

St. Joseph Parish

Dexter, MI

Chips & Sawdust



December 2017/January 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: 3:30–4:30pm or by appointment

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

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Romolo Leone, Deacon	944-6709
Randy Desrochers, Deacon	646-4425
Laura McKenzie, Staff Liaison	426-8483

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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
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COMMISSIONS and ACTIVITIES

Commission	Chair	Phone
Finance	Liz Neil	426-8483
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Charitable Activities & Social Justice	Randy Desrochers	646-4425
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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.

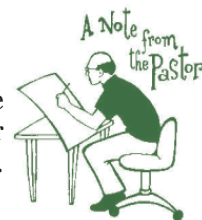
The Village Church, Parish Center, Parish Office, Mary's Room Joseph's Room and Church Basement are located on the Village Campus at 3430 Dover, in Dexter.

Advent Darkness to Light

The four weeks of Advent happen during the darkest, coldest time of year. The days are short and the air is cold. The trees are barren and the ground is hard. We use these four weeks to prepare our minds and our hearts for the Light of Christ. We long for the light, the warmth the peace of our Savior. He is the Light which guides, inspires, and gives warmth to our hearts and lives.

To prepare for the birth of Jesus I invite you to:

- ◆ Attend Mass
- ◆ Celebrate Reconciliation
- ◆ Join us on Christmas



Advent to Christmas

This year Advent Season is only three weeks long. The Fourth Sunday of Advent is December 24 or Christmas Eve. On a practical level, I encourage us to make every effort to not skip the 4th Sunday Mass because it happens to be Christmas Eve. The Saturday night Mass is a good option or Mass on Sunday for Advent and Monday for Christmas.

On a spiritual level, it reminds us not to miss the stories of anticipation in preparing for the birth of Jesus. It reminds of the importance of slowing down and taking time to pray in thanksgiving for the gift of faith and family — of life and love for the gift of Jesus.

Welcome Dinner

As we begin the new year the Pastoral Council will host our annual dinner to welcome new parishioners to our parish. This family style dinner will be served following the 5pm Mass on Saturday, January, 27 beginning at 6pm. If you are new to our parish in the last year or two please call the Parish Office to RSVP. The evening includes the introduction of the parish staff, and tours of the buildings on the Village Campus.

Year End Statements

Thank you to all who made contributions to support our parish in the past year. A letter of your gracious giving will be mailed to each household by the end of January. A letter from the Diocese of Lansing will come with any gifts given to the Witness to Hope/Stairway to Unite Campaign.

Our Advent Schedule

Giving Tree gifts are due Sunday, December 17
Ladies Advent Tea, Tuesday, December 5, 7pm — Country Church

Advent Reconciliation Communal Reconciliation

Monday, December 11, 7pm — St. Andrew, Saline
Tuesday, December, 12, 7pm — St. Joseph, Dexter
Wednesday, December 13, 7pm — St. Mary, Chelsea
Thursday, December, 14 7pm — St. Mary, Manchester

Individual Reconciliation

Each Saturday during Advent 3:30 — 4:30m — Country Church
Wednesday, December 20, 12 — 1pm, Village Church
Thursday, December 21, 7 — 8pm, Village Church

Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Eve

(Music begins a half hour before each Mass)

4:30pm — Children's Mass — "Living Christmas Story" — Country Church
7:30pm — Mass — Country Church
11pm — Mass — Country Church

Christmas Day

10am — Mass — Country Church

New Year Liturgies

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 9am — Country Church

Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26. The office will close at noon on December 29 and all day on New Year's Day Monday, January 1.



Pastoral Council Notes



These are busy times. In November, St. Joseph hosted the 12th annual Silent Auction to help support our work here at St. Joseph. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this event a success. Participation Weekend was in November for our combined Witness to Hope/ Stairway to Unite Capital Campaign to support both our Diocese of Lansing and St. Joseph Parish. The response to this campaign has been amazing. Honestly, I am proud to be associated with such great, giving people.

