

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
Dexter, MI
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December 2018/January 2019

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

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Brendan Walsh	Pastor
Romolo Leone	Deacon
Randy Desrochers	Deacon
Laura McKenzie	Administrative Assistant
Gail Assenmacher	Capital Campaign/Office Assistant
Darlene Cresson	Religious Education Secretary
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

2018-2019 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	
Jeff Price	Chair	424-0826
Larry Coogan	Vice Chair	424-0438
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George Hansen	Charitable Activities &	
	Social Justice	834-7154
Bill Brines	Youth Ministry	426-8602
Jo Dolecki-Lane	Spiritual Life & Worship	216-7031
Anne Gwozdek	Adult Formation/Recorder	476-0162
Lynn Rae Sample	Parish Life	369-8044
Bob Gansen	Finance	578-7195
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Rich Domsic	REP Formation	864-3152
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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	Graciela Demerath	424-2045
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	Doug Koepsell	260-0961
Giving Garden	Barb Rutz	550-9668
Guild of Gardeners		
God Squad (Gr. 7-8)	Don Dalgleish	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.

From Darkness to Light From Cold to Warmth

December is our darkest month. Each day we have less sun light and more darkness. It is also a time of anticipation as we look forward to the coming birth of Jesus, our light and love.

Each day we have more cold in the air and we long for the warmth of spring. With the birth of Jesus on Christmas, the warmth of God's love comes to touch our hearts and to fill us with a spirit of love. As we begin this sacred time of preparation. Let us seek the light and warmth of Jesus whose birth gives us peace and hope. Let us use this time to remember Jesus comes to light the way of living and loving. Let us remember Jesus comes to teach us to be people of kindness and compassion.

In these next four weeks of Advent let us pray and seek the guiding light of Jesus. Let us seek his healing spirit which helps us to bring his love to the world.

A New Year

As we begin the year 2019, we give thanks for the blessings of a year past. We look forward to a new year of happiness and hope. We are grateful for all which brings us joy. It is our faith filled hope to have a new year filled with grace and peace. In the month of January we hold our annual Welcome Dinner for new parishioners. At this family style, sit down dinner in the Parish Center the Pastoral Council serves those who have joined St. Joseph in the last year. The pastoral staff will introduce themselves and share how they minister in our parish. It is a no pressure dinner of welcome. This year's dinner will be Saturday, January 26 following the 5pm Mass.

May this sacred time of Advent and the joy of Christmas fill you with the light, warmth, peace and love of Jesus. May you have a new year filled with joy.

Advent Activities Calendar

Please make sure you review the Advent calendar for reconciliation times, Immaculate Conception Mass time and the Christmas Mass schedule.

Shalom, Fr. Brendan

Our Advent Schedule

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament — Sunday, December 2, 4pm—Village Church

Ladies Advent Tea, Tuesday, December 4, 7pm — Country Church

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) - Saturday, December 8, 9am—Country Church

Giving Tree gifts are due Sunday , December 9

Advent Reconciliation

Communal Reconciliation

Monday, December 10, 7pm — St. Andrew, Saline

Tuesday, December, 11, 7pm — St. Joseph, Dexter

Wednesday, December 12, 7pm — St. Mary, Chelsea

Thursday, December 13, 7pm — St. Mary, Manchester

Individual Reconciliation

Each Saturday during Advent 3:30 — 4:30m — Country Church

Wednesday, December 20, 7 — 8pm , Village Church

Thursday, December 21, 12 — 1pm, Village Church

Saturday, December 22, 10 — 11am, Village Church

Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Eve—Monday, December 24

(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—Tuesday, December 25

10am — Mass — Country Church

New Year Liturgies

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1, 9am — Country Church



Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Eve, December 24, Christmas Day, December 25 and Wednesday, December 26. The office will close at noon on December 31 and all day on New Year's Day Tuesday, January 1.



Pastoral Council Notes

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you.

