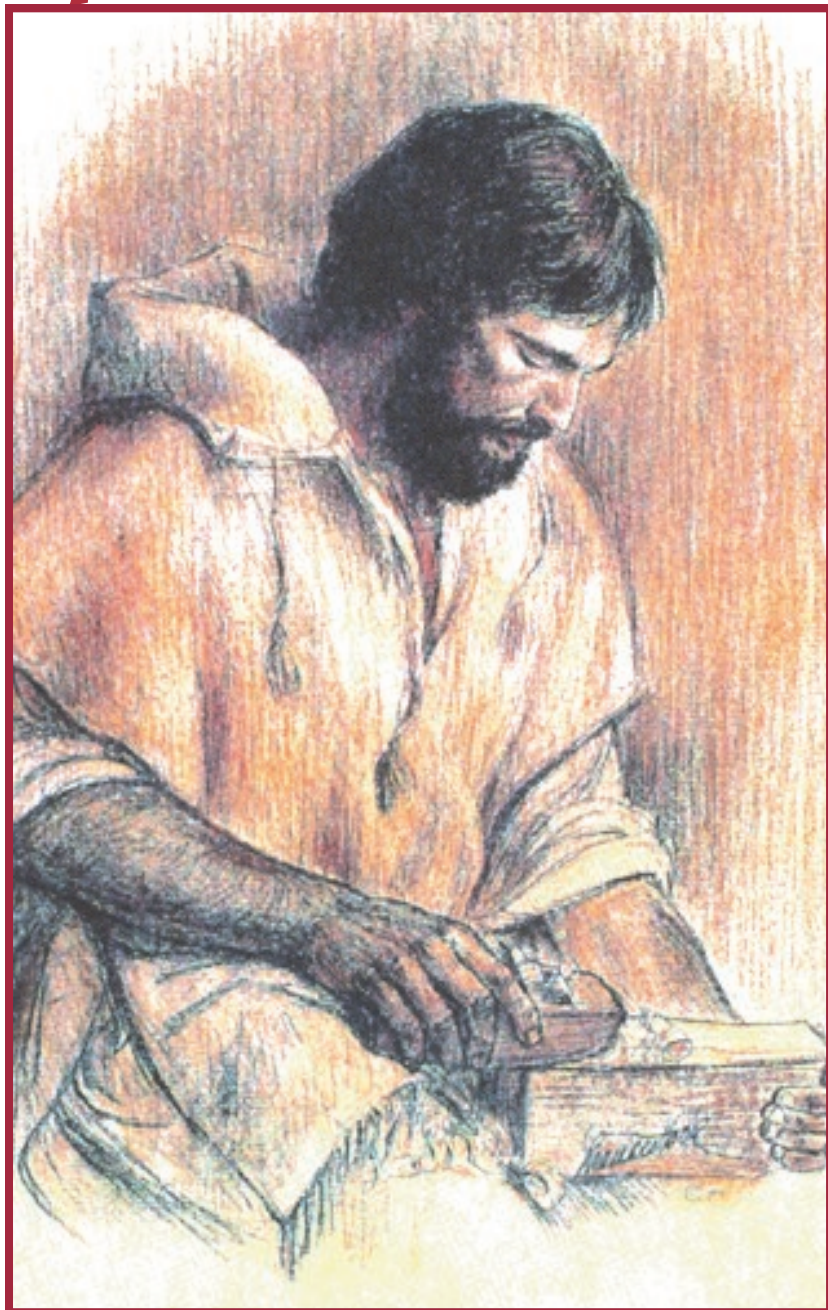


St. Joseph Parish

Dexter, MI

Chips & Sawdust



February/March 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

Area code is 734 unless otherwise indicated.

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.

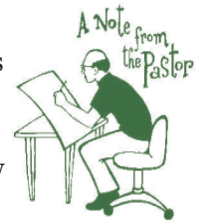
Weekend Liturgies and Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays are at the Country Church, 6805 Mast Road, (corner of N. Territorial and Mast), in Dexter. The Disciple House is also at this location.