This time of year I like to reflect on the many blessings that have been bestowed upon myself and my family. It's easy to be distracted with the 24 hour news cycle, notifications and alerts on our mobile devices and computers. As we prepare for Advent take some time to unplug. Turn off those notifications. Stay away from the news. Spend a little more time being thankful, prayerful and enjoy the quiet times in the moments between our activities. Here at St. Joseph Parish, we offer many activities, programs and events to help us reflect on God's blessings in our lives: the "Giving Tree", Ladies Advent Tea and reconciliation to name a few.

In January, the Pastoral Council will host the annual Welcome Dinner for parishioners new to our parish in the last year. This is a sit down family style dinner. If you are new to our parish, please mark you calendars for January 27, 2018. We hope you will join us.

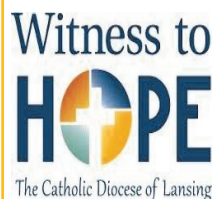
*God Bless,
Jim Zeitunian*

Witness to Hope/Stairway to Unite Combined Capital Campaign

We are grateful and thankful for all who shared time and energy for this important campaign for the good our Diocese of Lansing and for the future of our St. Joseph Parish. Your prayer, your gifts of sacrifice your investment in our future is deeply appreciated.

In this last month of the calendar year we will do a final mailing asking for a year end gift or pledge to help us reach our goal. All gifts no matter how big or small will help us reach our goal.

Your Campaign Cabinet,



Dave & Pat Navarre, Co-Chairs
Kurt & Gail Assenmacher
Donald Boren & Eileen Slank—Boren
Robert & Carolyn Gansen
John & Sherri Goff
Nick Hopwood
Art & Beth Humpert

Joe & Gerrie Prochaska, Co-Chairs
Doug & Kathy Koepsell
Joe & Lou-Ann Morrill
Jason & Michelle Nymark
Bud & Juli Ripberger
Chris & Julie Szydlowski



CARITAS COMMITTEE

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

Thank you for your generous support of our October Caritas collection. Our recipient organization was the Samaritas, a Christian organization with the motto, “Serving people as an expression of the love of Christ,” Samaritas is the largest refugee organization in Michigan. The Ann Arbor office was opened in 2017 to serve refugees from Iraq, Syria, and the Congo. These refugees have lost everything and are working hard to start a new life for themselves and their families. Samaritas helps the refugees find and furnish housing, attend English classes, and enroll children in school. It helps adults find employment, provides rides to various appointments, and helps the refugees acclimate to American life.

Through your sacrificial gifts we were able to send them a generous donation of \$1050. We also were able to distribute \$1050 to Dexter Family Services and \$1015 to the Parish Christian Service Fund; \$525 to Flint, and \$525 to Catholic Social Services.

Thank you for sharing your prayers and treasure with our brothers and sisters most in need of our help.

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

THE RITE OF WELCOME

On Sunday, November 5 St. Joseph Parish welcomed seven people as Candidates in the RCIA process. They knocked on the door seeking entrance to our faith, they were welcomed by Fr. Brendan and led down to the front of the worship space. Each person answered the question "What do you ask of God's Church" with "Confirmation and Full Communion in the Catholic Church" followed by the question "What does this period of formation offer you?". Each person responded to that question with "An understanding of the Catholic faith". The community agreed to accept them and to support them through their period of continued study. Next came Fr. Brendan signing them with the Sign of the Cross, the presentation of the cross and the signing of the senses by each sponsor to their RCIA person.

After Fr. Brendan's homily the Candidates were presented with a bible and led out of church for Breaking Open the Word which they will do each week now until the Easter Vigil. During Breaking Open the Word the Candidates will come to see how Scripture plays a role in their lives and how it is God's way of communicating with us and leading us in the right direction.

We ask that you keep our Candidates in your prayers as they grow in faith and in their relationship with God and understanding of the Catholic Way of Life.



Confirmation 2017

Congratulations to our newly Confirmed youth of St. Joseph Parish.



