



The Voice



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Catholic Schools Week 2024

While this year is the 72nd year of our school, this year is my first as the St. Joseph School principal, and I am honored to serve. In August, I suggested to teachers and parents our theme for the year: "Be brave." One of my favorite Pope Francis quotes that he shared on a World Youth Day is: "Ask what He wants from you and be brave." Much has been given to us, and much is demanded (Luke 12:48)... And He will walk with us every step of the way. Knowing this truth gives us the courage we need to be disciples of Christ.

All of us have reasons each day to be brave, and I have to remind myself of this theme when the work of the devil causes fear, doubt, and anxiety... when the work of the devil tries to suggest life should be easier than it is. It is at these times that I make my way to Adoration, and I spend time with Our Lord, letting Him remind me Who is in charge, that I have a part in building His kingdom, and that I can leave all the fear and confusion right there with Him as He is happy to take it and replace it with the grace to carry on.

It is exactly He, Our Lord, who makes a difference at St. Joseph School and here in our community. He gives us the strength to be brave. The Catholic Schools Week theme is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." St. Joseph School is not just a place of learning - it's more! It is a vibrant community where students, parents, teachers, staff, and parishioners come together in a supportive and nurturing environment to love and learn as Jesus taught us. I am humbled daily by the commitment and caliber of our faculty and staff, and our students' hearts open to Jesus reflect the fidelity of our families. We are committed to academic excellence, spiritual growth, and community service. We integrate faith into every aspect of education, praying together every day and fostering a deep and meaningful connection between students and their spiritual journey - their journey of living a holy life and becoming a saint - a journey that teaches them to be brave - a journey that teaches them "more."

Perhaps God is calling you to explore a Catholic education for your child or your grandchild - an education where all that we do has Him at the foundation - an education that is "more" because we give attention to the presence of God in our classrooms, in our hallways, and throughout our days. Stop by our Open House or call for a tour - come see Our Lord in action as He works in our school to help each child "become who He made us to be." It's our mission, and we would love for you to be a part of it.

Perhaps God is calling you to become more involved in St. Joseph School - sharing your time, talent, and treasure. We are the St. Joseph Church & School community: the church is yours, and the school is yours, too. Your prayers make such a difference, and all of us in the school pray for you, too. If you want to offer your time, we are always looking for extra hands in the lunchroom and extra eyes out at recess.

If you have a gift to use, we might have a class you can visit to share your talent. If you have treasure to give, we have enthusiastically resumed our efforts to raise money for a new playground, which will benefit everyone in our community - your neighbors, your children, your grandchildren, future members of your family; you may donate through the Catholic Foundation of Michigan by using the QR code here or by calling 248-204-0332.

Thank you for your support of St. Joseph School and may God continue to bless us all.



With joy,
Doris Fornasiero, Principal
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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m.

Monday 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday: 9 a.m.

Visit www.stjoelo.org/fop for a complete listing of Mass, Confession & Adoration times within our Family of Parishes.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(closed for lunch each day 12 - 1 p.m.)

Friday & Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed (Visit our welcome desk!)

ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration

Chapel is open for "drop-in prayer" between the hours of 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:15 p.m. | Mondays: 7 p.m.
or by appointment.

Baptism

Call the parish office to arrange.
Preparation includes three months active membership in parish and baptism class.

Marriage

Call the parish office at least nine months before your desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

Weekdays: call the parish office
Weekends & Evenings: 248-693-0907

Communion Visit

To arrange for homebound Communion to the sick, please call the parish office.

"How do I join St. Joseph Parish?"

Visit our welcome desk after Mass!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Suicide and Crisis Hotline: Dial 988

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233

Oakland County Youth Mobile Crisis Team: 877-800-1650

Project Rachel Post Abortion Ministry: 888-722-4355

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Mass

- + Arnold Meerschaert
Req. Janice Meerschaert
- + John & Evelyn Young
Req. Suzanne Young
- + Shirley Walters
Req. Dawn & Mike Duerr
- + Domenica Vani
Req. Linda Radcliffe

Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024

8 a.m. Mass

- + Gregory Belotti
Req. Lauren & Dan Dorman
- + Marlene Bukowski
Req. Paula Sketch
- + Casimir & Dolores Sokolowski
Req. Family
- + Sigmond & Verna Miodek
Req. Family

