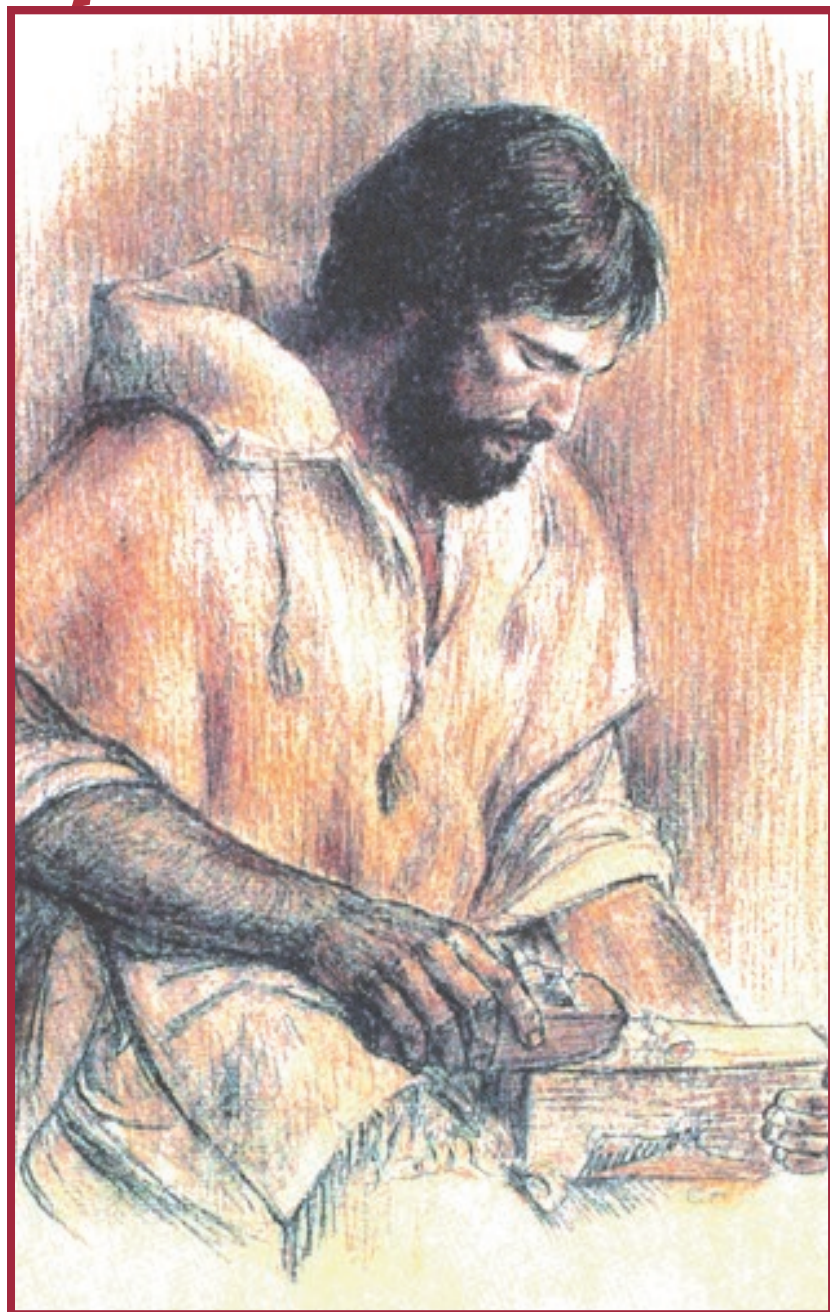


St. Joseph Parish

Dexter, MI

Chips & Sawdust



April/May 2018

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday: 5:00pm; Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am

WEEKDAYS in Village Church

Liturgy: Monday through Friday at 8:15am

Communion Service: Saturday at 8:15am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00–4:30pm or by appointment

Saturday: 3:30 – 4:30 during Lent/Advent

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Brendan Walsh	Pastor
Romolo Leone	Deacon
Randy Desrochers	Deacon
Laura McKenzie	Administrative Assistant
Ken Cebula	Country Campus Maintenance
Don Dalgleish	Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Gary Fradette	Grounds
Marinell High	Director of Adult Faith Formation
Michelle Hochrein	Director of Religious Education
Steve Kasperick-Postellon	Director of Music & Liturgy
John Kiesling	Village Campus Maintenance
Liz Neil	Finance/Cemetery
Gail Assenmacher	Capital Campaign/Office Assistant
Cynthia Walton	Religious Education Secretary

2017-2018 PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr. Brendan Walsh, Pastor	426-8483
Romolo Leone, Deacon	944-6709
Randy Desrochers, Deacon	646-4425
Laura McKenzie, Staff Liaison	426-8483

Member	Commission Liaison	
Jim Zeitunian	Chair	253-2642
Jeff Price	Vice Chair/Festival	424-0826
Laura Kelly	Recorder/REP Education	424-2678
Jim Davis	Finance	253-2311
Ray Faitel	Festival	426-3864
Larry Coogan	Youth Ministry Education	424-0438
Kathy Koepsell	Charitable Activities & Social Justice	604-6797
Brad O'Connor	Parish Life	498-3432
Bill Brines	Properties	426-8602
Jo Dolecki-Lane	Adult Formation	
	New Parishioners	216-7031
Anne Gwozdek	Caritas	476-0162
Lynn Rae Sample	Spiritual Life & Worship	369-8044