Deuteronomy 16:17

The St. Joseph Parish family has modeled this passage from scripture in many ways. During Stewardship Weekend in September, we committed to serving our church, our community and each other. St Joseph is blessed to have dedicated servants who consistently give of their time, talents and treasures. A highlight this fall for many of our parishioners was the "Made for Happiness Assembly," at MSU's Breslin Center. We had the opportunity to pray and worship with thousands of Catholics from across our diocese. The task given to us from Bishop Boyea is to "form missionary disciples" in our homes, parishes and communities. During this "Year of Prayer," we are asking the Holy Spirit to guide our parishes in how we form and grow as communities of missionary disciples. We have many opportunities to do so. With Christmas fast approaching, the Giving Tree allows us to spread the joy of Christ's birth with those less fortunate. Here at St. Joseph, we take pride in being a welcoming community. This is a great time of year to invite others to join us at Mass. It's hard to believe that 2019 is soon upon us. As we reflect upon the new year, why not make a resolution and commit to joining one of our Discipleship groups? St. Joseph Parish has something for everyone. On Saturday, January 26, 2019, new parishioners are invited to join us for a sit down, family style dinner hosted by the Pastoral Council. This is an opportunity to enjoy a meal together with the parish staff and council members and get questions answered about parish programs, events and activities. If you are new to the parish, we hope you will join us.

Yours in Christ,
Craig McCreight

CARITAS COMMITTEE

Thank you to all our generous parishioners who supported our collection in September! We collected \$7,023.25 to send to victims of Hurricane Florence. Our donation was sent to Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Raleigh, North Carolina, which serves 54 counties over 32,000 square miles. Catholic Charities continues to work in these communities, getting needed supplies to families, distributing food and water, clean-up kits, hygiene items, diapers and baby formula. They are also helping families move into safe and stable housing. Your donation is helping to make this possible!

Our next Caritas collection will be the weekend of December 29/30. Our featured recipient will be Feed My Starving Children. Founded in 1987, this Christian non-profit organization coordinates the packaging and distribution of food to people in developing nations. It has reached out to more than 70 countries with nutritious meals specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition. More than 90% of total donations are spent directly on meal production. Millions of volunteers, including our own parishioners and other members of the Dexter community, have helped to package the meals. On April 6, 2019 Dexter United Methodist Church, with the support of volunteers from other churches in the community, will once again host a meal preparation day. Parishioners from St. Joseph Parish will have the opportunity to sign up for this in early 2019.

Our Caritas collection will be used to fulfill the balance of our commitment to this project, and the remainder of our collection will be shared with our ongoing recipients.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and your compassion and generosity as we share our treasure and talents with those in most need.

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you? And the King will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

(Matthew 25:37,40)

Christmas Choirs



We are once again inviting instrumentalists to play with the St. Joseph Choir at the 11pm Christmas Eve Mass, and with the Children's Choir at the 4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass. Additional youth singers for the 4:30pm Mass are also welcome! Please contact me at steve_kp@stjos.com or 734-426-8483 ext. 205. Let me know what Mass you'd like to participate in (and if you're an instrumentalist, what instrument you play and some idea of your skill level). I will arrange music based

on who signs up. Please respond quickly—I need to know of your commitment by Tuesday, December 4.

Rehearsals for the 4:30pm Mass will be on Thursdays, December 6, 13, and 20, from 5:30 to 6:15pm, plus a rehearsal for instruments only on Saturday, December 8, at 10am. If you plan on playing for the 11 pm Mass, please join the St. Joseph Choir for rehearsal on Thursday, December 20, from 7pm to 9 pm. Looking forward to celebrating the feast of our Lord's birth with you!

First Reconciliation Retreat



Liam & mom practicing what to say during Reconciliation



Titan and dad creating a votive candle holder.



Listening to the Zacchaeus scripture story.



Tyler & dad working together.



Alex & mom practicing together.



Michael & mom show off Michael's bracelet.



Jack and his finished bracelet.



Drake concentrating intently.



Olivia & dad working together.



Eve & dad discussing Reconciliation.