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.

We Did It with Faith and Sacrifice

I'm proud and pleased to announce our Witness to Hope Stairway to Unite combined campaign has raised \$2,894,450 for our phase II plan of a hall and kitchen. Please see the full details on page 5.

As a caring Catholic community we are all grateful and thankful for the gifts of so many parishioners. We also give thanks for our campaign team and all who contributed to our receptions. If you know or see these parishioners please thank them for their sacrifices and service during our campaign.



Campaign Team Leaders

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

Lent a Time to Grow & Go

This Lent our Diocese of Lansing is encouraging us to Grow in faith and to Go evangelize. As we look to this sacred time it is once again a good opportunity for us to reflect on our spiritual lives.

- ◆ Do we take time for daily prayer?
- ◆ Do we study our faith?
- ◆ Do we engage ourselves in the life of the parish?
- ◆ Do we look for opportunities to sacrifice and to serve those in need?
- ◆ Do we know people we need to pray for or to invite back to the practice of our Catholic faith?

I invite you to pray and reflect on these questions. On the first weekend of Lent we will invite you to put pen to paper and create your own Lenten grow plan. We will also begin to pray the following prayer for Lent — cut out and post on your fridge.

WE PRAY FOR HAPPINESS

Heavenly Father,
You created us for lasting happiness!
Thank you for desiring to draw close
to me and for inviting me to live
in a joyful and loving relationship with you
in this life and the next.
Thank you for my family, friends
and all my loved ones.
Please watch over them and protect them.
I pray for peace in all my relationships, courage
in adversity, self-control in struggles with sin,
harmony in my family and workplace,
and continued care and protection over my home.
Help me and my loved ones
to experience your love and protection
this day and every day
through the redeeming love of your son,
Jesus Christ,
for he is our true happiness!
Lord, send your Holy Spirit and
watch over this home! AMEN.

Lent/Easter Schedule 2018

Reconciliation will be available at 3:30pm on all Saturdays during Lent

Ash Wednesday, February 14	Mass and distribution of Ashes, Village Church, 8:15am Scripture Service and distribution of Ashes, Village Church, 12:15pm Mass and distribution of Ashes, Country Church, 7:00pm
Friday, February 16	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
February 17/18	Lenten Collection—Paper Products
Friday, February 23	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
February 24/25	Lenten Collection—Personal Care Products
Friday, March 2	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
Saturday, March 3	Spaghetti Dinner, Parish Center 6-8pm
March 3/4	Lenten Collection—Dry Foods

Parish Mission Presented by Mike Patin

Awakening!

Sunday, March 4	Country Church, 7pm
Monday, March 5	Country Church, 7pm
Tuesday, March 6	Country Church, 7pm

Friday, March 9	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
Saturday, March 10	Growing in God Women's Retreat, Parish Center, 8:00am Anointing of the Sick, Country Church after 5pm Mass
March 10/11	Lenten Collection—Canned Goods
Monday, March 12	Communal Reconciliation, St. Andrew Church, Saline MI, 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 13	Communal Reconciliation, Country Church, 7:00pm
Thursday, March 15	Communal Reconciliation, St. Mary Church, Manchester MI, 7:00pm
Friday, March 16	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
March 17/18	Lenten Collection—Cleaning Products
Friday, March 23	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
Saturday, March 24	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Country Church, 5:00pm
Sunday, March 25	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Country Church, 9:00am and 11:00am
Tuesday, March 27	Individual Reconciliation, Village Church, 7:00pm-8:00pm
Wednesday, March 28	Individual Reconciliation, Village Church, 12:00pm-1:00pm
Thursday, March 29	Mass of the Lord's Supper, Country Church, 7:00pm Prayer in the Garden of Repose, Country Church, 8:30pm-11:00pm
Friday, March 30	Dexter Ecumenical Good Friday Service, Dexter United Methodist Church, 12:15pm Catholic Prayer of the Lord's Passion, Country Church, 7:00pm
Saturday, March 31	RCIA Vigil Rehearsal, Country Church, 11:00am K of C Easter Egg Hunt, Village Church, 12:30pm Blessing of Easter Food Baskets, Country Church, 1:00pm Easter Vigil, Country Church, 8:00pm
Sunday, April 1	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Country Church, 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm



Pastoral Council Notes

It's A Wonderful Life



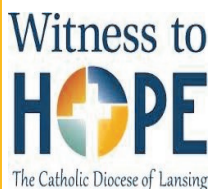
This brief composition bears the title of my favorite film that we always watch around the Christmas holiday. In the movie the "good guy" is down and out because his uncle misplaced a large amount of cash that was to be deposited in the bank. He has lost all hope and wishes he'd never been born and when he is ready to jump into the cold river God sends an angel to intervene. The angel points out all the good things that have happened because he was born and all the bad things that would have happened had he not been around. The message is that what we do in our lives touches other lives for better or worse even far into the future. The message rings true and clear when I think back to the 19th century members of this parish who after losing their church to fire bound together to build the beautiful Gothic church that has been in the village since 1870.

This generation of St. Joseph people can be proud of building our new more spacious worship place when the Village Church became overcrowded. I am truly excited when I think about what we will accomplish when a unified country campus is completed.

We are genuinely touching the lives of generations of this faith community to come through this century and into the next. The Pastoral Council is thankful for all who made a gift or pledge to Witness to Hope.

Bill Brines – Properties Commission

Witness to Hope/Stairway to Unite Combined Capital Campaign



We are pleased to announce St. Joseph reached our combined campaign goal of \$2.75 Million! Our total as of January 11, 2018, from 510 parish households, was \$2,894,450. In addition we had \$51,328 donated to Phase II Fund in 2017. Our grand total raised is \$2,945,778.



We give praise and thanks for all those that prayed, volunteered, sacrificed and pledged on behalf of the Witness to Hope / Stairway to Unite combined campaign. We are truly blessed to have a Catholic faith community in Dexter that values and embraces the needs of our Diocese of Lansing and our St. Joseph Parish vision of a united campus. Special thanks for our Campaign Leadership team that went above and beyond to make this capital campaign a tremendous success.

WITNESS TO HOPE / STAIRWAY TO UNITE CAMPAIGN STATUS

JANUARY 11, 2018

	<i>Number of Pledges</i>	<i>Amount Pledged</i>	<i>Paid Amount</i>
Witness to Hope	506	\$2,733,050	\$795,500
Year End Stairway to Unite Donations	3	\$101,400	\$101,400
Festival Matching	1	\$60,000	\$60,000
Total Gifts	510	\$2,894,450	\$956,900
Phase II – 2017 Donations		\$51,328	\$51,328
Grand Total		\$2,945,778	\$1,008,228

If you would still like to make a pledge to Stairway to Unite for our Phase II vision of a united campus with a hall, kitchen and classrooms, please contact Gail Assenmacher at the parish office at 734-426-8483 or email gail_assenmacher@stjos.com.

CARITAS COMMITTEE

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

Thank you for your generous response to our December Caritas collection. Parishioners Ed and Robin Wojtys brought the medical charitable organization, Love Takes Root, to the Caritas Committee for consideration, and a quarter of your gifts will support their medical mission at the orphanage in Haiti. The balance of the collection was shared with Dexter Family Services, the parish Christian Service fund, Water for Flint, and the food pantry at Washtenaw Catholic Social Services.

God bless you for your generosity, and we pray for God's blessings on those who benefit from your sacrificial gifts.

“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

The Work of Christmas

What a joy it was for me to celebrate Christmas at St. Joseph for the first time this year! Thank you to all singers and instrumentalists who helped lead the sung prayer at Christmas Masses. As the days lengthen and we begin preparations for Lent and Easter, let us live in light of the Incarnation—grateful that God became human so that we might become like God. I offer you the following reflection by the Quaker poet Howard Thurman:

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.*



Support the Music Ministry

Here are two opportunities for anyone who would like to be part of the work of the music ministry, but can't commit to regular weekly rehearsals.