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COMMISSIONS and ACTIVITIES

Commission	Chair	Phone
Finance	Liz Neil	426-8483
Worship	Fr. Brendan Walsh	426-8483
Charitable Activities & Social Justice	Randy Desrochers	646-4425
Parish Life	Mary Pawloski	660-1587
Caritas Community	Donna Palmer	741-1141
Education—Youth	Don Dalgleish	426-2674
Education—PS-6	Michelle Hochrein	426-2674
Adult Faith Formation	Marinell High	426-8483

Activity	Chair	Phone
50+ Friendship Club	Linda Clark	769-0872
Liturgy of Word w/Children	Michelle Hochrein	426-2674
Bulletin and <i>Chips</i> Editor	Laura McKenzie	426-8483
Growing in God	Marinell High	426-8483
Building the Brotherhood of Christ	Marinell High	426-8483
DeWitt Retreat		
Men's Retreat	Joe Prochaska	426-3377
Women's Retreat	Ann Smart	424-0111
Festival	Ty Clark	424-9103
Festival	Jeff Littleton	878-2398
Giving Garden	Barb Rutz	550-9668
Guild of Gardeners		
God Squad (Gr. 7-8)	Don Dalgleish	426-2674
Joe's Club (Gr. 5-6)	Michelle Hochrein	426-2674
Knights of Columbus	Jim Delhey	426-3606
Columbus Ladies Auxiliary	Andrea Frerich	424-0019
Music Ministry	Steve Kasperick-Postellon	426-8483
Mustard Seed (Gr.9-12)	Don Dalgleish	426-2674
Nursery	Marinell High	426-2674
Religious Ed (Gr.PS-6)	Michelle Hochrein	426-2674
Religious Ed (Gr.7-8)	Don Dalgleish	426-2674
RCIA	Marinell High	426-8483
Scouting (Troop 456)	Joe Wikaryasz	426-1006

Our Mission

As members of the family of God, we of St. Joseph Parish, Dexter, in the Diocese of Lansing, believe that we are called to be people of faith and prayer, to celebrate the sacraments, and to live the Word. We commit ourselves to being warm and welcoming, responding to each other's needs and to the needs of the community by sharing our gifts and talents.

Weekend Liturgies and Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays are at the Country Church, 6805 Mast Road, (corner of N. Territorial and Mast), in Dexter. The Disciple House is also at this location.

The Village Church, Parish Center, Parish Office, Mary's Room Joseph's Room and Church Basement are located on the Village Campus at 3430 Dover, in Dexter.

“Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord”



The resurrection of Jesus is the beginning of our new life with God. It is our “Gospel” our “Good News”. Our Good News is Jesus our Savior has risen from the dead. Our relationship with God is renewed and restored and we are thankful. Our Diocese of Lansing after the Witness to Hope Campaign now returns to the normal cycle of a yearly campaign to support the operating expenses of our Diocese of Lansing. This year’s DSA theme is *Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord*. Our DSA support allows the Diocesan staff to have the resources to help us:

- ♦ Announce the “Good News”
- ♦ Teach the “Good News”
- ♦ Live the “Good News”



“Go and Announce
The Gospel of the Lord.”

This year our goal is \$74,157. On April 14, we will hold our annual DSA Sunday appeal. It will be an opportunity to give an Easter gift in thanksgiving for the resurrection of Jesus. **Please remember** we have paid in total our \$655,000 to the diocese for Witness to Hope. Every dollar collected for Witness to Hope from now on goes directly to our phase II account for our parish project of a hall and class rooms. The DSA is the yearly request to support our diocese and the programs they offer to support us and our parish activities. Please know your gift and sacrifice is appreciated. Below our Deacon Randy, who now works for the diocese leading the Deacon Formation Program, speaks to how our dollars really help support his Deacon Ministry Office. Let us think of DSA this year as our gifts to help our Deacon Randy prepare servant leaders for our Diocese of Lansing.

Our 40th Festival



This summer we will hold our 40th Festival of Faith and Fun. We have watched it grow from a meal for refugees from Vietnam, to a fund raiser for parish projects on our Village Campus, to funds for our new church. In May we will once again be asking your support in selling raffle tickets. In June we will ask you to pray for its success. In July we will ask for you to volunteer and to attend our fun filled, community building, faith witness event. Please begin to reflect and pray now for a safe and successful event.

First Communion

On May 6 and May 13 we will pray and celebrate 41 First Communions. We will rejoice and give thanks as our children receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. At these celebrations we remember our own First Communion. We remind ourselves of the essential place the Body and Blood of Christ play in our life. It reminds us who leads and guides us in the ways of love, kindness, compassion and service.

Memorial Day

We will pray for and remember our veterans living and deceased with Mass at the Parish Cemetery on Baker Road at 8:30am on Monday, May 28. If it rains we will pray in the Village Church. Then come watch for our parish float in the Dexter Parade.

Diocesan Service Appeal

As a deacon in the Diocese of Lansing, as well as the Diocesan Director of Diaconal Formation, I want to thank you in advance for your support of this year’s Diocesan Service Appeal, *Go and Announce the Gospel Lord*.

Without your generous support of the Diocesan Service Appeal over the years, the vibrant diaconal community we have in this diocese would not exist.

It was your DSA dollars in past years that helped cover the cost of my own diaconal formation.

It is your DSA dollars that provide me with the resources that I need to continue to recruit and train deacons.

It is your DSA dollars that support the Office of Deacons in its care of the more than 125 deacons engaged in active ministry in our diocese.

On behalf of the entire diaconal community of the Diocese of Lansing I say “thank you”.

Dcn. Randy Desrochers



“Go and Announce
The Gospel of the Lord.”