Mustard Seed Youth Group (Grades 9-12)



- **Sunday, December 2** - 4:30pm Leadership Team meeting; we will meet in the Parish Center. Dinner is at 5:30pm on the kitchen side of the Parish Center and Mustard Seed Youth group will meet from 6 to 8pm in the Loft.
- **Sunday, December 9** - 5:30pm Mustard Seed dinner. Mustard Seed will meet from 6 to 8pm in the Loft. We will have our annual White Elephant Party -bring a goofy gift, (usually something you don't use anymore or need), wrapped, do not put your name on the gift or address it to anyone. For the rest of the details you need to join us! Come try opening the tightly wrapped gift with oven mitts challenge - whoever opens the gift gets to have the gift! Pizza, pop and other goodies too.
- **Sunday, December 16** - pizza at 5:30 and from 6 to 8pm we will work on our service project, sorting food for Dexter Family Service.
- **Sunday, December 23** - No Mustard Seed meeting
- **Sunday, December 30** - No Mustard Seed meeting
- **Sunday, January 6** - 4:30-5:45 Leadership Team meeting, dinner at 5:30 (pizza) and Mustard Seed youth group will meet in the loft from 6 to 8pm for our annual movie night.
- **Sunday, January 13** - 5:30pm dinner, Mustard Seed youth group will meet in the Loft from 6 to 8pm.
- **Sunday, January 20** - 5:30pm dinner, Mustard Seed youth group will meet in the Loft from 6 to 8pm.
- **Sunday, January 27** - 5:30pm dinner, Mustard Seed youth group will meet in the Loft from 6 to 8pm.

God Squad Youth Group (Grades 6-8)



- **Sunday, December 9** - 2-3:30pm we will be baking and decorating cookies for the shut-ins. Volunteers are needed to deliver the cookies. Parents let me know if this is something you would like to do this Holiday Season with your children: don_dalgleish@stjos.com
- **Friday, January 18** - Sky Zone indoor trampoline trip. We will meet at the Parish Center at 5:30pm to carpool to Brighton. Parents are needed to help with driving and chaperoning. Permission forms will be available at the REP sessions or online at www.stjos.com.

High School Confirmation Program

- **Sunday, December 2 & Wednesday, December 5** - Confirmation Classes (Chapter 5, The Bible)
- **Sunday, December 9 & Wednesday, December 12** - Confirmation Class (Chapter 6, Relationships)
- **Sunday, December 16** - sort food for Dexter Family Services in St. Joseph Church Parish Center 5:30-8:00pm or until we get done. There will be pizza at 5:30pm.
- **Monday, December 24** - 5:00pm set out luminaries around the church to be lit by 7:00pm Mass. There will be 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.
- **Sunday, January 13 & Wednesday, January 16** - Confirmation Classes (Chapter 7, The Eucharist)
- **Sunday, January 20** - Confirmation Meeting at 1:30pm with sponsor/mentor (The Mass part 2) in the Parish Center.
- **Sunday, January 27 & Wednesday, January 30** - Confirmation classes (Chapter 8, The Holy Spirit)



Congratulations to our newly Confirmed.



Delaney Arnedt
McKenna "Elizabeth" Brice
Skylar "Grace" Constantine
Luke Coogan
Carley Curry
Nathan Deleruyelle
Andrew Doletzky
Heather Erickson
Bella "Veronica" Finkbeiner
Lindsay "Maria" Francis
Rachel "Katharine" Gesell
Tommy "Thomas" Grace
Olivia Hansen
Elizabeth Higgins
Allison "Therese" Kelly
Madison "Teresa" Korte
Evan Krolewski
Grace "Rose" Lint
Vince Malong
Casey "Sebastian" McCarthy
Margaret "Margaret" Needham
Krystin "Dymphna" Nelligan

