

O Jesus, You have loved me so much; enable
me to repay Your love.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 12 - Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00 pm † Mike Allen by Francisco Family
Sunday, February 13 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am Kim Gould by Neil & Nancy Haack
 10:00 am † Delores Fantin by Bogan Family
 12:00 pm † Fr. Edwin G. Palmer by Phil & Mary Pat Harter
 2:00 pm The People of Burma **Burmese**
 5:00 pm The People of St. Joseph & St. Jerome **Spanish**

Monday, February 14
 8:00 am † Peg Crane by Dee Wygant
Tuesday, February 15
 8:00 am Spiritual Renewal & Conversion of our Nation
 by Dee Wygant
Wednesday, February 16
 8:00 am † Paul Ankley
Thursday, February 17
 8:00 am † David Wygant by Family
 5:00 pm Holy Hour for Vocations
Friday, February 18
 8:00 am † Delores Wensaur by C. Schroerlucke
 8:30 am Adoration
 4:45 pm Benediction
Saturday, February 19
 8:00 am Intentions of Carolyn Stacik
 3:30 pm Holy Hour for Life
 3:30 pm Confessions

Saturday, February 19 - Vigil: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00 pm † Don Eldridge by Pete & Lois Werner
Sunday, February 20 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am † Robert Klein by Kelley & Janice Klein
 10:00 am † Ralph & Goldie Stephens by Eric & Jessica Clark
 12:00 pm † Robert Pattison by Nancy Brown
 2:00 pm The People of St. Joseph & St. Jerome **Burmese**
 5:00 pm William & Mary Oliver by Kincaid Family **Spanish**

Readings For:
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23, 1 Cor 15:45-49, Lk 6:27-38

Model of Artisans, Pray for Us



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

- Monday 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Church **Spanish**
- Wednesday 9:00 am - Saturday 9:00 am in St. Philip Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel at the Seton Center
- Thursday 5:00 to 6:00 pm Holy Hour for Vocations
- Friday 8:30 am - Benediction 4:45 pm in St. Joseph Church
- Saturday 3:30 - 5:00 pm Holy Hour for Life in St. Joseph Church

St. Joseph: To sign up for a Holy hour or to be on the sub list for Friday Adoration, please call Marlene: 962-8641 and leave your name and phone number.

St. Philip: Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel at the St. Philip Seton Center, Wednesday 9:00 am to Saturday 9:00 am, call Betty Dillard: 962-8255 to sign up.

Pastoral Care of the Sick
 If you know someone who would like Communion brought to them at home, please contact Linda Kellogg at 269-965-2074.

Connecting with Mercy
 "Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you.
 All things are passing. God never changes."
 -St. Teresa of Avila

First Friday Rosary March 4
 7:00 pm in the Parish Center Chapel.

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We are in need of additional singers to sing during Lent, Holy Week and Easter.
 The Sunday Choir rehearses Thursdays at 6:30 pm and sings at the 10 am Mass on Sundays. Participation can be seasonal or year-round.

If you are interested please fill out below and return in the collection basket or to the parish office by February 27.

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____ Best days/times to call: _____
 E-MAIL _____

Find the ministry schedule for February 19/20 at stjosephbc.org on the Liturgy and Music page.

From Fr. Christopher Ankley

Dear Friends,

Fr. Jean Delbee a French priest and author once wrote of the time he visited the Motherhouse of the Little Sisters of the Poor. This famous worldwide order was founded by St. Jeanne Jugan back in the early half of the 19th c. The order began when St. Jeanne brought an old blind woman into her home. The woman had no one to look after her. So Jeanne brought her in and gave her, her own bed. That was the beginning of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Little Sisters, who are all over the world now give great care and comfort to the aged, poor and infirm.

While there on his visit the mother superior led Fr. Delbee to the cemetery. And there in the center was a magnificent tomb with a beautiful cross of sculptured stone. Fr. Delbee mistakenly thought that it was the tomb of the St. Jeanne Jugan the foundress. “No,” the mother said, “that’s the tomb of our 2nd superior general.” Out of envy St. Jeanne was forced out of her leadership position. In an effort to suppress her true role as foundress she was assigned to do the most menial of tasks, cooking, cleaning and begging on the streets for food and supplies for the order. It was a common site to see her going door to door with her basket asking for donations for her poor. She did this for 27 years until she was sent into retirement. They say this pained her interiorly but she never uttered a single word of complaint. At the time of her death in 1879, most of the Little Sisters did not know she was the one who had founded their congregation. She died mostly forgotten and was buried in a grave with a simple wooden cross marker. It would be 11 more years after her death before she was recognized as foundress.