Cemetery Price Increase



The St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery prices for a gravesite and perpetual care (a one-time fee for the perpetual maintenance of the cemetery) have not increased since 2006. At the February meeting of the Finance Council, it was agreed to increase the cost of a single grave to \$500 and the perpetual care fee to \$200, effective July 1, 2018. Until that time, graves may be purchased at the current price of \$425. It is optional to prepay the perpetual care fee (currently \$150) at the time of purchase of a grave, or to pay it at the time of burial at the then current rate.

For more information, please contact Liz Neil in the Parish Office at 734.426.8483, at liz_neil@stjos.com, or visit the cemetery page on the parish website at <http://www.stjos.com/cemetery.html>.

Pastoral Council Notes



Spring is in the air! I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to green grass, beautiful flowers and the warm air. But spring is not the only thing in the air. Doing "Good Deeds" was our theme this Lent and it was evident by all the goods that came in to be donated to the Catholic Social Services Food Pantry and the water donated for St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center that the parishioners of St. Joseph were doing good deeds. St. Joseph also hosted a blood drive to help those in need.

St. Joseph Parish offers many opportunities for our Good Deeds to continue through Easter Time and the summer. The Pastoral Council and Caritas Committee will be seeking nominations for new members in April. New members will be selected on Pentecost Eve, May 19. Please prayerfully consider nominating yourself or someone you know for these leadership bodies.

It is also time to start thinking about DSA, which is just around the corner. This DSA campaign is important to our church and the diocese. We all benefit from the proceeds collected.

Festival is right around the corner. This year we will celebrate "40 Years of Faith and Fun". Donating your time and talent at this great community building event is always appreciated.
~Larry Coogan

CARITAS COMMITTEE

"For I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

Thank you for your generous support of our January collection for Love Takes Root to support the medical mission work of the Wojty's family in Haiti. With grateful thanks to our St. Joseph Parish family, we were able to send \$1,400 from our Caritas collection along with a \$5,000 separate gift earmarked specifically for Love Takes Root. In addition, we were able to support our on-going recipients, Dexter Family Services, Water for Flint, Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County, and our parish Christian Service fund. Your generosity is a blessed example of Christ's hands on earth working through us.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Music Ministry

Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!

You don't have to come to Mass at St. Joseph many times to realize that the Catholic calendar is a little different from the calendar that guides marketing in the US. Outside the church doors, the "Christmas shopping season" starts earlier each year, but at St. Joseph, we were in Advent purple right through the morning Masses on December 24 and celebrated the liturgical season of Christmas for several weeks after. When flower and candy sales were at their annual peak on February 14, we were having ashes placed on our forehead, being reminded that we are (and will return to) dust, and challenged to turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel.

The Easter season in the church is, again, not the same as in the culture. You may have been enjoying (or, depending on your Lenten discipline, avoiding) Cadbury cream eggs for several weeks already, but our great annual celebration of the Resurrection starts at night on Holy Saturday (this year, March 31) with the Easter Vigil. In this beautiful Mass, we hear not one but several readings from the Old Testament, telling again the great story of the history of salvation: how our God created everything from nothing; chose a people to be his own; led them out of slavery through the Red Sea to right worship and a promised land; how again and again that people—our ancestors in faith—failed to live up to their covenant with God but he did not abandon them; how he taught them to dream of a savior; how in the fullness of time, he did not withhold even his only-begotten Son, but handed him over to a painful, shameful death for our restoration; and finally, how that Son left his grave empty on the morning of the third day, defeating death forever.

At St. Joseph, you can count on Fr. Brendan reminding us of this truth throughout the liturgical season of Easter—the fifty days following Easter Sunday—with a hearty and joyful "Happy Easter!" at the start of every Mass. This echoes a greeting traditional in many parts of the world: instead of a simple "hello" or its local equivalent, Christians greet one another during this season with "Christ is risen!", and respond, "He is risen indeed!" This echoes the greeting of the angel to the women who came to anoint his body: "He is not here, for he is risen, as he said."

Another traditional text of the Easter liturgy is beautifully paraphrased by Matt Maher in a contemporary song we sing: "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death. Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave." Let us join the earliest believers in understanding that nothing—not even death—can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let us leave behind our past failings and rise with him.
~Steve Kasperick-Postellon

Pastoral Council Nominations

The Parish Council is a consultative leadership body representing the entire parish. Working together with our pastor, Fr. Brendan Walsh, this Council provides critical guidance, support and vision for the pastoral activity of the parish and aids in the establishment of policies and procedures. It is important that we have a Council that is representative of the make-up of our Parish, so don't be concerned that you may not "fit the bill." All parishioners, long-timers, short-timers and new parishioners are invited and welcomed.

We are asking all parishioners to seriously reflect upon serving on our Parish Pastoral Council. Each year four members and two alternates are chosen at large to serve on the Council. The selection process for Council candidates begins the weekend of April 21/22 when nomination ballots will be distributed at each Mass. Parishioners will be asked to submit nominations – either themselves or someone else; all nominations will need to be returned by Friday, April 29. Nominees will be contacted and asked to attend an evening of discernment on May 10. Council members will share the roles and duties of the Council. Those parishioners who accept the nomination will be included in a "selection by lot" to be held at the 5pm Mass during the Vigil Mass of Pentecost on Saturday, May 19. This is a very important group that provides counsel and guidance on the critical decisions here at St. Joseph Parish. Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide and enlighten you in this very important commitment to the spiritual and pragmatic needs of St. Joseph Parish.