Pablo Demerath
 Lucinda "Katherine Drexel" Gleespen
 Ashley Love
 Tyler "Michael" Hochrein
 Sarah "Maria Goretti" Johnston
 Johnathan "Anthony" Westermann



Confirmation and High School Fall Retreat



presentations



team building

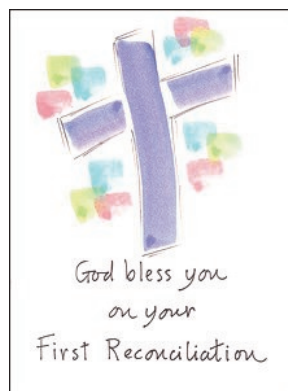


small groups



First Reconciliation Retreat

On Saturday, November 4, the children preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation gathered at the Parish Center with their parents, aunts and uncles to participate in their very first retreat and we had an amazing time! The children created candle holders for their reconciliation service and a special bracelet that helps them to remember the Act of Contrition. They also listened to a special scripture story and practiced what it will be like to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they finish up their preparation for this beautiful sacrament!



Youth Events

Mustard Seed Youth Group (9-12 Grade)

- ◆ Sunday, December 3 at 4:30pm is a Leadership Team meeting. We will be meeting in the Parish Center this time. Dinner is at 5:30pm on the kitchen side of the Parish Center and the Mustard Seed Youth group will meet from 6 to 8pm in the Loft.
- ◆ Sunday, December 10 at 5:30pm is the Mustard Seed dinner. From 6 to 8pm in the Loft we will be having our annual White elephant Party. A White Elephant party is when you bring a goofy gift, wrapped (usually be something you don't use anymore or need), do not put your name on the gift or address it to anyone. Join us to see how the rest of this activity works! There will be pizza, pop and other goodies too. We will also have the opening the tightly wrapped gift with oven mitts challenge. You will have to come to see how this game is done as well. Whoever opens the gift gets to keep the gift!
- ◆ Sunday, December 17 we will have pizza at 5:30 and from 6 to 8pm we will work on a service project and will be sorting food for Dexter Family Service.
- ◆ December 24 No Mustard Seed meeting.
- ◆ December 31 No Mustard Seed meeting.
- ◆ January 7 from 4:30 to 5:45pm Leadership Team meeting. Dinner at 5:30 (pizza) and Mustard Seed youth group will meet in the loft from 6 to 8pm. This is our annual movie night.
- ◆ January 14 5:30pm dinner, Mustard Seed youth group will meet in the Loft from 6 to 8pm.
- ◆ January 21 5:30pm dinner, Mustard Seed youth group will meet in the Loft from 6 to 8pm.
- ◆ January 28 5:30pm dinner, Mustard Seed youth group will meet in the Loft from 6 to 8pm.

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

- ◆ Sunday, December 10 from 2 to 3:30pm we will be baking and decorating cookies for the shut-ins. We will need volunteers to deliver the cookies. Parents let me know if this is something you would like to do this Holiday Season with your children.
- ◆ Friday, January 19 will be the Sky Zone indoor trampoline trip. We will meet at the Parish Center at 5:30pm to carpool to Brighton. Don will need parents to help with driving and chaperoning. Permission forms will be available at the REP sessions or online at www.stjos.com.

Confirmation News

- ◆ December 3 Confirmation Class (Chapter 5, The Bible)
- ◆ December 10 Confirmation Class (Chapter 6, Relationships)
- ◆ December 17 Sort food for Dexter Family Services in St. Joseph Church Parish Center 5:30 — 8pm or until we get done. There will be pizza at 5:30pm.
- ◆ December 24 at 5:00 PM set out luminaries around the church to be lit by 7:00 PM Mass. We will have two groups, one meeting in the gathering space at the New Church and the other at the Parish Center (to set the luminaries up along the main sidewalks closest to the road). The luminaries need to be picked up after everyone leaves the Midnight Mass. **There will be a sign-up for this at the Confirmation sessions** or online at www.stjos.com.

Music Ministry

Christmas Choir Instrumentalists

Do you play an instrument? We are once again inviting instrumentalists to play at the 4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass with the Youth Choir and the 11pm Christmas Eve Mass with the St. Joseph Choir. Please contact me at steve_kp@stjos.com or 734-426-8483 ext. 205. Let me know what instrument you play, what Mass you'd like to play at, and your skill level. I will arrange music based on who signs up. Advent is very short this year since Christmas Day is a Monday, so please respond quickly—I need to know of your commitment by Tuesday, December 5. Rehearsals for the Youth Choir will be on Thursdays, December 7, 14, and 21, from 5:30 to 6:15 pm. If you plan on playing for the 11pm Mass, rehearsal will be on Thursday, December 21 from 7 to 9pm. Looking forward to celebrating the feast of our Lord's birth with you!