10 a.m. Mass

- + John Nedwick
Req. Frances Nedwick
- + Danny Niblett
Req. Asta Family
- + Lois Elaine Fluent
Req. John & Kathleen Dominski
- + Stacy Fallis
Req. The Chaney Family

12 p.m. Mass

- + Mary Drake
Req. Michael & Marilyn Drake
- + Vida Gaska
Req. Earle Family

Monday, Jan. 29, 2024

7:30 p.m. Mass

- + Angelo & Nancy Demo
Req. Bill Nunn
- + Carol Nunn
Req. Bill Nunn
- + Nunn Family
Req. Bill Nunn
- + Judy Jenks
Req. Shirley Kochanski

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024

9 a.m. Mass

- + Michael Jaroslowski
Req. Suzanne Young
- + Dale Sulisz
Req. Bob & Mary Renkola
- + Thomas Kaschalk
Req. Liz Minbiole
- + Susie McLaughlin
Req. The Chaney Family
- + Fr. Jim Kean
Req. Bob & Mary Renkola

Friday, Feb. 2, 2024

-School Mass-

9 a.m. Mass

- + Don Jenks
Req. Jim Odell
- + Steven Owens
Req. Family
- + Bill & Gloria Westrick
Req. Schalk Family
- + Lisa Dabrowski
Req. Mark Dabrowski

Sunday Readings

Next Sunday's Readings:

Feb. 4, 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

Psalm 147: 1-6

1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Mark 1: 29-39

PRAY THE ROSARY

- Before Sunday Mass

8 a.m. Mass - Begins at 7:25 a.m.

10 a.m. Mass - Begins at 9:25 a.m.

12 p.m. Mass - Begins at 11:25 a.m.

- Before Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m. Mass - Begins at 3:35 p.m.

Online Giving

If you would like to give an online gift this weekend, visit www.stjoelo.breezechms.com/give/online or just scan the QR code. God bless you!



Weekend Worship Aid

To access our digital Weekend Worship Aid, complete with readings and lyrics, visit www.stjoelo.org/worship-aid or just scan the QR code.



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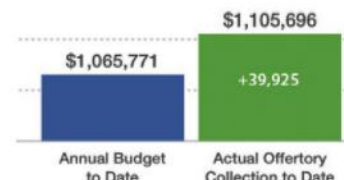
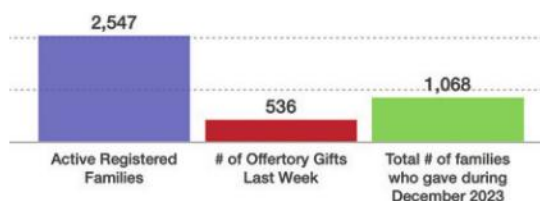
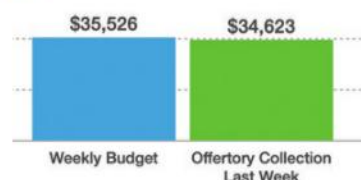
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St. Vincent Ministry

In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? If you are interested in learning more about our organization, please leave us a message at 248 - 693 - 0440 ext. 223 and one of us will call you back. We would love to have you come and check out God's work in our area.

Weekly Giving for the week of January 21, 2024



ST. JOSEPH UPCOMING EVENTS *Visit www.stjoelo.org for more information.*

For Everyone: 8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER - PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SJS will kick off Catholic Schools Week with a pancake breakfast to support our 8th graders' trip to Washington, DC, following each Mass on this special Sunday. All are welcome!
TODAY - Sunday, Jan. 28, after each Mass in Marian Hall

For Everyone: ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

If you have a child ready for preschool or grades K-8, come by and see what a difference a faith-based education can make in your child's life. All are welcome! See page 5.
TODAY - Sunday, Jan. 28, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the School

For Youth: 2024 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. See page 8.
TODAY - Sunday, Jan. 28, from 12:30 - 2 p.m. in the School Gym

For Couples: MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION Q&A

If you had a "Destination Wedding" or were not married by a priest or deacon, join us to learn how you can get a grace-filled blessing over your marriage! Hosted by Deacon John Manera.
TODAY - Sunday, Jan. 28, at 2 p.m. in Meeting Room 2

For Everyone: CALLED & GIFTED - SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY

Discover God's call as you discern your spiritual gifts, given by the Holy Spirit, and how they work in your life and the lives of others. With the Catherine of Sienna Institute. See page 7.
Saturday, Feb. 3, at 9 a.m. in Marian Hall

For Scouts: SCOUT MASS

All boys, girls, and adult leaders from all scouting organizations are invited to come to the Mass in full uniform to celebrate their service to others and share in our Reverence to God.
Saturday, Feb. 3, at 4:30 p.m. Mass in the Church

For Volunteers: 2024 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

We LOVE our volunteers! Please save the date and join us for Mass, followed by dinner and fellowship as we show our appreciation for you. For details and sign-up info, see page 5.
Saturday, Feb. 10, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the School Gym

For Adults: AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Join us to help support the American Red Cross for the "Give From the Heart" Blood Drive. Visit www.redcrossblood.org and use code "stjoec" to register today.
Sunday, Feb. 11, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the School Gym

Para Todos (For Everyone): MISA EN ESPAÑOL (MASS IN SPANISH)

Únete a nosotros cada segundo sábado del mes para la misa en español. Todos son bienvenidos. (Join us every second Saturday of the month for Mass in Spanish. All are welcome.)
Sábado 17 de Febrero a las 6 p.m. (Saturday, Feb. 17, at 6 p.m.)

For Seniors: SENIOR BINGO

Seniors are invited to join us for a fun afternoon of Bingo, homemade soup and fellowship. No need to RSVP. All seniors are welcome!
Sunday, Feb. 18, at 1:30 p.m. in Marian Hall

For Couples: MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

We will honor milestone wedding anniversaries (every 5 years - up through 50, then marriages 50 years+). The Mass includes a special blessing and a rose for the ladies with a small reception to follow. See page 8.
Saturday, Feb. 24, at 4:30 p.m. in the Church and after Mass in Marian Hall

For Seniors: SENIOR COFFEE

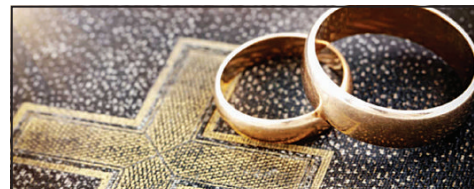
Join us in fellowship after 9 a.m. Mass. All seniors are welcome!
Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 9:45 a.m. in Marian Hall

For Men: 2024 MEN'S CONFERENCE: "MASTERING WHAT MATTERS"

Join us for this nationwide live/virtual event with speakers former NFL player Kevin O'Brien, Navy Seal Sam Blair & radio host Dave Durand. Hosted by St. Joseph & St. John Fisher Men's Groups.
Saturday, Mar. 9, at 8 a.m. in Myrick Hall

Para Todos (For Everyone): MISA EN ESPAÑOL (MASS IN SPANISH)

Únete a nosotros cada segundo sábado del mes para la misa en español. Todos son bienvenidos. (Join us every second Saturday of the month for Mass in Spanish. All are welcome.)
Sábado 9 de Marzo a las 6 p.m. (Saturday, Mar. 9, at 6 p.m.)



Convalidation Testimony

I married my Catholic spouse many years ago in a destination wedding. At the time I was young and naive to the graces that the Lord could grant to our union. Now many years later, I think, "If we had only been married in the Church..." As a former Protestant, I was unfamiliar with the ways of the Catholic Faith. The idea of a traditional wedding seemed unnecessarily complicated. I mean, God is everywhere, right? Why would our wedding need to be confined to a church?

Many years later, I converted to Catholicism and learned how God sanctifies the love between a man and woman within the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. It became clear to my wife and I that, while we had been legally married all those years ago, our union was not sacramental. We greatly desired to rectify this and learned that we could seek a Convalidation in order to receive these special graces. So, we met with our priest, and he recommended a process for marriage preparation that fit our circumstances. The rest of the process centered around planning the actual wedding day—our parish has a process that made things very simple.

The beauty, joy and grace of our sacramental wedding day was powerful. Our celebration was small—the entire congregation stood at the altar for our vows. But most importantly, God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit were present for this small but glorious ceremony. Having our marriage convalidated was a magnificent experience. If you and your spouse were not married in the Church, it is something we cannot recommend enough.

Join us Sunday, Jan. 28, at 2 p.m. in Mtg Rm 2 to learn more about the Convalidation process.