Caritas Committee - Nominations for Membership

It is time to appeal to you, members of the St. Joseph Parish family, to identify candidates to serve on the Caritas Committee. The candidate could be you or someone else whom you believe would be a good steward and sensitive to the needs of those around them.

The Caritas Committee is composed of nine people as well as representatives from the Pastoral and Finance Councils and a staff liaison. Members of this committee research and recommend possible recipients, and present the Caritas Sunday appeals on their behalf. The Committee monitors the collection results and reports the amounts distributed via bulletin and *Chips and Sawdust* articles.

On the weekend of April 28/29, we are seeking nominations for individuals to serve on the Committee. Serving on Caritas is a great way to get to know people in the parish and to become more informed about the needs and services in our community. Please consider nominating yourself or someone whom you feel would be a good candidate.

All nominees will be invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, May 16, for an evening of discernment to learn more about serving on the Committee. Three new committee members will be chosen by lot to serve 3-year terms, and two individuals will be selected to serve one-year terms as alternates at the 5pm Mass on Pentecost eve, Saturday, May 19.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this worthwhile ministry.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CARITAS COMMITTEE

I would like to nominate:

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Nomination for: Self: _____

Other: _____

Candidates must be at least 18 years old, confirmed, and a registered member of the Parish.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

I would like to nominate:

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Nomination for: Self: _____

Other: _____

Candidates must be at least 18 years old, confirmed, and a registered member of the Parish.

Youth Events

Mustard Seed Youth Group (9-12 Grade)

- ♦ **Sunday, April 1** *Easter Sunday - No Mustard Seed meeting*
- ♦ **Sunday, April 8** Leadership Team meeting at 4:30pm in the Parish Center. Dinner at 5:30pm. Mustard Seed will meet in the Loft from 6 to 8pm.
- ♦ **Sunday, April 15** Dinner at 5:30pm. Mustard Seed will meet in the Loft from 6 to 8pm.
- ♦ **Sunday, April 22** Dinner at 5:30pm. Mustard Seed will meet in the Loft from 6 to 8pm.
- ♦ **Sunday, April 29** Dinner at 5:30pm. Mustard Seed will meet in the Loft from 6 to 8pm.
- ♦ **Sunday, May 6** Leadership Team meeting at 4:30pm in the Parish Center. Dinner at 5:30pm. Mustard Seed will meet in the Loft from 6 to 8pm.
- ♦ **Sunday, May 13** *Mother's Day - No Mustard Seed meeting*
- ♦ **Sunday, May 20** Dinner at 5:30pm. Mustard Seed will meet in the Loft from 6 to 8pm.
- ♦ **Sunday, May 27** *Memorial Day Weekend - No Mustard Seed meeting*

God Squad (7th and 8th Grade Youth Group)

- ♦ **Sunday, April 22** God Squad meeting in the Loft of the Parish Center from 2 to 3:30pm. We will start off with pizza and pop and hopefully it will be nice enough to go outside. Look for more details about this meeting at the REP sessions and in the bulletin.
- ♦ **Friday, May 11** is our annual laser tag trip to Zap Zone. Look for information and permission forms at REP sessions, in the church bulletin or you can go online to www.stjos.com/youth-groups.html.

Confirmation News

- ♦ **April 1** No Class
- ♦ **April 8** Confirmation Class with sponsor/mentor (The Mass part 4) — 1:00pm at the Parish Center
- ♦ **April 15** Confirmation Class (Chapter 12, Holiness is Possible)
- ♦ **April 22** Confirmation Class (Review of the Process)
- ♦ **April 29** Confirmation Class with sponsor/mentor (The Mass part 5) — 1:00pm at the Village Church



St. Joseph Parish Vacation Bible School

Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity

Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29
9am to Noon

For ages 4 years old through entering 6th
grade in Fall 2018

At the Country Church Festival Grounds &
Disciple House
6805 Mast Road

Register online at stjos.com/VACATION-BIBLE-SCHOOL.html

Don't forget to invite a friend!

Spirit Weekend

Our Annual Spirit Weekend Spaghetti Dinner with the Parish Life Commission and our Boy Scout Troop! What a yummy event it was!



CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
GRADUATES!



Our traditional **Graduation Mass** will be held **Sunday, May 20** at the **11:00am** Liturgy, followed by a reception in the Gathering Space for the **2018 Graduates** and their immediate families. Seniors, please meet in the gathering space at 10:40am. **RSVP** by emailing don_dalgleish@stjos.com, calling the office at 426-2674, or online at www.stjos.com (scroll down to upcoming events) by **May 14**. *If you did not receive an invitation in the mail and you are graduating from high school this year, please call Don or Cindy at 426-2674.*

We ask for the Junior Class to help decorate the Gathering Space, serve at the reception, and clean up afterwards. Please sign up to help by **May 14** online at www.stjos.com (scroll down to upcoming events: Graduation Mass), call 426-2674, or sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Space to volunteer your services, assuring you of your own special Mass and reception next year!

St. Joseph Parish

NRN trip July 23-28, 2018



What is NRN? NRN, National Relief Network, is an organization out of Grand Rapids, MI that organizes volunteers to go into Federally declared disaster areas to help with relief efforts from tornado's, hurricane's, floods, etc. The work can range from debris clean up, to dismantling of homes, to repairs and rebuilds. For more information on the NRN organization visit their website at www.nrn.org.

When is the trip? The week of July 23-28. We travel by bus (non-stop) and will be scheduled for 3-4 days of work depending on the location and one fun day. This service trip is open to all St. Joseph Parish members and friends that are 13 years old and up (12 years old with a parent/guardian going).