The Responsorial Psalm

After the first reading at Mass, a piece of music known as the “Responsorial Psalm” is sung. The name refers to the structure of the musical composition (responsorial: a leader sings verses while the whole congregation listens, then takes part by singing a refrain in response) and the origin of the text (psalm: a poem intended for singing, taken from the biblical Book of Psalms). The Church describes the responsorial psalm as “an integral part of the Liturgy of the Word” with “great liturgical and pastoral importance, since it fosters meditation on the Word of God.”

Since psalms are sung prayers, the liturgical documents of the Church express a preference that the responsorial psalm be sung rather than recited, “at least as far as the people’s response is concerned.” Each Sunday and Weekday Mass has a specified psalm (most often, actually, a selection of a few verses from a longer psalm) and response given in the *Lectionary*, the book from which the scripture readings are read at Mass. These psalms and responses generally correspond thematically to one or more of the scripture readings from the *Lectionary*, especially the first reading and the reading from the Gospel. Because they are to be used at particular Masses, these psalms and responses are called “proper psalms,” or are said to be “proper” to that day’s Mass.

In order that people may sing the response more easily, the Church also provides “common” psalms and responses: texts chosen suitable to the different times of the year and the different categories of saints, rather than to the specific day’s readings. These may be used instead of the text corresponding to the reading whenever the psalm is sung.

At the Sunday Masses during Advent at St. Joseph this year, we will sing a setting of the common response for the Advent season: “Come, O Lord, and set us free!” This refrain echoes Revelation 22:20, and celebrates three comings of Christ: his coming as an infant human at Christmas, his coming in glory at the end of time, and his coming as our nourishment in the Word and the Eucharist at Mass. You may want to make this refrain part of your daily prayer during these days of Advent.

How Do I Handle the Holidays When I am Grieving?



When you have lost a loved one through death, the holiday season can be most painful. It brings painful memories of your loved one and a terrible loss that you feel. It is difficult to get excited when the loved one is not here.

Rather than being a time of family togetherness, sharing and thanksgiving, holidays can bring feelings of sadness, loss and emptiness.

Since love does not end with death, holidays may result in a renewal sense of personal grief. Society encourages us to join in the holiday spirit, but all around you the sounds, sights, smells trigger memories of the person who is no longer with you. Recognize that the holidays will not be the same. Be patient with yourself as your resistance is lower. Grief is and can be very stressful.

St. Joseph Family Grief Ministry will be offering two sessions to address some ways we can help you cope with the holidays. There are a few steps that you can take to perhaps help the holidays have new or different meaning.

Recognize that the holidays will not be the same. Do what is comfortable for you and your family.

Grief Sessions will be on December 9 and 16 at 11am. We will meet in Joseph’s Room (Village Church basement). If you have questions or would like to register you may call Dolores Chatigny at 734-426-4794.

Once Christmas Time is Over

The months of September through December are busy ones for most of us.

If there are children at home there is the busyness of getting everyone started in school and the Fall activities that accompany the time of year. Regardless of the makeup of our homes we could be very busy with football, taking care of the leaves in our yards and preparing our homes for winter. Just as the last leaves fall and we think perhaps we can take a break we realize it is time to think about Thanksgiving and Christmas, oh my!! There just does not seem to be a lot of time to breathe or to take in new things for ourselves. Our thoughts project out to "once Christmas is over".

Soon after Christmas, however, comes this glorious time of year called "NEW"! It is when we make our resolutions about our health, our relationships, and our spiritual life. This is the time of year when we are determined to make this year better than last! The question is "what shall I do to be better"?

If you want to improve your physical health there will be many opportunities to join a weight loss program or a gym for special prices. You can order or download a self help book on relationships and put some new concepts into practice in your relationships with your spouse, your children or your friends. What about your spiritual and faith health though? How can you work on that during the New Year?