Christian Orlowski
Aidan "Gabriel" Palmieri
Katherine "Catherine" Phillips
Connor Prodin
Conor Pyle
Kelsey Roller
Anthony Roperti
Arianna "Catherine" Roperti
Theresa "Therese" Rutz
Kyle "Nicholas" Sayn
Eden "Christina" Schnurstein
Shannon "Rebecca" Schoch
Alexandra "Brigid" Seidleck
Annalisa "Margaret" Shehab
Emma "Catherine" Sortor
Mia Stewart
Zachary Stroia
Phoenix Sunstrum
Natalie Walton
Victoria Ward
Kendall "John" Wise
Jacob Zettel

BUILDING the BROTHERHOOD OF CHRIST

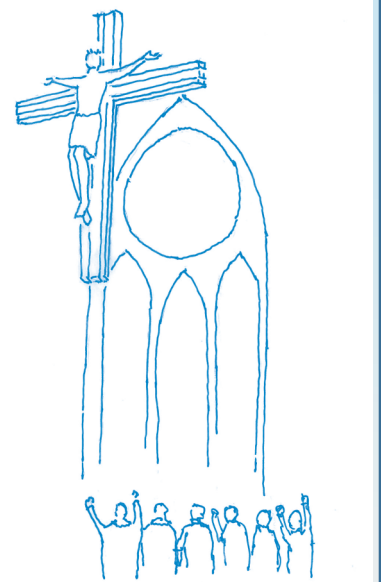
February 9, 2019 is still a little way off but it is never too early to start thinking about your relationship with God!

The name of our group, "Building the Brotherhood of Christ," says it all. We are men building relationships with each other and with Christ. The day is just the start of it all!

Throughout the day, men in the sponsoring group give witness about their struggles, successes, and growth in their relationship with God and the church. Those men who attend the day may choose to discuss each witness, take time to pray, and **celebrate** the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Or choose to spend the day listening. Either way the day will end with new-made friends **and a wonderful steak** dinner!

Give yourself a late Christmas present by clearing your calendar for the day and come to the Parish Center on the Village Campus and see if you don't feel a difference in your life!

Oh, just one last thing...**It's free!**



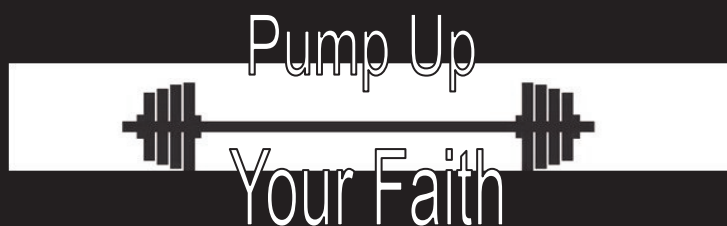
Pump Up Your Faith

A monthly 1 hour session with speakers on topics that are basic and important to our faith. Among the presenters will be Fr. Brendan, Deacon Randy, Marinell High and guest presenters. Each presentation will be between 30-45 minutes with time for questions or discussion after. Registration will be required and topics will be presented only if there are 10 people registered. Childcare will be provided for those who request it. **There is no fee but we ask that you register on the boards in the Gathering Space or online at www.stjos.com.**

January 13: Sacraments — Fr. Brendan

February 10: Heaven, Hell & Purgatory — guest presenter

March 10: The Creed — guest presenter



Growing in God

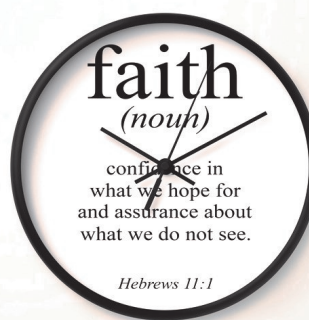
A One-Day Women's Retreat



Are you looking for a way to deepen your spiritual connection with God? Would you like to form friendships with other women in the parish? Perhaps you would just like to be pampered both physically and spiritually for one day –