To Fr. Delbee the mother superior then went on to say, “Today, if we wish to receive favors, if we wish to obtain a miracle, it is not the beautiful stone tomb to which we go to pray; we go to the little tomb of Jeanne.” A little tomb, lost among the other, with its wooden cross planted in the earth. Jeanne Jugan, in her little hidden way, did more for the foundation of the Little Sisters of the Poor by her humble acceptance of being cast aside and by her humility than by any other great works which she might have

accomplished as a superior. With her small acts of love, she was the seed buried and hidden which bore great fruit.

The Beatitudes describe perfectly St. Jeanne Jugan, she was a poor sorrowful beggar pushed aside by hateful envy. But she continued to love in her little ways. She once said, “We are grafted into the cross and we must carry it joyfully unto death.” Charles Dickens after meeting her said, “There is in this woman something so calm, and so holy, that in seeing her I know myself to be in the presence of a superior being. Her words went straight to my heart, so that my eyes, I know not how, filled with tears.”

With the Beatitudes our Lord is warning us against self-sufficiency, he’s warning us not to trust in our wealth, our strength, or our power. They will not save us, only our Lord can save us. We are to trust in Him alone. He is to be our Trusted One in all things and at all times.

How can we live the Beatitudes? Maybe a simple way to live them is to, like St. Jeanne; consciously try to do little things with love. Do them for the love of our Lord, our family, and our neighbor. And there are so many opportunities throughout our day, to do little things intentionally with charity. Little things for our children, our spouses, our co-workers, our neighbors, our bosses. Not done with impatience or begrudgingly but with intentional conscious charity. Doing those things we do every day cooking, cleaning, carpooling, going to work, doing them with intentional conscious charity. Maybe even saying to ourselves, “I do this for you Lord. I don’t want to do it, but I do it for love of you.”

I just received a letter from my prayer-sister, **Sr. Maria Francisco**. I’ve spoken of her before; I pray for her and she prays for me. She’s a Dominican sister of Mary Mother of the Eucharist. In two years she will make her final profession of poverty, chastity, and obedience. In this letter Sr. M.F. speaks of doing little things out of love. She quotes a book she had been reading. She writes, “I just finished reading Alice Von Hildebrand’s book ‘By Love Refined – Letters to a young

Bride.” They are a series of letters she wrote to her god-daughter giving her advice. It is beautiful and so applicable to a soon to be professed sister. I wanted to share a little section of it with you.”

(From the von Hildebrand book) “You say that true lovers are concerned with ‘great things, beautiful things’ and should not let themselves be troubled by small things. Roy wouldn’t agree. He and my friend Evelyn have been married 35 years. She’s sloppy and he’s meticulous. During their honeymoon, Roy noticed that she always left the toothpaste tube open. He asked Evelyn to put the cap on, but she laughed at him, claiming he had the habits of an old maid. Time and again, Roy has asked her to change. After 35 years, the cap still remains off and Roy has resigned himself to it.

“Compare this to my own husband’s attitude. Early in our marriage, I noticed he would always leave the soap swimming in a pool of water. It would slowly disintegrate into unattractive, slimy goo, something I found unappealing. I drew it to his attention. From that day on, he made it a point of drying the soap after each use, to such an extent that I couldn’t tell from the ‘soap testimony’ whether he had washed himself or not. (Moreover this was typical of him; he too developed a strong dislike for sticky soap). I was so moved by this, that to this day I feel a wave of loving gratitude for this small but significant gesture of love. My husband was a great lover. And because he was one, he managed to relate the smallest things to love and was willing to change to please his beloved in all legitimate things. This characteristic is typical of great love.”