First, *pray for us*. The music ministry prayer team is made up of ordinary Christians like you who promise to pray for the needs of the music ministry at St. Joseph. You can do this anywhere, at any time. If you send me a note at steve_kp@stjos.com, I will send you occasional emails with specific prayer requests and reflections.

Second, *sing or play in a “y’all come” choir*. Once or twice a month during the school year (and more frequently in the summer), a Mass is scheduled with a “y’all come” choir. Anyone interested in singing or playing comes an hour before Mass—together we warm up, practice, and pray, and then serve for Mass. All ages are welcome. If this idea attracts you, again, send me a note at steve_kp@stjos.com. I'll send you details of dates, and make sure you have instrument parts if you need them.

Called and Gifted Workshop



God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. The Called and Gifted Workshop will teach participants about the charisms given to you by the Holy Spirit at Baptism and start you on a process of lifelong discernment. The Diocese of Lansing will be offering a 10 hour workshop right here at St. Joseph Parish on Friday, March 16 from 6 to 9:30pm and Saturday, March 17 from 8:30 to 4:30pm.

If you are interested in learning more about this workshop or for more information on chrisms you may call the Parish Office at 734-426-8483. Registration details will be available from the Diocese of Lansing soon.



ANSWER THE CALL TO
REALITY LIVING
WITH
MIKE PATIN

AWAKENING



A time of spiritual growth

Often it is difficult to see how our faith intersects or connects with the busy, hectic lives we lead in the "real" world. This experience will help people of all ages laugh, reflect, and re-commit to a *real*, active, Catholic faith that fits our everyday lives.

St. Joseph Parish Lenten Mission

Sunday, March 4 - 7:00 pm
Monday, March 5 - 7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 6 - 7:00 pm
at the Country Church
Childcare available

MIKE PATIN

Is a husband, dad, and popular Catholic speaker. He lives in Lafayette, LA. Mike describes himself as a "Faith Horticulturist." What does that mean? Well...for Mike it's all about planting seeds and nurturing faith in a God who loves us and calls us by name. Mike uses energy, humor, and stories to affirm the goodness of God's presence among us while inviting others, and himself, to take the next step in their faith journey. He has spoken in over 130 dioceses in the US and Canada with groups ranging from 10 to 23,000.

A Little Mid Winter Fun!

St. Joseph Parish Life Commission invites you to our

Wine and Cheese Tasting Event

Saturday—February 10 at 6:30 pm—9:00 pm
in the Parish Center on the Village Campus.

There will be hors d'oeuvres for your enjoyment along with the wine and cheese.



Tickets are \$25 per person.

Bring your friends and enjoy!!

Tickets are available in the Gathering Space after all Masses,
in the Parish Office and online at www.stjos.com



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 be pampered for one day – a Saturday away from the chores, kids, husband, and television; where you will be fed both physically and spiritually?

On **Saturday March 10, 2018**, we will be hosting our annual one-day women's retreat called "Growing in God".

The event will be held on the Village Campus from **8 am to 8 pm**, and will be filled with faith, friends, and food! The Presenting Team will share faith stories; there will be group activities, meals, and Mass. 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 Jo Dolecki-Lane at 734-216-7031; or Marinell High at 734-426-8483. You can call one of us to RSVP; or sign up in the Gathering Space.

We look forward to spending the day with you. ☺

PALM SUNDAY PASSION DRAMATIZATION 2018

It's time to start practicing for our annual Passion Dramatization! **Rehearsals for the Palm Sunday dramatization will begin Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 12:30 pm** at the Country Church. Paula Dumont will continue to help organize the dramatization of the Passion of our Lord.