a Saturday away from the chores, kids, husband, and television! On Saturday, March 2, 2019 we will be hosting the Annual Growing in God Women's Retreat at St. Joseph's Parish Center in Dexter from 8 am to 8:30 pm. We will start with breakfast – a wonderful meal prepared by women of the parish and served with love. Breakfast will be followed by spiritually enriching events such as faith sharing stories by the Presenting Team, group activities, Mass, and the opportunity for Reconciliation. The day will conclude with a lovely dinner, which will be a time to relax and chat with the new friends you've made. This day of spiritual reflection and growth will result in many new friendships and a much deeper relationship with God! Please consider joining us – it may be the best spiritual decision you have ever made! If you have questions, or would like to chat about this exciting event, please contact Gwethalyn Edwards at 734-604-3998; or Marinell High at 734-426-8483. We hope to see you on March 2.

Faith in Five



During Advent we will present a short video relevant to this sacred time. It will be done at announcement time to help us remember who we are preparing for.

Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Rummage Sale

February 7-9, 2019

Drop-off days & times are:

Thursday, January 31 — 1-6 pm

Friday, February 1 — 1-6 pm

Saturday/Sunday, February 2/3 — 10 am - 4 pm

Monday, February 4 — 1-6 pm

Please

NO FURNITURE/TV'S/COMPUTERS/LARGE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT/BABY CAR SEATS

50 Plus — Mass and Potluck Lunch

Seniors come and experience Mass in a small group setting and stay for fellowship at the potluck luncheon. The next two 50 Plus gatherings are Tuesday, December 18 in Mary's Room and Tuesday, January 15 at Noon in the Parish Center. For more information, contact Linda Clark at 734-769-0872



Silent Auction 2018



*Last chance
for REP
baskets!*



*There are a lot
of big decisions
to make.*



The rooms were full of wonderful things to bid on.



Giving Garden News

'...and after the garden was tucked in for its long winter nap, we rested!'

Yes, it's a time for a rest from our garden labor having finished another growing season at our St. Joseph Parish Giving Garden. Now that our work for 2018 has come to an end, here is our annual report!

This year we added another compost bin at the garden to reduce waste and create nutrients to help build our soil as we continue with our no-till garden plan. And, by the time you read this, our garden will be wrapped up in a blanket of leaves for a winter slumber. We also grew a Facebook page this year – join us at **Giving Garden of St. Joseph Catholic Parish**.

We again want to extend our heartfelt gratitude and give thanks to our fellow parishioners not only for their time and talent at the garden and making deliveries but also for the donations of cash, return slips and returnables during our annual drive. A special thank you goes to Dexter Mill who donated some of our plants and seeds. Thanks to all of you who shared funds for our garden necessities, tools, mulch, soil amendments and maintenance items so that we continue have fertile and improved soil structure to maximize our garden growth and production.

Your participation in our ministry is particularly helpful as more hands make for lighter work. The Giving Garden is part of the Charitable Activities and Social Justice Commission whose mission is: "Confident that the Spirit of God abides with us, we aim to follow Jesus' mandate that we be salt for our communities in family, work and citizenship. We strive to inform and offer the challenge of living in justice and charity. Particularly, we aim to be in solidarity with those on the margins of our society." Basically, at the Giving Garden, members plant, cultivate and harvest vegetables and herbs to help feed the hungry and those in need who struggle for fresh produce. Volunteers work as their schedules allow - as little as once a season and as much as every week of a season. Even committing to join us for one or two seasons helps!

We urge you to think about joining us in 2019. You can mark your calendars now to join us next year for our spring kick-off meeting at 7 PM on April 16, 2019 in the Parish Center. We will discuss a variety of garden tasks that need to be assigned including allocating our small sections of veggie plots that can be shared or managed by one. You can even arrange a plot for a family-focused section – after all, we are all one big family garden!

Thank you to all of our Giving Garden volunteers for a 'fruitful' 2018!