Sr. Maria Francisco goes onto to write: “That is how I want to love my Beloved. With a readiness to change in all things to please Him. I think that the smaller the things the more they please Him for if you can be faithful in the little things the big ones will come easier. For love makes everything easy.” And then she signs it, In Jesus through Mary, Sr. Maria Francisco.

Let us be great Saints,

Fr. Christopher J. Ankley

Catholic Men's Fellowship ("Men's Group") is a group of Christian brothers who meet weekly on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm and we discuss the struggles and joys of being a Christian man in today's world. We encourage one another to be better and support each other in times of struggle. There is no judgment and many participants share sensitive information and/or topics and as such we ask that what is shared at this group remain at this group. An email is sent out Monday each week letting everyone know where we will meet that Wednesday. We are excited to revamp this group in 2022 and welcome any man 18 years of age or older (Catholic or not) who wishes to join us in Christian fraternity and encounter spiritual growth. Please reach out to Ryan Hoch with any questions, he can be reached by email at ryanmatthew1970@gmail.com.

Living Memento Mori Weekly Prayer Prompt

"Jesus, you did the Father's will every moment, from birth to death. Help me to follow in your footsteps."
 -Memento Mori: Prayers on the Last Things.

Memento Mori Lenten Reflection Series

Ryan Hoch will be available after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday February 19 as well as after the 10am Mass on February 20 in the Narthex to answer any questions regarding the Memento Mori Lenten Reflection Series. Sign up sheets are available by scanning this QR code with your phone's camera.



From the St. Joseph Vocations Ministry

In addition to priesthood and religious life, the Church considers marriage to also be a vocation, or calling.

Today we celebrate World Marriage Day, which began in 1981 as a grass roots movement in the Diocese of Baton Rouge called "We Believe in Marriage Day," which grew out of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, a movement founded in Spain, "Encuentro Conyugal," by Fr. Gabriel Calvo, who devoted his priestly ministry (1952-2021) to the pastoral care of married couples and families. "There is within each couple," he said, "a divine energy of love. It has to be released by a deep sharing between husband and wife, through the communication of their feelings and of the whole of their lives together. It cannot be done in just one moment."

In 1993 Pope St. John Paul II imparted his apostolic blessing on World Marriage Day, observed on the second Sunday of February, to honor husbands and wives for their mutual sacrificial love and fidelity, embodied in their "own special sacrament." He said that "marriage is an act of the will that signifies and involves a mutual gift which unites the spouses and binds them to their eventual souls with whom they make up a sole family, a 'domestic church'."

Please pray for all married couples.

Financial Information	
Sunday Collection February 6: \$17,200.50	
Y-T-D Needed	\$755,392
Y-T-D Collected (including Holy Days & Feasts)	\$595,961
Surplus	\$20,569

Special Collections 1st Quarter 2022	
March 6	Diocesan Priests Retirement

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Churches in Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, and Latin America on February 6. Your gifts help provide for the physical and spiritual needs of the people in each region, and ensure that present and future generations have the opportunity to live and grow in our beautiful Catholic faith.

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: **844.324.3374**.

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

The Catholic Vocation Fund is an endowment fund managed by the Battle Creek Community Foundation. Income and dividends are used to support religious vocations. Contributions can be made by writing a check payable to The Catholic Vocation Fund and mailing it to Battle Creek Community Foundation, 32 West Michigan Avenue, Ste. 1, Battle Creek, MI 49017.

Upcoming Eucharistic Study at St. Ann Church. Join Father David Pinto as he presents "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church." Wednesday Evenings starting February 16-March 30 from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. Meet in St. Ann Parish Social Hall. Materials will be provided. Contact the St. Ann office at 269-731-4721 or email baileys@stannaugusta.org to register.

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Help needed in Myanmar

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph,

I am writing to you about the current situation in Myanmar, the home country of our Burmese community. Since February of last year, our country has been in turmoil due to a military coup. Myanmar's military, also known as Tatmadaw, did not accept the results of the 2020 election and responded by placing all of the democratically elected leaders under house arrest.

Since then, civilians have been protesting in various ways, and they have been suffering for it. Many of these suffering civilians are our family members, distant relatives, and friends from Chin State, which is the birthplace of most of the Burmese people here in Battle Creek. Their houses are being burned and their possessions confiscated.