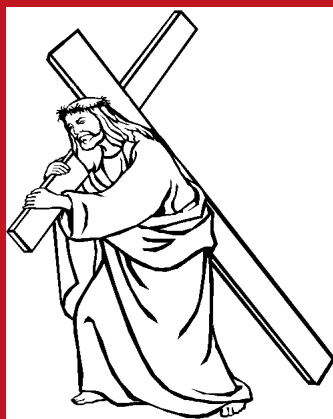
We need everyone's participation to make this year *extra* special and there are several ways that you and your family can help:

1. **Assistant director or helper (adult)** willing to help shepherd this great group of youth and to help hand out/ collect ribbons at one or more of the Palm Sunday liturgies.
2. **"Actors"** (ages 6th grade through adult) Roles in the Passion Play consist of crowd people, soldiers, Pharisees, Weeping Women, Pontius Pilate, Simon of Cyrene, the Blessed Mother and, of course, Jesus. The actors mime the passion as its read aloud by a narrator. For the larger roles like Jesus and Pilate, we draw the name of those willing to take the part by lot, letting the Holy Spirit chose the right person. (Jesus does have to be a person tall enough to fit on the cross). ****TIME COMMITMENT: At least 3 of the 5 rehearsals and participation in the three liturgies Palm Sunday weekend (March 24-25)**
3. **"Narrators"** (one reader for each of the 3 liturgies) – The reader narrates the passion as the actors mime the story. *Please talk to Father Brendan if you are interested.* ****TIME COMMITMENT: 1 or 2 rehearsals and one liturgy Palm Sunday weekend.**
4. **"Ribbon Wavers"** (ages Preschool through adult) We need people to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem waving ribbons! This is a wonderful opportunity for families with children who want to participate, but aren't old enough yet to take on an "actor" role or for anyone who wants to be part of this incredible experience. Just simply sign up to participate during your normal liturgy time. Come about 15 minutes before your Mass on Palm Sunday weekend, get your ribbons and instructions and sit where you usually sit. ****TIME COMMITMENT: 15 minutes before your usual Mass time on Palm Sunday weekend, 5 minutes during the Dramatization.**

For additional information, please contact Paula Dumont at pdumont@chartermi.net or 734-368-0202.

Rehearsal dates and times: (all rehearsals are at the country church)

- Sunday February 11th, 18th, March 4th, 11th, 18th from 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 21st from 6:30 – 7:30 PM (dress rehearsal with music groups)



COME AND BE A PART OF THIS INSPIRING EXPERIENCE

Youth Events

Mustard Seed Youth Group (9-12 Grade)

- ♦ **Sunday, February 4 will be our 3rd annual Super Bowl at Belmark Lanes in Ann Arbor.** Yes we will be bowling and watching the game. We will have prizes, chances to win some free bowling, popcorn and pop. We will meet at the Belmark Bowling Alley at 6pm and we will bowl as many games as possible up til 8pm. There will be no Mustard Seed dinner on this evening. Leadership Team meeting will be moved to next week
- ♦ **Sunday, February 11** at 4:30pm in the Parish Center will be a Leadership Team meeting. 5:30pm will be the Mustard Seed dinner. Mustard Seed youth group will meet in the Loft from 6-8pm.
- ♦ **Sunday, February 18** No Mustard Seed Youth group because of President's weekend.
- ♦ **Sunday, February 25** at 5:30pm will be the Mustard Seed dinner. Mustard Seed youth group will meet in the Loft from 6-8pm.
- ♦ **Sunday, March 4 there will be NO Mustard Seed youth group meeting because of the Parish Mission.** You will love the Mission this year and we can meet as a group at the Country Church. Look for more details about the Parish Mission in the bulletin, e-mail or on our web site at www.stjos.com.
- ♦ **March 9-11** is the High School Mission Retreat for those of you that are sign up to attend this years retreat.
- ♦ **Sunday, March 18** at 5:30pm will be the Mustard Seed dinner. Mustard Seed youth group will meet in the Loft from 6-8pm.
- ♦ **Sunday, March 25** there in NO Mustard Seed meeting because of spring break.