At St. Joseph Parish we offer many different ways that we hope will appeal to many different people from all the walks of life. "What are they" you ask? Well, let me list them for you:

- * Each Wednesday night is we have a bible study. This year beginning on Dec 6 we will take part in a study titled "Jesus Revealed" which focuses on the different names for Jesus that we find in Scripture. Each week will focus on the book of the bible that a particular title comes from. It will prove to most interesting we believe! The same bible study will be held on Thursday mornings from 9:00 - 10:30.
- * Men of the parish come together with other men and share faith on Thursday morning from 7:15 am - 8:15 am in Joseph's Room in the Village Church basement.
- * The Men's Building the Brotherhood of Christ (February 10) and the Women's Growing in God (March 10) one day events are wonderful ways to kick start a new path in your faith life.
- * Each year during Lent we host a Parish Mission and this year will be no different! March 4, 5, & 6 are the dates for our Mission this year.
- * As we finish with our 5 season ARISE small group process we will be starting up new opportunities for those small faith groups. Watch the bulletin for more information.
- * Each Sunday at 12:30 we have our RCIA sessions for those who want to join the Catholic Faith. There is a different topic presented each week with a faith sharing component as well. While the primary purpose of RCIA is to form those wanting to join our faith it is also an excellent source of information for life long Catholics. Please feel free to join us any time!
- * Winter is a great time to take advantage of video and audio presentations that you can access online at formed.org. There are so many different topics to choose from, spiritual retreats and experiences as well as books and dramatic presentations that you can choose from. If you are interested and have not yet been on formed.org just go to the site, create an account using our parish access code of VG7Y6N and get started!

If you are interested in any of these opportunities or you have a great idea for a new one please let us know. Contact Marinell High in the parish office at 734-426-8483 or marinell_high@stjos.com

Let us help you to build a better and stronger faith life!

Breathing Prayer from Arise Season Five Book

God breathed life into us and the Holy Spirit is often called the breath of God. We can help ourselves "stay" with Christ by turning our breathing into a prayer. Many saints and other use simple attention to their breath as a form of prayer or as a way of reminding themselves of their dependence upon God. Here is one way of doing this for yourself.

Breathe in the love of Christ, and breathe out the tension and anxiety.

Breathe in the love of Christ and breath out fear.

Breathe in the love of Christ and breathe out negativity.

Breathe in the love of Christ and breathe out anger or resentment.

Now breath in and out for a few seconds and imagine that the love of Christ is flowing through you.

Summer Festival 2018

We would like to thank all the chairs and volunteers that made the 2017 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.

The 2017 festival raised over \$49,000. A number of charities benefitted and we give thanks to god for our summer fun festival.

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

This year we are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the festival. The festival started as an evening of dinner and games to raise money for sponsorship of a refugee family from Vietnam!!



40 years of faith and fun!!



Boy Scout Troop 456 News

The Labor Day weekend outing was centered on the exploration of the venues of the Battle of Lake Erie. On a boat supplied by one of the parents, the scouts sailed to Middle Bass Island and camped. Activities were broken into half day sessions to structure the outing. On one of sessions the scouts boated, in a rigid inflatable boat, to Put-in-Bay. There, they visited the international Peace Memorial and toured Perry's cave. After the tour, there was a one hour sail to Kelly's Island to visit the Glacial Grooves, a unique geological formation left over from the last ice age. On Kelly's island the scouts engaged in sailing, kayaking and fishing. Evenings were spent with campfires and a twilight sail around the islands. During the month of October, the troop planned and executed a camping and biking outing to Mackinac Island. According to the scouts on the trip "it was a bunch of fun for all who went". The troop camped at Wilderness State Park, and took a ferry to the island where they engaged in a bike trek.

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.



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.

*John & Heather Dornoff
Aleksandra, Anna and David*

Karl & Rachael Campbell

Catherine Moroschan

Erin

*Karson & Alma Carpenter
Andrea*

Alec & Ali-Marie Ingram

Cesar & Rosa Nara

Joseph & Felicia Tuczak

Elizabeth Stanis

Ken & Debbie Seale

J.D. and Kent

*Randy & Cheryl Ankenbauer
Bethany, Katherine, Rosena*

Marriages

In our love new hope is found. In love we choose to live.