Unable to bear the brutality of the military, more than 40,000 civilians from Chin State have fled to India and to mountain areas within the country. Among these are our priests and religious sisters who are working tirelessly for the spread of the church in the country.

They are in dire need of help. We, the Burmese Catholic Community and other Burmese communities in the city, have been supporting them financially, but they still need a lot of help. Therefore, please consider contributing to our relief funds. Our community would be forever grateful for your help.

Envelopes for our collection next weekend can be found in the entrances of the church. Cash or checks would be acceptable. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Catholic Church, and write "Relief Fund, Chin State" on the memo line. For more information, please contact me at the email below.

Biak Thuantho
vanlalbiakrosang@gmail.com



*Congratulations to
Cathy and Tony Lussier
who celebrated their
50th Wedding Anniversary
on February 9.*

Prayers for the Sick/Those in Need

*Jeannette Aleo, Geri Bateman, Chris Bradley,
Chuck Brown, Gerry Campbell, Sue Case,
Jessica Clark, Carolann Craum, Melody Dulyea,
Patricia Elliott, Bernadette Emmons, Mary Faber,
Jeannette Gagnon, Bernadette Heldt,
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Cheryl Scales, Julie Schoder, Shirley Springer,
Carol Strobe, Michael Sutton, Devi Umaphathi,
Michael Wells, Elizabeth Wells, Allen Wiseman,
Sara Wixson, Dee & David Wygant, Tiffany Yager,
Christine Ybarra, Marion Zull*

Summer High School Opportunity

Our Tri-Parish Youth Group is planning to attend one of the youth conferences put on by Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio! This weekend long event will include dynamic Catholic speakers, praise and worship in adoration, as well as opportunities to receive the Sacraments. If interested to attend, chaperone, or volunteer as a driver, contact Max Crean! Contact: mcrean@bcacs.org or 269-788-3598.

Tri-Parish Youth & Young Adult Ministries

- **Agape Latte** Next one is Monday, March 7. High schoolers and young adults are invited to attend to hear a story about God's love from a different storyteller every month and enjoy some coffee. Mark your calendars and bring a friend to the basement of the rectory at 6:30 pm. Be sure to contact Max Crean* any questions and to put in your coffee order!
- **Lucernarium** High schoolers are invited to enjoy fellowship beforehand at 6:30 pm. Young Adults are invited to attend a bonfire social after night prayer. Next date February 25. Contact Max Crean* for any questions or to get a digital copy of the calendar.
- **The Presence** February 18-20
- **Breakfast with Jesus** High schoolers are invited to attend Mass at 6 am followed by breakfast. March 3 is next. Contact Max Crean* for any questions.

*Contact Max Crean at mcrean@bcacs.org or 269-788-3598.

K of C Breakfast There will be a full breakfast this Sunday after the 8 am and 10 am Masses in celebration of National Marriage Week.



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Liturgy of the Hours, eBreviary

The Liturgy of the Hours prayer for the current hour is offered using the QR code pictured, courtesy of ebreviary.com.

Morning Prayer, Daytime Prayer, Evening Prayer & Night Prayer are available for every day.



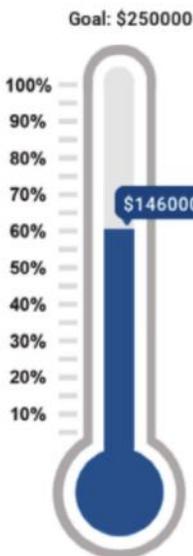


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Our students say: "Practice of Faith".

One of our families shared: "Last week when we asked our son why he was sitting quietly in his room, he told us we were interrupting the rosary he was praying for his grandma. Unprompted prayer. That's why I love our Catholic Schools!"

Consider the gift of Catholic education for your children. Go to bcacs.org for more information.



Thank you!

Can you help us reach our goal for the 2021-2022 Annual Fund Drive?

Funds provided through this campaign offset the cost of operations, making tuition as affordable as affordable as possible to as many families as possible.

If you would like to help us reach our goal, contact Abby Lumbard at 269-963-4771 or via email at ALumbard@bcacs.org to discuss the various ways you can give.

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