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

- ♦ **Sunday, February 25** from 2-3:30 will be a God Squad youth group meeting in the Loft of the Parish Center. We will start off with pizza and pop before we go into our activities.

Confirmation News

- ♦ **February 4** No Class
- ♦ **February 11** Confirmation Class (Chapter 9, The Church)
- ♦ **February 18** No Class
- ♦ **February 25** Confirmation Class with sponsor/mentor (The Mass part 3)
- ♦ **March 4** Confirmation Class (Chapter 10, Confirmation)
- ♦ **March 4-6** Parish Mission
- ♦ **March 9-11** 2018 Mission Retreat
- ♦ **March 18** Confirmation Class (Chapter 11, Made for Mission)
- ♦ **March 25** No Class (spring break)

Middle School Rally, Saturday, March 10, 2018 What is the Middle School Rally?

The Middle School Rally is put on by the Diocese of Lansing where over 500 Middle School Youth get together for a day of fun, food, friends and faith. This year's Rally will be held at Lumen Christi High School, Jackson, MI on Saturday, March 10. We will meet at the Parish Center and carpool over. The Keynote this year will be Paul J. Kim. With more than a decade of speaking to youth and performing original music, Paul J. Kim has earned an international reputation as a dynamic motivational speaker with a highly entertaining, yet life-changing message. Go to www.pjkmusic.com for more information about Paul. The rally will conclude with Mass with Bishop Boyea.

Information and permission forms are available at the REP sessions and on line at www.stjos.com.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20

High School Mission Retreat March 9-11



If you are in high school and have not had the amazing experience of attending the Mission Retreat then you need to register for this year's retreat and do it fast because the retreat will fill up and once they hit 500 the registration will be cut off.

I wish I could put into words the experience of this retreat and what I have seen in the transformation of young people's lives, but having over 500 people coming together in the name of Jesus you know powerful things are going to happen.

Because of a generous donor we are able to lower the cost from \$75 per person to \$45 per person. After the February 5 deadline the price will go up to \$65 per person. Scholarship are available for those that need it, just contact me, Don Dalgleish at 734-426-2674 or don_dalgleish@stjos.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Summer Festival 2018

40 years of faith and fun!!

It is hard to think of summer when it's so cold outside, BUT in 90 short days we will be starting spring clean-up....KEEP THE FAITH! That means just around the corner the 40th annual St. Joseph festival will soon be here. Who is looking forward to summer?

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 planning committee is meeting and putting together another great event for you and our community. 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.

Giving Garden News



Giving Garden

Do the cold winter days have you dreaming of spring and perhaps planning a garden? Have you considered a new ministry at St. Joseph? How about joining us in the Giving Garden this year!

Whether you are an experienced gardener or a novice looking to learn, we have a task for you on our garden path and some garden clogs that might be just the right size for you. Come to our spring kick-off meeting on the evening of April 17 at the Parish Center (watch the bulletin for details). We will choose vegetables to plant, decide on when to begin preparing the beds 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 can join.

All are welcome to the Giving Garden to help feed the hungry and less fortunate who struggle for fresh produce. We look forward to seeing you!

Giving Garden Leadership Team —Barb Rutz, Marlene Brines and Bob Gansen

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

Boy Scout Troop 456 News

The Troop has been very busy over the past few months.



Members of the troop provided support to the fall cleanup at the Disciple House. Raking leaves, pulling and cutting weeds, around the Disciple House, occupied most of the effort in the activity. We also assisted with the Christmas tree set-up for the sanctuary and cleanup.

Merit badge activity included Scouts going to Delta College for merit badge day to earn Citizenship in the World, Chess, Inventing and Family Life. Five scouts participated at the Osborne Forge (www.osborneforge.com) making various metal implements to satisfy the Metalworking merit badge requirements.