Where are we going? Work orders come to the NRN either from the Red Cross or FEMA. It all depends on Mother Nature. Typically we are not given a destination until about 30 days before our trip. We usually stay in a church or school classrooms/gymnasium on air mattresses.



Cost? The cost is \$524 per person which includes food (while we are down there), travel, lodging and most supplies (the cost does not include fun day cost). There will be a NRN collection in May and other fundraising opportunities. Minimum is 35 people.

What do you need to do now? If you would like to attend this year's trip you will need to sign up on the sign-up sheet either in the Gathering Space in the Country Church, or at the Mustard Seed Youth Group meeting or by contacting Don at 734-426-2674. An information meeting is scheduled for **April 18 at 7pm** in the Parish Center. A \$100 deposit per person is due in order to hold your spot. An email will be sent with information regarding the second payment due on **May 23**. The week of June 3 a mailing will be sent out with details of money still owed and the paperwork. On **June 20 at 7pm** there will be a meeting in the Parish Center to cover last minute details and collect paperwork and final payments.



If you have questions or concerns please contact Don Dalglish at 734-426-2674 or at don_dalglish@stjos.com.

The Rite of Election at Christ the King



The RCIA Candidates and Sponsors meet Bishop Boyea
Front row: Susan and Thomas Bellisario,
Bishop Boyea, Marinell High, Director of RCIA
Back Row: David Gordon, Guy Miller, Bridget Sykes, Christopher Roulo,
Marifelice Roulo, Deborah Zahn Simmons, Lynn Sample



The RCIA Candidates and Sponsors meet Bishop Boyea
Waiting for our turn to shake hands with Bishop Boyea.

St. Joseph's Parish Perennial Plant Sale Returns!



Mark your calendars now for **SATURDAY, MAY 19 at 10am**. This will be our 10th year for this event. Proceeds from previous years have been used to purchase outdoor benches for the Country Church, landscape the entrances and irrigate the two entrances and around the Country Church. The irrigation system helps keep our plants healthy and makes weeding easier for the volunteers. Proceeds from this year's sales will be used to support the irrigation systems, beautify our grounds and provide for the future. We hope you will be able to join us in this venture.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Donate plants from your own/friend's garden. **THIS IS HOW WE MAKE THE MONEY!** Let us know if someone needs help splitting or digging
- Publicity: pass out fliers and tell friends/relatives/co-workers about the sale, share on Facebook and other social media
- Digging in gardens of those who are unable to do so
- Re-potting all the plants we dig; watch the bulletin for potting party dates
- Label or price plants at the potting parties
- Watering potted plants to keep them alive until the sale
- Set-up/take-down or work the sale
- Loan us your wagons/wheelbarrows for the sale
- Donate empty pots (most needed are 1 gallon size pots)
- Come and shop for great plants at great prices

If you are unable to split your perennials yourself, we may be able to help. Call or email to set up a time for us to dig. Mary Topham-marybtopham@gmail.com. 734-276-4559

The "**potting party**" dates for this year will be published in the Sunday bulletins.

All are from 4 to -7 or 8pm at the Festival Pavilion at the Country Church. Please come to help us pot our treasures or bring your own plants and we will help you pot them for the sale. Pots and soil will be provided. All are welcome. Meet fellow parishioners. You do not need any expertise. Direction will be given if needed. We are usually here for 3 hour or longer, so come whenever you can. Bring gloves and a trowel if you have them.

Plants that are already potted can be dropped off in the staging area near the festival pavilion any time after April 27. If they are not potted, please drop off on one of the potting party dates. Pots will be available in the festival pavilion after April 27 if you need any. Pot donations can be left in the festival pavilion any time after April 27. Please bag these so they don't blow around.

St. Joseph's Perennial Sale Date: **Saturday, May 19; Time: 10am to 6pm**; Location: Festival Pavilion at the Country Church. Tell your family and friends. Stop by for some great plants at great prices. Thanks!

For more information please contact: Mary and Mike Topham 734-276-4559 or 734-827-0316 marybtopham@gmail.com.

Giving Garden News

Happy Spring!



As you likely know, St. Joseph Parish has been part of the GROW+Go program through the Diocese of Lansing which is a process that creates a culture of conversion, discipleship and evangelization. Our Giving Garden is on the way for another season of growing to go out to share fresh produce to those less fortunate. Why not come on out and join us in the Giving Garden this year to continue on that theme of *Growing and Going!?*

Giving Garden Whether you are an experienced gardener or a novice looking to learn, come to our spring kick-off meeting on the evening of April 17 at 7pm in the Parish Center on the 3rd Street side. We will choose vegetables to plant, decide on when to begin preparing the beds, discuss work bee dates and volunteer for other activities.

Last year we harvested 1,358 pounds of produce which was donated to Dexter & Chelsea Faith In Action, Faith In Flint and Northfield Food Pantry. We are thankful to our volunteers who gave 275 hours of their time. Of course many hands make light work and helping hands of all sizes and ages are welcome.

All are welcome to the Giving Garden to help feed the hungry and less fortunate who struggle for fresh produce. Help us plant the seed, nurture the plant and go and share the fruits of our labor and prayer with others in our community. We look forward to seeing you!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us!

Giving Garden Leadership Team

Barb Rutz (barb@rutz.us, 734-550-9668), Bob Gansen (gansenr@yahoo.com, 734-578-7195) and Marlene Brines

Mt. 25:35 "When I was hungry, you fed me"

Moms in Need



Each spring it has been a tradition at St. Joseph's to "hold" a baby shower in support of needy mothers and their children. This spring we will once again collect items for Catholic Social Services, "Fr. Pat Jackson Program" and Family Life Services of Washtenaw.