Giving Garden Leadership Team,

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

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

Boy Scout Troop 456 News



During September the troop conducted a canoeing and overnight campout outing on the Huron River at Hudson Mills. The scouts and adults that attended the outing were blessed (as you can see) with wonderful weather and a calm river. This was a welcoming outing for the new scouts and their parents that joined the troop. The service project for the troop, this quarter, was participation in the Fall Country Church cleanup. The cleanup was attended by scouts and adults, who focused their efforts on trimming the woody ornamentals and general cleanup around the Disciple House.

During the latter part of October the planned outing was a visit to Mackinac island and the Headlands International Dark Sky Park in

Mackinac City, to view the Orionid meteor shower. The camping and biking on the island went well. However, the viewing of the meteor shower, at the Dark Sky Park, was hampered by the cloud cover, but the campsite at the Park provided a great venue for overnight camping.

This quarter we added an Eagle Scout to our troop when Tommy Grace passed his Eagle Board of Review. Congratulations Tommy! Tommy is the twelfth Eagle Scout sponsored by the troop since its inception in 2009.

If you are interested in joining the troop as a Scout or Adult volunteer contact Pete Potsos (Scoutmaster) 734 355 8729.



As cold weather begins to chatter our teeth, of course we all start thinking about...

...the St. Joseph Summer Festival!!



Our parish Festival is made possible only because of the remarkable effort by the people of our St Joseph community, especially the Festival chairpersons. Be sure to offer thanks to all of our neighbors at mass and fellow parishioners who are Festival chairs and volunteers!!

Who hasn't dreamed about being a Hollywood producer? Picking out acts that appeal to US, negotiating contracts with agents, making arrangements to get entertainers on stage, and accepting the accolades that come with pulling the strings on an award-winning show. For 2019, team with friends of choice to learn from the best talent scouts around. In 2020, take command of Festival entertainment and reap the rewards.

And who hasn't dreamed of producing eye-popping graphic art? Using PhotoShop and/or a suite of other computer-based programs, putting together brochures and signs that grab people's attention for the good works of the parish and Festival.

And who can't keep from smiling while thinking about kids who laugh uncontrollably and jump for joy during the simplest of children's games? A kid's game tent chairperson is needed this year.

Yes, for the first time in many years, these vital Festival chairperson openings are available. In all seriousness, we need you, the parish needs you. These are unique opportunities to showcase your talent and expand your stewardship of faith as part of a great, fun, dedicated team! All with interest are asked to contact Ty Clark (tyclark@charter.net) or Doug Koepsell (djkoepsell@gmail.com). Now is the time for us to lay the groundwork for the success of our 2019 St Joseph Parish Summer Festival.

And be sure to **mark calendars** with these important dates for the 2019 Festival:

January 9, 2019, first meeting of the new year

July 19, Friday Night Kick-off Concert and Teen Cafe

July 20 Saturday, St. Joseph Festival, Car Show

July 21 Sunday, St. Joseph Festival, Chicken Broil



*Long time parishioner, Marie Springer,
celebrated her
99th Birthday.
in October!*

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.