William Allen Puerner & Ashley Elnora Weigel

Simeon Michael Yousif & Samantha May Houston

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Molly Christine Hayes

Daughter of Bryan & Whitney (Ronan) Hayes

Weston James Trotter

Son of Ryan & Denise (Slomiany) Trotter

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.*

Francyn Chomie

Mark David Dahmen

Pearl Emma McCarthy

Mary Catherine Field-Green

Jean McInerney

Patrick Allen Gregory

*I loved all those people, that they were mine and I theirs,
that we could not be alien to one another even though we
were total strangers. Thomas Merton*



Homilies and Bulletins Online

Go to the parish website, www.stjos.com, click on the button on the Home page for Bulletins - Chips - Homilies, and click on the weekend homily you'd like to hear! While you are there check out all the upcoming events at St. Joseph! You can also like us on Facebook.

Parish Text Messages

To receive occasional text messages and updates from St. Joseph Parish, text "Y" or "Yes" to 64779.

Do We Have Your Correct Contact Information ?



If you haven't been receiving emails from the Parish Office and find you are missing out on some parish news, ministry schedule announcements, etc., or have you given up your landline, please contact Laura McKenzie at the Parish Office laura_mckenzie@stjos.com to confirm that we have your correct email address and phone contact on file.

Dear St. Joseph Parish...

September 19, 2017

I want to express my sincere gratitude to you for the compassion and solidarity you have shown to our sisters and brothers in need through your gift to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund in the amount of \$4,000 to St. John Vianney and \$4,000 to Shrine of the True Cross. As we seek to rebuild our community and bring assistance to those in the Archdiocese of Galveston – Houston, we are reminded that even in times of the greatest darkness, the light of God's unwavering love is ever present. The road to recovery for many in the Archdiocese will be a long one, but with the resilient faith of our community, it is one that we will surely walk together. As we work toward providing our sisters and brothers with the stability and support needed to rebuild their lives, we extend our gratitude to you. With prayerful best wishes for God's abundant blessings, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Archbishop of Galveston – Houston

10-27-17

Thank you for your sympathy and support you gave us during Francyn's illness and passing. Fran enjoyed attending and being a part of the St. Joseph community due to it being a warm and welcoming place. Thank you for the luncheon, wonderful service and the prayers during her difficult journey.

Don Chomic and family



September 26, 2017

Thank you for the generous gifts of \$2,744 from June, \$2,700 from August and \$2,355 from September.

For over 35 years Faith In Action has been blessed with the support of people and organizations who recognize the value of a small town organization that helps others in our home towns of Chelsea and Dexter who are struggling to get by. While we just finished distribution of school backpacks this summer for the children of our communities, we also continue our regular programs of bringing food to family tables, aiding in applications for health insurance and food benefits and preventing homelessness and utility shut off.

Your gift helps us extend a lifeline and is a great gift. Thank you!

Nancy S. Paul
Director, Faith In Action

October 15, 2017

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Thank you very much for your generous donation to Dexter Family Services from your July Caritas collection. We so appreciate your continued support as the need remains. We continue to provide food, rent and utility help to families. This year so far we have provided over 300 food orders and so we are continually restocking our shelves at the food pantry. Your help is always deeply appreciated.

We thank you again for your donation.

Sincerely,
Sue Yager
Treasurer, Dexter Family Services



*My dear precious Jesus,
I did not mean to take your place,
I only bring toys and things and you bring love and grace.
People give me lists of wishes and hope that they come true;
But you hear prayers of the heart and promise your will to do.
Children try to be good and not to cry when I am coming to town;
But you love them unconditionally and that love will abound.
I leave only a bag of toys and temporary joy for a season;
But you leave a heart of love, full of purpose and reasons.
I have a lot of believers and what one might call fame;
But I never healed the blind or tried to help the lame.
I have rosy cheeks and a voice full of laughter;
But no nail—scarred hands or a promise of the hereafter.
You may find several of me in town or at a mall;
But there is only one omnipotent you, to answer a sinner's call.
And so, my dear precious Jesus, I kneel here to pray;
To worship and adore you on this, your holy birthday.*