The Fr. Pat Jackson Program at Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County provides support to young moms and their babies. The Fr. Pat Jackson Program replaced the Fr. Pat Jackson House when there was no longer a need to support young mothers in the house. Family Life Services of Washtenaw County is a non-profit interdenominational Christian outreach organized to empower women to make godly choices regarding sexuality and family life and to bring healing to those hurt by abortion. They provide the physical, emotional and spiritual support necessary free of charge for those with few other options open to them. Their mission and the support they provide is very much in the spirit of "Fr. Pat Jackson".

So look for the banner and crib coming later this spring.

~The Charitable Activities and Social Justice Commission

50 Plus — Mass and Potluck Lunch



Come and experience Mass in a small group setting and stay for fellowship at the potluck luncheon. Our 50 Plus dates for April and May have changed so please mark your calendars for April 10 and May 8. Mass begins at noon in the Parish Center. If you would like to know more, please call Linda Clark at 734-769-0872.



Spring Grounds Clean-Up

Country Church Grounds
Saturday, April 28 from 8am to noon

Village Church Grounds
Saturday, May 5 from 8am to noon

Rain Date
Saturday, May 12

SPRING Grounds Clean Up



Cemetery Clean-Up

Our annual spring cleaning of our parish cemetery is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 8am-noon (rain date May 26.) This is an excellent service opportunity for Confirmation candidates, as well as everyone in our parish family. Bring rakes and work gloves, enjoy the glorious renewal of spring with fellow parishioners, and of course, there will be free donuts!

FLINT: Wagons & Strollers & Highchairs!— Oh My!



Last fall at the St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center in Flint, 26 new and expectant moms were treated to a day of food, fellowship, speakers and gifts put on by Warm Hearts nonprofit of Westland. Starting with a continental breakfast, moms then went to hear various speakers talk about: Safe Sleep, Breastfeeding, Positive Parenting and Nutrition. After discussion and lunch, moms each got to choose 1 large gift (stroller, high chair etc), received a diaper bag stuffed with baby needs and selected baby/parenting books of their choice. One lucky mom at each table received the centerpiece gift (basket of baby items). From the thank you notes received, women felt empowered, better informed and extremely grateful for a day of pampering.

We plan another shower in the fall, expecting 40-50 women. Desperately needed are:

New or gently used: Strollers, Pack & Plays, High Charis, Wagons (to transport kids, food & water)

So if you have the above needed items and would like to donate them, I would be happy to store them until the next baby shower this fall. Women are already asking when the next shower will be!

The N.E.W. Life Center received 1/2 of the feminine hygiene items donated by women attending the Advent Tea in December. It was most appreciated as this type of item is seldom donated and in great need. Therefore I will also collect feminine hygiene products, as well as full size personal care items (shower gel, shampoo etc).

Thank you for all the ways you have supported the St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center in the past. It is where women and men in Flint find hope and have the opportunity for a better future. Located in a neighborhood just 5min off US23/I75, staff would be happy to give you a tour (Mon & Fri 9-4 are less busy) to see the many ways they are empowering the community.

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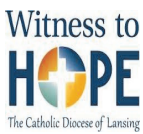
St. Joseph's Family Grief Program



Joseph's Family is a facilitated peer group support program for adult grief recovery in Catholic tradition. All of us have lost someone we love very much. Some of us have had a harder time dealing with the loss. Many times we have been afraid to talk to anyone or have talked about it and have been told, "to get over it." Everyone deals with grief in a different way and different lengths of time. A series called "Joseph's Family" is designated to help us understand that what we feel is "OK" and how to make adjustments in life that are needed to cope with our grief.

"Joseph's Family" strives to offer those who are grieving with family-like support so that all who are involved in the program may grow beyond the grief of losing a loved one and realize the assurance of Christ's love and presence among us. St. Joseph Parish is offering a three week series on Saturdays at 1pm on October 6, 13, and 20. We will meet in Joseph's Room, which is located in the Village Church basement. If you would like more information about this ministry or if you would like to register, please contact Dolores Chatigny at 734-426-4794 or Sue Dailey at 734-426-4267.

Witness to Hope/Stairway to Unite Combined Capital Campaign



Thank you to all those that contributed to our Witness to Hope/ Stairway to Unite combined capital campaign. For parishioners making monthly payments by check, please make checks out to "Witness to Hope" and mail them to the Diocese of Lansing at:

Witness to Hope, 228 N. Walnut Street, Lansing, MI 48933-1122

The Diocese of Lansing sends out statements on the 10th of every month. Statements should arrive in your home by the 15th of the month. However, due to a change in printers, you may have not received your February statement. This issue should be resolved. If you do not receive your statement in the future, contact Colleen Andrews at the Diocese at (517) 342-2461. As always, feel free to call or email Gail Assenmacher @ (734)426-4229 or gail_assenmacher@stjos.com.

Boy Scout Troop 456 News

The Troop was very active this past few months participating in winter outings and service projects for the parish. Scouts from the Troop helped parishioners take down the Christmas decorations inside the church on Epiphany Sunday. The Troop also assisted in the Mass on 4 Feb to celebrate Scout Sunday. The next service activity being planned is support for the Spaghetti dinner. During the Spaghetti Dinner, the Scouts will participate in cooking, serving and cleanup at the parish center. Prior to this service project there will be a rock climbing outing at Planet Rock.