Visit our website or scan the QR code to sign up. Free child care is available!





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Adoration Chapel

Hearing His Voice

"What or who can free us from being 'anxious about the things of the world'? Jesus, at whose command 'even the unclean spirits' obey. The people in the time of Moses begged for such a prophet. That promise is fulfilled definitively in Jesus Christ, whose authority astonishes the assembled crowd. 'If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts; adhere 'to the Lord without distraction.' To him you shall listen,' because obeying the authority of Christ makes us more fully human and fills us with a burning desire for things truly great."

- Rev. Sebastian White O.P.

A great place to come to listen to Our Lord is the Adoration Chapel. We are open 24/7 for our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Drop in visitation is between 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., or perhaps take a committed hour. We would like to have two people at every hour.

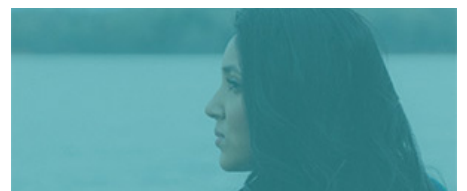
Open Hours: Sunday 3 a.m.
 Second Adorer requested: Friday 4 a.m.
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2024 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, Feb 10, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the School Gym



Dear volunteers, thank you for all you do for St. Joseph Church & School! In gratitude for your faithful service, you and a guest (adults only) are invited to celebrate our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. All who volunteer at St. Joe's are invited, free of charge! Join us for Mass then dinner, fellowship and dancing in the gym until 8:30 p.m. Bring a simple dessert to share if you're able (cookies or brownies, no pies or cakes please). Visit <https://stjoelo.breezechms.com/form/VolApp2024> or scan the QR code above to RSVP by Friday, Feb. 2.



A Life of Service

As Catholics we are dedicated to a life of service, especially those to that of the poor. As Jesus reminds us of what to do to the least of us, we do to him. BSA scouting is also dedicated to teaching a life of leadership and service to all boys and girls who are members.

I was reminded of this recently, when I was asking if the church could come up with a list of potential project ideas for up-and-coming Eagle's for St. Joe's very own scout troops. The request came with various examples of past Eagle projects that were performed by St. Joe's own Eagle Scouts, where there are over 100 names that are inscribed on the troop trailer that is parked by the football field. That is over 10,000 hours of free service and the donations of several thousands (if not tens of thousands) of dollars of materials to make these projects happen without costs to the receiving organization.

Examples of these projects include the brick pathway at Wildwood Amphitheater, Gaga ball court at St. Joseph Catholic School, and Library Boxes along walking pathways. There are many more examples from this troop as well as the other Orion/Oxford Troops as well.

To honor the service of all that scouts do for our community, on **Saturday, Feb. 3, at the 4:30 p.m. Mass**, St. Joseph Church will celebrate the yearly Scout Sunday Mass. All boys, girls, and adult leaders from all scouting organizations are invited to come to the Mass in full uniform to celebrate their service to others and share in our Reverence to God.

God Bless,
John Sweet, Committee Chair
Troop 186 B and G

A Kean Perspective *"A Prophet with Authority"*

We begin our liturgy this weekend with a reading from the Book of Deuteronomy. By and large, the Book of Deuteronomy was created by gathering the last series of speeches that Moses gave prior to when the Hebrew people entered the Holy Land. It was a summary of the 40 years of their wandering in the desert. There is a great emphasis on the idea of loving the Lord God with all of one's heart, strength, and mind. Then there came elements like the prophecy we will hear in the readings this weekend: It was a bold prophecy for Moses said that God will raise up a future prophet who will be equal to Moses himself.

Moses was not being arrogant or proudful in the claim. He knew well the magnitude of the moment in which he was speaking and his place in Jewish history. He was aware of his greatness. He was the Law Giver and great prophet the likes of which was not even imagined by the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. There was something special about Moses. Though he appeared to have had problems in public speaking (cf Exodus 4:10), he spoke to the people with great authority.

In that regard, I like to think of many of the football coaches and quarterbacks from a full generation (or two) ago. If you listen to the speeches of the "Vince Lombardi's" and the "Roger Staubach's" of that era, though filled with simple wisdom, their speeches typically did not have the level of professional "motivation speaker" quality that coaches have to have today. Their greatness was also in who they were. Their leadership and records are proof of the special quality they had. I think of

Moses like that. It wasn't just what he said or how he said it, but it was also "who" he was that was saying it. He was the one who spoke with God face to face.

When Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Moses that we heard in today's reading, there had come a figure with the complete package. Whatever limitations that Moses had as a speaker, none of that was seen with Jesus. He was brilliant at every turn, and He spoke with authority because of what he said, how he said it, and Who He was that was saying it. For great figures in history, it takes time for humanity to assess and measure the person. General Patton was a brilliant leader and an extremely successful military commander, but when history stood back and did some more measuring, then one would see some flaws to his character or notable idiosyncrasies that had to be acknowledged. In general in history, it is always good for us humans to go slow before erecting statues for leaders and heroes. Demons, however, don't need time to measure the person before them. They know immediately, and the demons that encountered Jesus, knew that he was great. They knew that Jesus was the Son of God.

That had to be a tremendous proof for the disciples close enough to experience these interchanges. What authority Jesus had! Not only was Jesus spellbinding in His teaching, but His very presence was authoritative. The disciples would have started off being terrified when a demon took over a person interacting with Jesus, and then amazed when they realized that the demon was terrified of Jesus. Jesus had authority in all that he did and in all that he was.

- Fr. Jim



Register at www.stjoelo.org/family for these FREE Young Family Events. Get to know other families with little ones! Parents and grandparents with children ages 5 and under are invited to join us on Tuesday mornings

for **Pray & Play**, featuring joy-filled, Christ-centered discussions and service projects. Thursday mornings we offer Christian fellowship and fun in the gym with **Little Mavs**!

PRAY & PLAY
Tuesday, Jan. 23
Tuesday, Feb. 6
Tuesday, Feb. 13
Tuesday, Feb. 27

LITTLE MAVS
Thursday, Jan. 25
Thursday, Feb. 8
Thursday, Feb. 15
Thursday, Feb. 29



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Christian Service

► BOUGHS OF BLESSINGS

It's time for our annual collection for the homeless shelter in Pontiac. This year we will once again be collecting sample size shampoo, conditioner, soaps, disposable razors, shaving cream and small lotions. We will also be collecting "whites"-mens and womens undergarments-size large, x-large and xxlarge, and socks-preferably dark blue and black. All donations can be placed in the canvas buckets on the south wall in Marian Hall.

► BLOOD DRIVE +

Join us to help support the American Red Cross on **Sunday, Feb. 11, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** for the "Give From the Heart" Blood Drive. Visit www.redcrossblood.org and use code "stjoecc" to register today.

► SENIOR COFFEE - HELP!

We are in need of volunteers to prepare and donate baked goods/breakfast casseroles for our monthly Senior Coffee breakfasts. Senior Coffee takes place on the 4th Wednesday after morning Mass. This is something for families to do together, kids for service hours or anyone who loves to serve. Please contact Colleen at CSchu25@stjoelo.org if this is something you'd be interested in!

Join us for the Called & Gifted - Spiritual Gifts Inventory

God has called and gifted you for a mission. When you were baptized, you were given the presence of the Holy Spirit and "charisms" - gifts from the Holy Spirit that enable you to be a channel of God's love, truth, beauty, mercy, healing, and provision for others. The charisms that you have been given are important clues to your God-given mission in life, and learning how the Holy Spirit empowers us to use these gifts will help enable you say yes to this mission!



Join the over 100,000 Catholics around the world who have begun to discern their charisms through the *Called & Gifted* workshop. You will leave knowing more about the Holy Spirit and yourself! Contact Susan Kowalski at skowa23@stjoelo.org or 248-693-0440 ext. 211 for more information. Register online at www.stjoelo.org or scan the QR above.

Presenter: Mary Martin

When: Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: St. Joseph Catholic Church - 715 N. Lapeer Rd. Lake Orion, MI 48362

Cost: \$40 (Includes materials, light breakfast & lunch. Please note dietary restrictions when registering.)

In Memoriam

We remember loved ones from our parish who have entered eternal life. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

Dennis Ball

Joan Brunett

Joan Malczewski

Dennis McComb

Mary O'Hagan

Dianne Mary Ringwelski



Bottles for Babies

Please take a bottle located at the church doors. Return your bottle by Sunday, Feb. 18.