At the beginning of December, the Troop went to the Brighton Recreation Area and hosted a Cabin Camping Outing with Webelos Scouts from the Dexter Area. Activities focused on Scout skills (fire building, knots and lashing). The famous Troop 456 "Hobo" Dinner was the highlight of the cooking activities taught to the Webelos Scouts. The January Campout will be at Muskegon State Park to have fun in the winter sports recreation area. The area combines cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, ice skating and a luge track all in one park. The Troop will stay at the group camp where they will be able to practice their Quinzee (Snow Hut) building and winter camping skills.

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. Check out 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.

Joe & Stephanie Stenberg
Everett and Oscar

Marian Hesse

Tomas & Roxanne Lupsor
Lukas

Andrew & Sara Muchmore
Nora

Rocky & Marie Wiltsey
Kenley

Michael & Shannon Ranella
Jacob, Matthew and Emilia

Emily Ford
Lleyton and Ella James

Jody Frybarger

Roshan & Tiffany Rodrigues
Sophia and Gianna

Jacob Webb & Kayla Furlage
Audriana

Marriages

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

Matthew James Glahn & Jessica Ann Guoin

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Nolan Daniel Gilbertson
Son of Eric & Daniëlle (Cook) Gilbertson

Andrew Richard Mierkowicz
Son of Joseph & Joanna (Weigel) Mierkowicz

Lena Jacquenette Wieman
Daughter of Kyle & Candice (Weck) Wieman

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Kenneth & Julie (Kalman) Natoli

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Son of Michael & Kelly (Jacob) Wagner

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Son of Andrew & Amy (Smith) Reiser

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Rocky & Marie (Angelocci) Wiltsey

Jake David Pisano
Son of David & Jessica (Boren) Pisano

Helena Rose Scott
Daughter of Jeffery & Michelle (Breier) Scott

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 Joseph Juback

Magdalen Ulrich

Phyllis Widmayer

Susan Marie Dyk

Leona Margaret Toon

Elizabeth Ann Becker

Anne Malvina Torok

Elvira Zuccaro Bumbalough

William E. Farrell

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Dear St. Joseph Parish...

December 7, 2017

On behalf of Dexter Family Services I want to thank you for your donation of \$1325 from your October 2017 Caritas offering. This donation is being used to provide the 40+ Dexter families we are helping this Christmas season with food and gifts.

Sincerely,
Sue Yager, Treasurer
Dexter Family Services

December 20, 2017

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$665 on 11/15/17. We believe that your donations from Caritas is a direct answer to prayer and we are so, so grateful! We are using the donation to gift our children with food, warm items to wear and a lovely blanket. As they leave with their items, there are lots of smiles, "thank you's" and great laughter. With Christmas Peace and deep gratitude.

Sr. Carol Weber
Director, St. Luke N.E.W Life Center

December 21, 2017

We would like to thank you for your Christmas gifts to St. Louis Center. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to go shopping to help make Christmas a little more special for some very deserving individuals. We appreciate you being part of the large St. Louis Center family who cares for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Sincerely,
Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC
CEO, St. Louise Center

December 18, 2017

Thank you to all the lovely boys and girls who sent the delicious cookies to us. What a great surprise! We really enjoyed them. Thank you!

Joe & Mary Zabinsky

January 7, 2018

We well up with gratitude for the generosity shown to us by your parishioners through the Advent Giving Tree. The parishioners of St. Joseph donated newborn and infant supplies estimated to be worth over \$2,000, which will be distributed through our Baby Care Program.

We would like to express a huge thank you to Kathy Hirth and all those involved in organizing the Giving Tree program. May God abundantly bless your ministries, worship and outreach in 2018.

Iris Proctor, Elise McCoy and the ArborWoman Team

December 1, 2017

Because of your generosity, those who are dealing with the greatest struggles and without hope in our community are able benefit from the programs and services offered by Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County. We are grateful for your recent gift of \$1325.00 in support of the Food Program and Good Samaritan appeal. Thank you!

