m. Charleigh F.

Volunteer

8:00 a.m. Audrey D.

Cora D.

10:00 a.m. Morgan W.

Faye K.

12:00 p.m. Max S.

Volunteer

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:00 p.m.	Group 1
8:00 a.m.	Group 1
10:00 a.m.	Group 1
12:00 p.m.	Group 1

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

 8:00 a.m.
 Rich H.

 10:00 a.m.
 Renae S.

 12:00 p.m.
 Linda S.

12:00 p.m. Linda S. *Ushers:* 5:00 p.m. Group 50

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

Collection Counters: November 17 Group 4

Sanctuary Cleaners: Ramona Smith & Leona Thayer

### **STEWARDSHIP**

### For the weekend of November 9, 2025

Adults (328) gifts Including online giving	g):\$29,576.98
Loose Cash:	\$865.00
Total:	\$30,441.98

### **Other Gifts Received**

Education Trust Fund:	\$246.00
Building Fund:	\$358.00
Tuition Scholarship Fund:	\$80.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2025 is \$21,579.24. If we continue to keep this average, we will meet our budgeted goal.

### 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.

### Funeral Dishes

We sincerely appreciate your generosity in providing a dish for our funeral luncheons. If you've been wondering about the whereabouts of your casserole or storage dish, it is currently waiting for you on the shelf inside the front door of the Columbian (KC) Hall. We invite you to stop by at your earliest convenience to retrieve it. Please note that the shelf is overflowing with dishes, and we want to ensure you get back what belongs to you! The front door of the hall remains open 24/7 for your convenience. Thank you once again for your kindness during this time.



### Have you Heard? You can receive the St. Joseph Parish

You can receive the St. Joseph Parish bulletin and other communications
via email or
text messages.
Scan this QR code or visit eva.us/joe48879

### "The Chosen"

Season Five entitled "Holy Thursday"
has returned to the (not-so-big) screen
in the church library
On Friday
November 21, 2025,
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Please come 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



### **Veterans Shower**

to benefit Michigan Veterans Homes November 1-20, 2025

The gathering space will once again be the location to receive donations for the Veterans who have served our country.

Reminder: No Monetary Donations!!

If you are purchasing Forever Postage Stamps for this event, please leave them at the parish office.

Please thank a veteran this year by helping these heroes.

USHER MEETING
November 20, 2025
6:00 p.m. in the church
Attention All Ushers,
and those who are interested in
becoming an usher
please plan on attending this important
meeting to discuss
security and other usher procedures



### Calling families big and small!



We are seeking volunteers to light the wreath before Masses during Advent. Please scan this QR code to sign up.



### The Food Box

The Food Box donations help families in our community through the Beacon of Hope or Basic

Needs here in town. Donations can be placed in the wooden box in the back of church, at the top of the stairs by the office.

<u>A thought:</u> If each family brought just one item for the Food Box each Sunday, we could fill that wooden box every week.

Attention All Widows/Widowers
Please join
"Kindred Friends"

at our next meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.
In the church basement

# In a Lansing Hospital and need the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

Don't waste precious time. If your loved one is in a Lansing Hospital and needs the Anointing of the Sick, please let your attending nurse know. Our parish provides funding for a chaplain (lay person) who will calla local priest who is "on call." This is the quickest way for you or your loved one to receive the sacrament, rather than trying to contact Fr. Mike or another local priest.



### 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 on a table in the front of the annex. Simply sign up for the week that you want, and the chalice as well as suggested prayers are yours for that week.

### Husbands, brothers, dads, sons and grandsons...

All are invited to join us for the **Average Joe's Men's Group**We meet each Saturday morning in the church basement at 9:00 a.m. to discuss issues affecting men in society today.

Gatherings include speakers and videos to provide a variety of perspectives on how men think about and then act on challenges in everyday life.

The information meetings also provide an opportunity for men of the parish to learn from each other.

All Faiths are welcome!



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### If you were raised as a child in the parish:

- And are now over 18 years of age
- And you did not fill out a parish registration form
- You are NOT a registered parishioner!

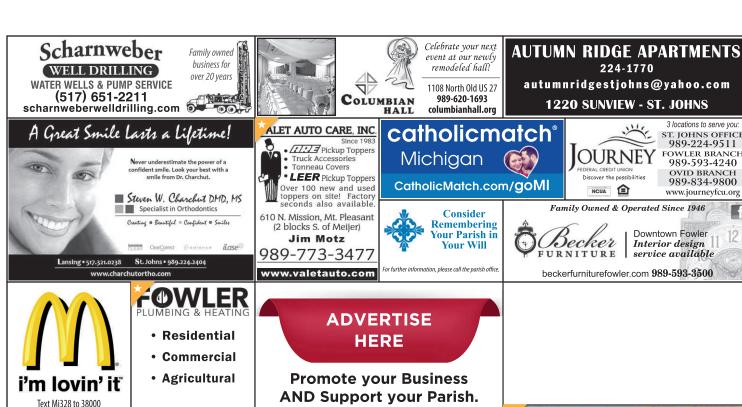
### Why is it important to be registered in the parish:

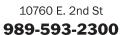
- We can reach you with important information about the parish and it's ministries
- We have a more accurate idea of the number of parishioners we have in the parish.
- It allows us to seek your input and feedback.
- It allows you to formally support the parish financially, since envelopes will be issued to you for your use.
- We can start a sacramental record for you.
- Finally, registering can also help you have a greater sense of belonging to and ownership of the parish.

### Please note:

The envelopes you receive when registering will now play an important role in the reception of the sacraments. (i.e. Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage) in the parish. *This also includes Confirmation* Sponsors and Godparent selection. We're asking all parishioners to get into the habit of using your envelopes in the weekly collection. Even if you give online or don't have anything to put in the envelope, please submit an envelope. It will help us know how many registered parishioners attend a given Mass and it will also come in handing for determining if a person, presenting themselves for a sacrament, is attending Mass regularly as is required.

You can obtain a registration form from our website at www.stjoecatholic.com under "forms" or stop in the parish office.





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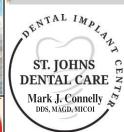
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