Linda Davis & Evan Burkholder

*Cole and Anne Thornton
Alice, Lillian and James*

Jon and Patricia Waitz

Nelson and Lolita Brojan

David and Tori Racey

Drew Mathews

*Greg and May Thursam
Caleb, Liliana and Penelope*

Larry and Connie Deford

*Mark and Rebekah Sharp
Marilyn and Elena*

*Tom and Karen McCarty
Shea*

*Jake and Mandy Korytkowski
Noah*

*Dan Papajcik and Jessie Newman
Olivia, Charlotte and Ethan*

Erika Lockery

*Matthew & Caroline Butler
James*

*John & Laura Lessnau
Tara*

Dylan Hutchinson

Charles & Bonita Westfall

*Jonathan & Kimberly Smith
James*



Marriages

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

Joseph Anto Kundukulam & Sejal Kanu Virani

Nicholas Gene Field & Jessica Alyce Sowers

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Gianna Grace Rodrigues

*Daughter of Roshan & Tiffany (Nabozny)
Rodrigues*

Jackson Joseph Wycaver

Son of Jacob & Meghan (Kelley) Wycaver

Elizabeth Mae Wycaver

Daughter of Jacob & Meghan (Kelley) Wycaver

Samantha Paige Sugg

Kristoffer & Sarah (Krajenta) Sugg

Hayden Matthew Wilcox

Son of Dustin & Kara (Panfil) Wilcox

Camryn Louise Pederson

Daughter of Brandon & Chelsi (Schone) Pederson

Paige Marie Corsello

Daughter of Paul & Dana (Kirk) Corsello

Clara Rae Kelly

Daughter of Steve & Emily (Lockery) Kelly

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.*

Steven A. Brey

Mary Brigid Wisely

Michael Sojka

Ronald James Slank

Patricia Garner

Ellsworth Eugene "Al" LaCrosse

*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

Dear St. Joseph Parish...



October 2, 2018

Because of your generosity, those who are dealing with the greatest struggles and without hope in our community are able to benefit from the programs and services offered by Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County. We are grateful for your recent gift of \$2,836 designated for our CSSW Food Pantry. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Peg Bravo RN, BSN, MA
President and CEO
Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw



November 5, 2018

The members of the Dexter Community Orchestra Chamber Ensembles wish to thank

you for your wonderful support of the recital on October 21. The setting was perfect for our music and both the musicians and audience were so pleased with the music.

We hope to have a continued friendship as it strengthens both music and community.

Your kindness is very much appreciated. Looking forward to sharing future activities.

Sincerely,
Angie Noble
Ensembles Coordinator

October 16, 2018

Hurricane Florence has devastated many communities throughout the Diocese of Raleigh, leaving thousands of our neighbors without homes, clothing, clean water or food. Thank you for your generous gift of \$6,500 to the Catholic Charities Disaster Services program, which is currently assisting these families impacted by the storm.

During the storm, wind and rain battered central and eastern North Carolina, forcing thousands of families from their homes. In these early relief efforts, we are distributing much needed supplies, such as food, water, diapers, cleaning supplies and hygiene kits. As families begin the recovery process, our staff will focus on helping them find permanent housing. Your financial contribution will support our staff and volunteers in this work, helping Hurricane Florence survivors to persevere through this challenging time.

Sincerely,
Katey Fithian
Director of Development
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh

October 31, 2018

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On behalf of Dexter Family Services I want to thank you for your very generous gifts of \$1,410.00 from your July 2018 Caritas offering and \$1,150.00 from the tithe from your Summer Festival. We are so very grateful for the continued support of St. Joseph Parish members.

We truly feel blessed for your help throughout the year and again we thank you.

Sincerely,
Sue Yager
Treasurer
Dexter Family Services

Advent Prayers

Week 1, Hope

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

Week 2, Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.