Jan Wisniewski
Vice President, Development & Marketing
Catholic Social Services Washtenaw

December 11, 2017

Please allow me to express gratitude of Samaritas for generous donation of \$1,325 on 11/30/17. Your congregation's contribution allows Samaritas to empower the people we serve, enabling them to overcome the challenges of trauma, hopelessness, poverty and disability. Your partnership in connecting, empowering and transforming lives in our community is priceless. Again, thank you!

Gratefully,
Sam Beals
Chief Executive Officer, Samaritas

December 19, 2017

On behalf of Dexter Family Services I want to thank you for the use to the Parish Center the week before Christmas so that we were able to pack Christmas boxes for our Dexter families. This year we were able to help 42 families with food and gifts for Christmas.

We certainly appreciate all of the help that we received and I thank you for your help in past years as well.

Sincerely,
Sue Yager
Treasure, Dexter Family Services

December 18, 2018

On behalf of SafeHouse Center, thank you for your extremely generous donation of various household items. We are humbled by your generosity and look forward to using this donation to support those who are impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault in Washtenaw County. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Barbara Niess-May
Executive Director, SafeHouse Center

January 4, 2018

Thank you for you in-kind donation of Christmas gifts for families for our Christmas program. This donation allowed us to provide the families of Hope the opportunity to share Christmas blessings with their loved ones. Your generosity will help us to fulfill our mission of providing compassionate and practical help to those in need, ministering to the whole person with dignity and respect in the name of Christ.

Sincerely,
Rev. Douglas Campbell
Executive Director, Hope Clinic

February 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				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		8:30 AM BBOC Day 4:00 PM Prayer Shawl 4:00 PM Reconciliation Blessings of the Throats Rite of Enrolment - 1st Eucharist WELCOME WEEKEND
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9:00 AM / 11:00 AM REP 9:00 AM Scout Sunday 4:30 PM Leadership Team 6:00 PM Mustard Seed Blessings of the Throats WELCOME WEEKEND	7:00 PM BBOC 7:00 PM GIG 7:00 PM Handbells	3:45 PM REP 6:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Pastoral Council 8:00 PM AA	8:00 AM St. Leo's 6:15 PM REP 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	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		4:00 PM Reconciliation 6:30 PM Wine Down 
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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March 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HOLY WEEK SERVICES @ COUNTRY CHURCH  MARCH 29 - HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY - 7PM GARDEN OF REPOSE - 8:30PM MARCH 30 - GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY - 7PM MARCH 31 - EASTER VIGIL SERVICE - 7PM				1 7:00 AM Men's Group 9:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Youth Choir 7:00 PM St. Joseph Choir 7:30 PM AA	2 	3 3:30 PM Reconciliation WELCOME WEEKEND  Spaghetti Dinner
4 9:00 AM / 11:00 AM REP 11:00 AM Confirmation Session 12:30 PM Palm Sunday Drama Practice 12:30 PM RCIA 4:00 PM Confirmation Session 4:30 PM Leadership Team 6:00 PM Mustard Seed WELCOME WEEKEND	5 7:00 PM GIG	6 3:45 PM REP 6:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Pastoral Council 8:00 PM AA	7 8:00 AM St. Leo's 6:15 PM REP 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble	8 7:00 AM Men's Group 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM REP 12:00 PM BLOOD DRIVE 5:30 PM Youth Choir 7:00 PM Baptism Prep 7:00 PM St. Joseph Choir 7:30 PM AA	9 	10 3:30 PM Reconciliation Growing in God Middle School Youth Rally - Lansing
7:00 PM Parish Mission - "AWAKENING"				HIGH SCHOOL MISSION RETREAT		
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25 12:30 PM RCIA  Palm Sunday	26 7:00 PM Handbells	27 6:30 PM EFC MTG 6:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 7:00 PM Individual Reconciliation 8:00 PM AA	28 12:00 PM Individual Reconciliation 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble	29 HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 PM Mass 7:30 PM AA 8:30 PM Garden of Repose OFFICE CLOSED	30 GOOD FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	31 1:00 PM Blessing of Baskets K of C EASTER EGG HUNT 



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