The key winter outing for 2018 was the Klondike Derby which took place at Camp Munhake in Gregory. The Klondike Derby is a competition between troops to complete as many assignments throughout the day with their fellow patrol members using their Scouting skills, knowledge, ingenuity, and teamwork, all while showing plenty of Scout spirit. The main engine for the Derby is a boy propelled sled. The sled was constructed by the scouts over the prior weekends and was designed with a lot of forethought as is evident from the photo. Note the removable wheels attached to the skis in case there is no snow. The photo at the derby site clearly shows that the plan B for the sled construction was in order due to the lack of snow.

During the most recent Troop meeting the Troop elected 3 Scouts for membership in the Order of the Arrow. The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's national honor society. It recognizes Scouts who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily lives. The Order of the Arrow helps Scouts crystallize habits of leadership and helpfulness into a life purpose of cheerful service to others and to their nation. To become a member of the Order of the Arrow, the scout must satisfy the camping requirements, hold the rank of at least First Class Scout and be elected by the scouts in the troop.

If you are interested in joining the troop as a scout or adult volunteer contact Joe Wikaryasz (Charter Org. Rep) at 734-426-1006 or Pete Potsos (Scoutmaster) at 734-355-8729. Checkout the Troop website at www.dextertroop456.org for meeting times and place as well as scheduled activities.



2018

Drop Off at the Village Parish Center
Corner of 3rd & Dover
June 24th to July 3rd 10:00 to 5:00
(After Hours Covered Drop off Area Available)

Acceptable Items

Bedding • Window Treatments • Throw Rugs
Housewares • Glassware • Cooking Utensils
Art & Home Decorations • Craft Items
Books; Hardcover, Paperback, Cookbooks
Records • DVDs • CDs
Toys • Games • Stuffed Animals / • Dolls
Sports Equipment • Bicycles • Lawn Furniture & Decorations • Tools
Furniture; Baby, Upholstered, Chairs, Tables, Book Cases
Electrical Appliances • Small Kitchen • Radios • Clocks
(Please - All Appliances Should Be In Working Condition)

Unacceptable Items

Baby Cribs • Car Seats • Slatted Playpens
Large Appliances • Air Conditioners
Toilets • Sinks • Tubs / Freezers • Hot Water Heaters
Construction Materials • Paints • Tires
Computers • TVs • Large Exercise Equipment
Clothing • Open Toiletries or Cosmetics
Metal Desks • Artificial Xmas Trees
Encyclopedias • Periodicals • Sofa Beds

Sale Dates & Times

July 12, 13, 14 from 9:00 to 6:00 (Extended Saturday hours!)

Thank you for your help & donations
Questions? Contact Ray Faitel at 734-395-2968 or
Kathy Koepsell at 734-604-6797

Summer Festival 2018

40 Years of Faith and Fun!



The Festival committee is hard at work planning the 2018 summer festival. As always, there will be fun for the entire family. **Mark your calendars** with these important dates to remember for 2018:

- ◆ **July 20**, Friday Night kick off Concert and Teen Cafe
- ◆ **July 21** Saturday, St. Joseph Festival, Car Show
- ◆ **July 22** Sunday, St. Joseph Festival, Chicken Broil

The festival entertainment committee has been busy booking incredible talent and I think you're going to like it!

We will once again be blessed with an opening concert on **Friday night** in our sanctuary. More details to come but you may hear THE SOUND OF MUSIC. Pianist **Paul Langford** and coloratura singer **Dianne Penning** will hit notes high enough to CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN as they perform the music of Julie Andrews and other Broadway hits.

On the festival grounds both Saturday and Sunday you will have the opportunity to see some of the top artists our state has to offer, all for free!!!

Recognized as a top five children's performer by Nickelodeon, we are excited to welcome nationally recognized children's singer and song-writer **Randy Kaplan**. The kids tent will also feature **balloon artists, animals, juggling** and some professional **clowning** around.

In the Big Tent to literally kick things off on **Saturday** we are pleased to welcome the talented **Chelsea House Orchestra**. . The energy and kicking will continue as we host an elite group of **jump ropers** who have performed half-time routines, and have competed and placed in national, junior Olympic and world competitions as well! As we ease into a lovely Saturday afternoon you are in for a rare treat as we welcome to the festival for the first time recording jazz artist Brian Delaney and the **Brian Delaney Quartet**. For the dancers in the crowd our favorite band, **Men in Black**, will perform on Saturday night.

On **Sunday**, actors from The Encore Theatre will stop by on their way to their current production, West Side Story, to perform a few numbers and provide a chance to win tickets to a show! The **Encore Cabaret Singers** will also perform songs from some of your other favorite musicals. For blues and rock fans Welsh-born **Ian Stewart** will charm you with cover songs and acoustic stylings. And get your dance shoes back out for Sunday as we hope to end our 40th anniversary of this year's festival with a rousing **polka party**!

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors and enjoy all that our festival has to offer!

We would like to thank all the chairs and volunteers that make the St Joseph summer festival a success!! Without your commitment and dedication this event could not happen. If you are willing to volunteer, chair or co-chair a committee please contact Ty Clark (tyclark@charter.net) or Jeff Littleton (62chessie@gmail.com). The committees are critical to the success of our annual festival.

See you at the corner!

Dear St. Joseph Parish...

January 24, 2018

Thank you for your gifts of \$2,767 dated November 19, 2017 and \$5,967 dated December 29, 2017.

For over 35 years Faith in Action has been blessed with the support of people like you, who recognize the value of a small town organization that helps others struggling to get by in Chelsea and Dexter. We continue our regular programs of bringing food to family tables, aiding in applications for health insurance and food benefits and preventing homelessness, as well as providing holiday support for our clients.