Week 3, Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Week 4, Love

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

December 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Mass Times Christmas Eve 4:30pm Mass 7:30pm Mass 11:00 pm Mass Christmas Day 10:00am Mass		1 1:00 PM Grief Session 4:00 PM Reconciliation WELCOME WEEKEND
2 9:00 AM / 11:00 AM REP 9:00 AM CLW 11:00 AM & 4:00 PM Confirmation Class 12:30 PM RCIA 1:00 PM Children's Drama Practice 4:00 PM Adoration 4:30 PM Leadership Team 6:00 PM Mustard Seed WELCOME WEEKEND	3 7:00 PM Handbells 7:30 PM BBOC <div>Delonis Center</div>	4  3:45 PM REP 6:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 7:00 PM Ladies Advent Tea 7:00 PM Pastoral Council 8:00 PM AA	5 6:15 PM Confirmation Class 6:15 PM REP 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble 7:00 PM Parish Life <div>St Leo's</div>	6 7:00 AM Men's Group 9:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Growing in God 7:00 PM St. Joseph Choir 7:30 PM AA	7	8 9:00 AM Immaculate Conception 4:00 PM Reconciliation 
9 9:00 AM / 11:00 AM REP 9:00 AM CLW 11:00 AM & 4:00 PM Confirmation Class 12:30 PM RCIA 1:00 PM Children's Drama Practice 2:00 PM God Squad 6:00 PM Mustard Seed	10 7:00 PM Handbells 7:30 PM BBOC	11 3:45 PM REP 6:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 6:30 PM Women's AA 7:00 PM Communal Reconciliation at SJ 7:00 PM SLWC Mtg 8:00 PM AA	12 6:15 PM Confirmation Class 6:15 PM REP 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble	13 7:00 AM Men's Group 9:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Growing in God 7:00 PM St. Joseph Choir 7:30 PM AA	14	15 4:00 PM Reconciliation 6:00 PM Anointing of the Sick
16 9:00 AM CLW 12:30 PM RCIA 1:00 PM Children's Drama Practice 6:00 PM Mustard Seed	17 7:00 PM Handbells 7:30 PM BBOC	18 12:00 PM 50+ Mass & Potluck 6:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 8:00 PM AA	19 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble <div>Food Gatherers'</div>	20 7:00 AM Men's Group 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Growing in God 7:00 PM Individual Reconciliation 7:00 PM St. Joseph Choir 7:30 PM AA	21 12:00 PM Individual Reconciliation	22 10:00 AM Individual Reconciliation 4:00 PM Reconciliation
Dexter Family Services Food Sorting						
23	24 4:30 PM Family Christmas Eve Liturgy 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Liturgy 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Liturgy	25 10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass 6:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 8:00 PM AA	26	27 7:00 AM Men's Group 7:30 PM AA	28	29 4:00 PM Reconciliation
OFFICE CLOSED-- Merry Christmas!						
30	31 <div>CLOSED @ NOON</div>					

January 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</p> <p><small>www.thecommunityinfo.org</small></p>		1 6:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 8:00 PM AA <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	2 7:00 PM Parish Life	3 7:00 PM Growing in God 7:30 PM AA	4	5 4:00 PM Reconciliation WELCOME WEEKEND
6 9:00 AM CLW 12:30 PM RCIA 4:30 PM Leadership Team 6:00 PM Mustard Seed WELCOME WEEKEND	7 7:00 PM Handbells 7:30 PM BBOC	8 6:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 7:00 PM Pastoral Council 7:00 PM SLWC Mtg 8:00 PM AA	9 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble 7:00 PM Festival Mtg	10 9:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Baptism Prep 7:00 PM Growing in God 7:00 PM St. Joseph Choir 7:30 PM AA	11	12 4:00 PM Reconciliation
13 9:00 AM / 11:00 AM REP 9:00 AM CLW 11:00 AM & 4:00 PM Confirmation Class 12:30 PM RCIA 4:00 PM Pump Up Your Faith 6:00 PM Mustard Seed	14 7:00 PM Handbells 7:30 PM BBOC	15 12:00 PM 50+ Mass & Potluck 3:45 PM REP 6:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 8:00 PM AA	16 6:15 PM Confirmation Class 6:15 PM REP 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble 7:00 PM SASC	17 9:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Growing in God 7:00 PM St. Joseph Choir 7:30 PM AA	18 <div>6:30 PM God Squad Sky Zone</div>	19 <div>9:00 AM Spiritual Life for a New Year day of Reflection</div> 4:00 PM Reconciliation
20 9:00 AM / 11:00 AM REP 9:00 AM CLW 12:30 PM RCIA <div>1:00 PM K of C March for Life</div> 1:30 PM Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Mtg 6:00 PM Mustard Seed	21 7:00 PM Handbells 7:30 PM BBOC	22 3:45 PM REP 6:30 PM FFC MTG 6:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 8:00 PM AA	23 6:15 PM REP 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble	24 9:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Growing in God 7:00 PM St. Joseph Choir 7:30 PM AA	25	26 4:00 PM Reconciliation <div>6:00 PM Welcome Dinner</div>
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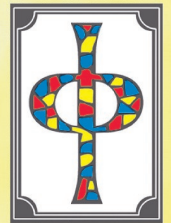
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