Don't want to take a bottle? No Problem!

There is also a convenient on-line giving option through the website: www.oxfordpregnancycenter.org. Select "Donate" and scroll down to "Baby Bottle Drive"

OR

Use your phone and capture the QR code below to make a donation:



ST. JOHN BOSCO PRAYER INITIATIVE

In the spirit of St. John Bosco, gather together with hundreds of others to pray for our young people here in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Jan. 28 - Feb. 3, 2024.



MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

St. Joseph Parish will celebrate Milestone Wedding Anniversary's on **Saturday, Feb. 24, at the 4:30 p.m.** Liturgy. We will honor those who are celebrating milestone anniversaries beginning with 5 years and up in 5-year increments through 50 years of marriage, and then honor every marriage 50 years and beyond. The Mass will include a special blessing and a rose for all the ladies. A small reception will follow in Marian Hall. **Please RSVP by February 9th** by calling the parish office 248-693-0440, via Breeze: <https://stjoelo.breezechms.com/form/MilestoneAnniversary> or scan the QR here.



Gospel of Life is the Pro-Life Ministry at St. Joseph Church

► **Bottles for Babies started Jan. 21st.** This fundraiser supports the Oxford Pregnancy Center. Please return your bottles to church by **Sunday, Feb. 18** and put them in the containers by the church doors. If you prefer to give online, go to www.oxfordpregnancycenter.org. Select "Donate" and scroll down to "Baby Bottle Drive" or use your phone to capture the QR in the ad above.

► The next **"Rosary for Life"** will be prayed in St. Joe's Church on **Saturday morning, Feb. 10 from 8-8:35 a.m.** Join us to pray for LIFE!

► The **"40 Days for Life"** Spring Campaign **begins Feb. 14 and ends Mar. 28.** We will pray a "Rosary for Life" all six Saturdays during this time period. More on that next week.



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2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2024 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. It will be held **Sunday, Jan. 28 from 12:30 - 2 p.m.** in the St. Joseph School Gym. The K of C contest is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. All boys and girls 9-14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions.

Last year, more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are asked to provide proof of age with written parental consent.

For additional information, contact Tim Yoder at 248-565-5002 or Dick Britton at 248-842-1021.



Past Grand Knight Frank Kramarczyk, second from right, and Grand Knight Tom Tiffany accept Star Award from Archdiocesan Program Director Joseph Brenner, left, and District Deputy Thomas Kendzierski

Lake Orion Knights Receive Award

For the third year in a row, Lake Orion Knights of Columbus 4764 has received a Star Council Award. The award, given to less than five percent of all Michigan councils, recognizes the Knights for achieving goals in parish activities, community programs, and membership. Lake Orion Knights of Columbus members are parishoners of St. Joseph and Christ the Redeemer Catholic Churches.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Names will remain on the prayer list for two months. To add a name or to request an extension for prayers, please call the parish office at 248-693-0440.

Francine Stevens	Cheryl Poulin	Marty Miller
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We Pray for our Military

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 Capt Patrick Hipelius – Air Force
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 Capt Marissa Vasek – Air Force
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 TJ Yagley – Navy
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 GB Luca Attard – Royal Marines



Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, as you once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: "Come follow Me!" Open hearts and raise up faithful servants of the Gospel – dedicated, holy priests and deacons, and consecrated sisters and brothers – who will spend themselves in loving service to you and your people. Bless those who serve now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. We ask this in your holy name, Amen.



Prayer for Marriages

God our Father, we give you thanks for the gift of marriage: the bond of life and love and font of the family. The love of husband and wife enriches your Church with children, fills the world with spiritual fruitfulness and service, and is the sign of the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, for his Church. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire the heroic love of husbands and wives so as to draw young couples to the incomparable splendor of marriage. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

To add your family member or loved one to our military prayer list, please call the parish office or scan the QR.



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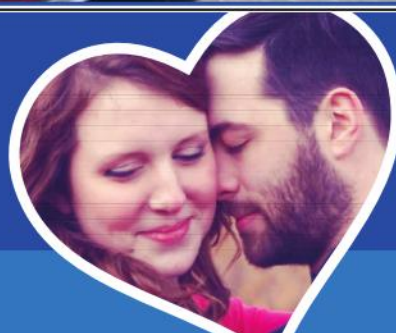
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