December 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
					1	2 3:30 PM Reconciliation Boy Scout Ham Sale <i>WELCOME WEEKEND</i>
3 9:00 AM / 11:00 AM REP 12:30 PM RCA 1:00 PM Children's Drama Practice 4:00 PM Adoration 4:00 PM Confirmation Session 4:30 PM Leadership Team 6:00 PM Mustard Seed Boy Scout Ham Sale <i>WELCOME WEEKEND</i>	4 3:00 PM serve at Delonis Ctr 7:00 PM BBOC 7:00 PM GIG 7:00 PM Handbells	5 3:45 PM REP 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Ladies Advent Tea 7:00 PM Pastoral Council 7:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 8:00 PM AA	6 8:00 AM St. Leo's 6:15 PM REP 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble	7 7:00 AM Men's Group 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM REP 5:30 PM Youth Choir 7:00 PM St. Joseph Choir 7:30 PM AA	8 8:15 AM Mass - village 7:00 PM Mass -- CC Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9 11:00 AM Grief Session 3:30 PM Reconciliation Boy Scout Ham Sale
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17 12:30 PM RCIA 1:00 PM Children's Drama Practice 5:00 PM Mustard Seed/Confirmation Food Sorting Boy Scout Ham Delivery	18 7:00 PM BBOC 7:00 PM GIG 7:00 PM Handbells	19 12:00 PM 50+ Mass & Potluck 6:00 PM Boy Scout Court of Honor 7:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 8:00 PM AA	20 12:00 PM Individual Reconciliation 5:30 PM Food Gatherers' 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble	21 7:00 AM Men's Group 9:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Youth Choir 7:00 PM Individual Reconciliation 7:00 PM St. Joseph Choir 7:30 PM AA	22	23 3:30 PM Reconciliation Dexter Family Services Food Sorting
24 Christmas Eve Masses at 4:30PM, 7:30PM & 11PM	25  10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass	26 7:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 8:00 PM AA	27	28 7:00 AM Men's Group 7:30 PM AA	29 Office Closed at noon	30 4:00 PM Reconciliation
OFFICE CLOSED-- Merry Christmas!						
31 	 <p>"For today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you; you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Luke 2:11-12</p> <p>Christmas Mass Schedule: December 24 -- 4:30pm Family Mass 7:30pm Christmas Vigil 11pm Nativity of the Lord Mass, December 25 -- 10am Christmas Day Mass</p>					

January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  9:00 AM Solemnity of Mary Mass – CC 7:00 PM GIG OFFICE CLOSED	2 7:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 8:00 PM AA	3 <div>St. Leo's</div>	4 7:00 AM Men's Group 7:30 PM AA	5	6 3:30 PM Reconciliation WELCOME WEEKEND
7 12:30 PM RCIA 4:30 PM Leadership Team 6:00 PM Mustard Seed WELCOME WEEKEND	8 7:00 PM BBOC 7:00 PM GIG 7:00 PM Handbells	9 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Parish Life 7:00 PM Pastoral Council 7:00 PM SLWC Mtg 7:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 8:00 PM AA	10 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble 7:00 PM Festival Meeting	11 7:00 AM Men's Group 9:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Youth Choir 7:00 PM Baptism Prep 7:00 PM St. Joseph Choir 7:30 PM AA	12	13 3:30 PM Reconciliation
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21 9:00 AM / 11:00 AM REP 12:30 PM RCIA 1:00 PM Confirmation Cand/Pt/Spr Mtg 6:00 PM Mustard Seed	22 7:00 PM BBOC 7:00 PM GIG 7:00 PM Handbells	23 3:45 PM REP 6:30 PM EFC MTG 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 8:00 PM AA	24 6:15 PM REP 7:00 PM 1st Eucharist Parent Mtg 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble	25 7:00 AM Men's Group 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM REP 5:30 PM Youth Choir 7:00 PM 1st Eucharist Parent Mtg 7:00 PM St. Joseph Choir 7:30 PM AA	26	27 3:30 PM Reconciliation 6:00 PM Welcome Dinner
28 9:00 AM / 11:00 AM REP 12:30 PM RCIA 4:00 PM Confirmation Session 6:00 PM Mustard Seed	29 7:00 PM BBOC 7:00 PM GIG 7:00 PM Handbells	30 3:45 PM REP 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Finance Council 7:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 8:00 PM AA	31 6:15 PM REP 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble			



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