Thank you!
Nancy S. Paul
Director, Faith in Action

February 1, 2018

On behalf of our residents and staff at Regency in Whitmore Lake, thank you for your generosity and caring this Christmas Season. Your gifts from the heart brought great joy to the residents.

God Bless you!
Regency at Whitmore Lake

February 27, 2018

On behalf of Catholic Charities USA, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the most generous gift in the amount of \$1,000 in support of our hurricane response and relief work.

In times of natural disasters such as these, our incredible support enables our efforts to help our member agencies provide hope and healing to the thousands of victims they are serving who are experiencing devastating loss and unimaginable disruption in their lives.

Please know this support, your reaching out in love and care, through the services Catholic Charities staff and our countless volunteers are providing victims, will have an extraordinary effect on the lives of those who have been left with little – if anything.

May God continue to bless you always – and in all ways.

Agnes D. Solatan
Senior Director, Development Catholic Charities USA

February 15, 2018

What an amazing donation to Love Takes Root! It is also the final amount we needed to finish installing solar power at Las Concorde! The orphanage, school and medical clinic have been without any power since Hurricane Matthew in October 2016. LTR decided to go solar in August and with your donation we are purchasing the final piece – the batteries that will charge during the day to provide security lights at night. The power will allow them to have clean filtered water! And pump it to the roof for gravity feed at night. We will be able to charge a phone and computer for communication. The school will have lights and water as will the clinic!

Your 5th Sunday has touched and changed many lives.

So grateful,
Barb Wilkerson, Love Takes Root, Executive Director

February 27, 2018

Thank you so much for your generous contribution on 1/23/18 of \$3,258 for Hurricane Irma relief.

Your donation helps us to directly assist the most needy and vulnerable members of our local community when they face times of personal and financial crisis; to feed more school kids through our Weekend Hunger Backpack Program, to give food to more neighbors, families and seniors in need; and to provide more emergency assistance to those still recovering and rebuilding from the impacts of Hurricanes Matthew and Irma.

Through your generosity, Catholic Charities – St. Augustine will continue our mission to help those who are suffering and may have nowhere else to turn for assistance.

God Bless,
Mary Kelly Kryzeick
Director, Catholic Charities – St. Augustine

February 10, 2018

We are grateful for your recent gift of \$2,590.17. As you have requested, \$350 is allocated to the Food Pantry and the remainder is designated to the Good Samaritan.

On behalf of the entire CSSW staff and Board of Directors, and especially the thousands of children, adults and families we serve each year, we appreciate your partnership in this important, meaningful work. Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,
Jan Wisniewski
Catholic Social Services
Vice President, Development and Marketing

February 21, 2018

Thank you for your generous contribution of gift cards which were sent for us to us at SOS Community Services to provide help to our clients during the Christmas holiday.

Thank you for providing the things we all need to people going through hard times. It's people like you – people who care and people who help – that really make a difference.

Sincerely,
Chelsea M. Brown
Development Director



Dear St. Joseph Parish (cont.)...

February 27, 2018

A huge thank you to all the good people of St. Joseph who contribute with such generosity as we seek to alleviate some of the financial stressors for people in our area who are struggling to maintain a decent and dignified life for themselves. As we hit the midpoint of this long winter we feel so blessed to be able to help to such a degree, and hope all of you at St. Joseph continue to experience every blessing. With gratitude from all staff, volunteers, board and those served with your gifts.

Nancy Paul
Faith in Action

February 19, 2018

On behalf of the Corner Health Center, I want to thank the St. Joseph Parishioners for the recent in-kind gift of gift cards and tangible goods for the Corner Store.

The Corner is so fortunate to have donors like you who care about helping youth in our community. Because of you, many people will get quality health care and the essential support they need to grow into healthy adults.

With your support, we are expanding our services in mental and behavioral health, we are growing our programs in positive youth development, we now have youth members on our Board of Directors, and our team of specialists in adolescent medicine continues to provide comprehensive primary care to meet the complex needs of young people.

Thank you so much for your help!

Versell Smith Jr.
Executive, Director, Corner Health

We are one body, one body in Christ, and we do not stand alone.

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

All are welcome in this place.

David & Katy Kelley
David, Grace and Abigail

Dan & Nicole Clement
Vivian

Kirk & Kelly Jackson
Liam and Ella

Steve and Emily Kelly
Clara

David and Paula Winston

Leon Demerath

Baptized into the Family of God

You are God's work of art, created in Jesus the Christ.

Audriana May Webb
Daughter of Jacob & Kayla (Furlage) Webb

Madelyn Grace Brieger
Daughter of Adam & Tara (Davis) Brieger

Violet Isobelle Urban
Daughter of Michael & Katherine (Roxbury) Urban

In Loving Memory

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
And perpetual light shine upon them.*

James Leon Mynning

Russel Joseph Mynning

Mary A. "Mimi" Marks

Mary Ann Carolin

Nancy Ehnis

Sr. Paraclita Schnebelt



There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. Ecclesiastes 3:1

April 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 HAPPY EASTER 8:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM 12:00 PM Mass 	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 6:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Pastoral Council 8:00 PMAA	4 8:00 AM ST. 7:00 PM Bible Study	5 7:00 AM Men's Group 9:00 AM Bible Study 7:30 PM AA	6	7 4:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Reconciliation WELCOME WEEKEND
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May 2018

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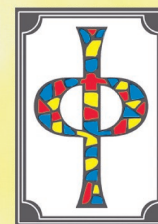
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