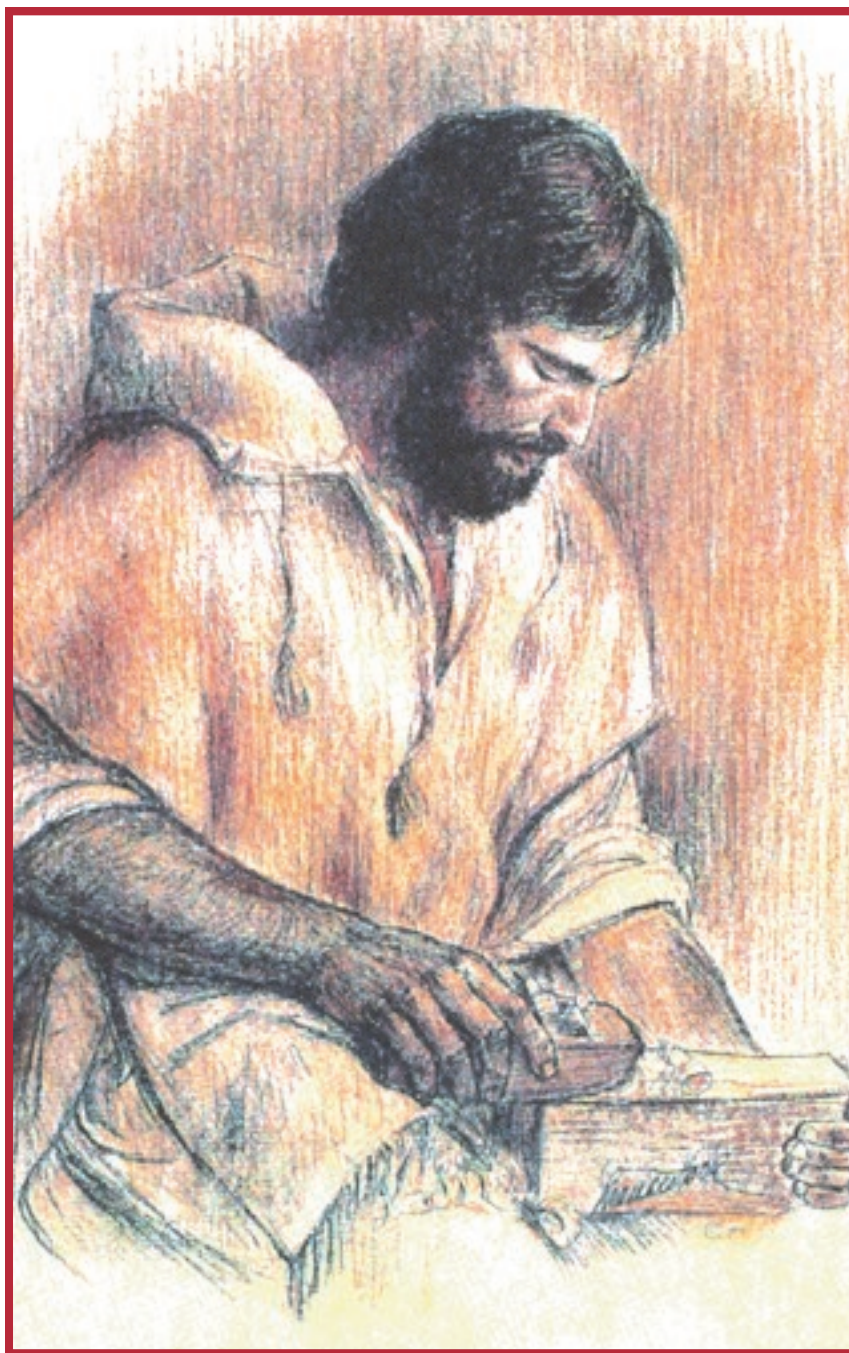


ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Dexter, MI

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October/November 2018

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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
Kathy Koepsell	Caritas/New Parishioners	604-6797
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
Craig McCreight	Properties	276-1469
Rich Domsic	REP Formation	864-3152
Andy Toma	Festival	216-8611

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	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.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. BRENDAN J. WALSH

Anniversary Mass

On Saturday, October 6 at the 5pm Mass we will recognize all couples married from 1 year and then every 5 years till 50 years and every year after 50. At the Mass all couples will be introduced and then we will have them renew their vows.

Ministry Training

In the month of October we train and retrain all our liturgical ministers for Mass. The dates of training for ministers are listed below:

Altar Servers – new altar servers

Saturday, October 6 **AND** Saturday October 20 from 9:30-11am **OR** from 11am –12:30pm

Lectors – new and returning

Wednesday, October 10 at 7pm **OR** Monday, October 15 at 7pm

Eucharistic Ministers – new and returning

Thursday, October 11 at 7pm **OR** Tuesday, October 16 at 7pm

Hospitality Ministers – new and returning

Monday, October 8 at 7pm **OR** Thursday, October 18 at 7pm

Anointing of the Sick Mass and Lunch

Our fall Anointing Mass and Lunch will be Thursday, October 18 at 11am. We will gather in the Parish Center on the Village Campus. Mass will be followed by lunch. If you are in need of mental, physical, spiritual or emotional healing please sign up in the Gathering Space or call the office to RSVP, 734-426-8483, by October 11.

All Saints Day

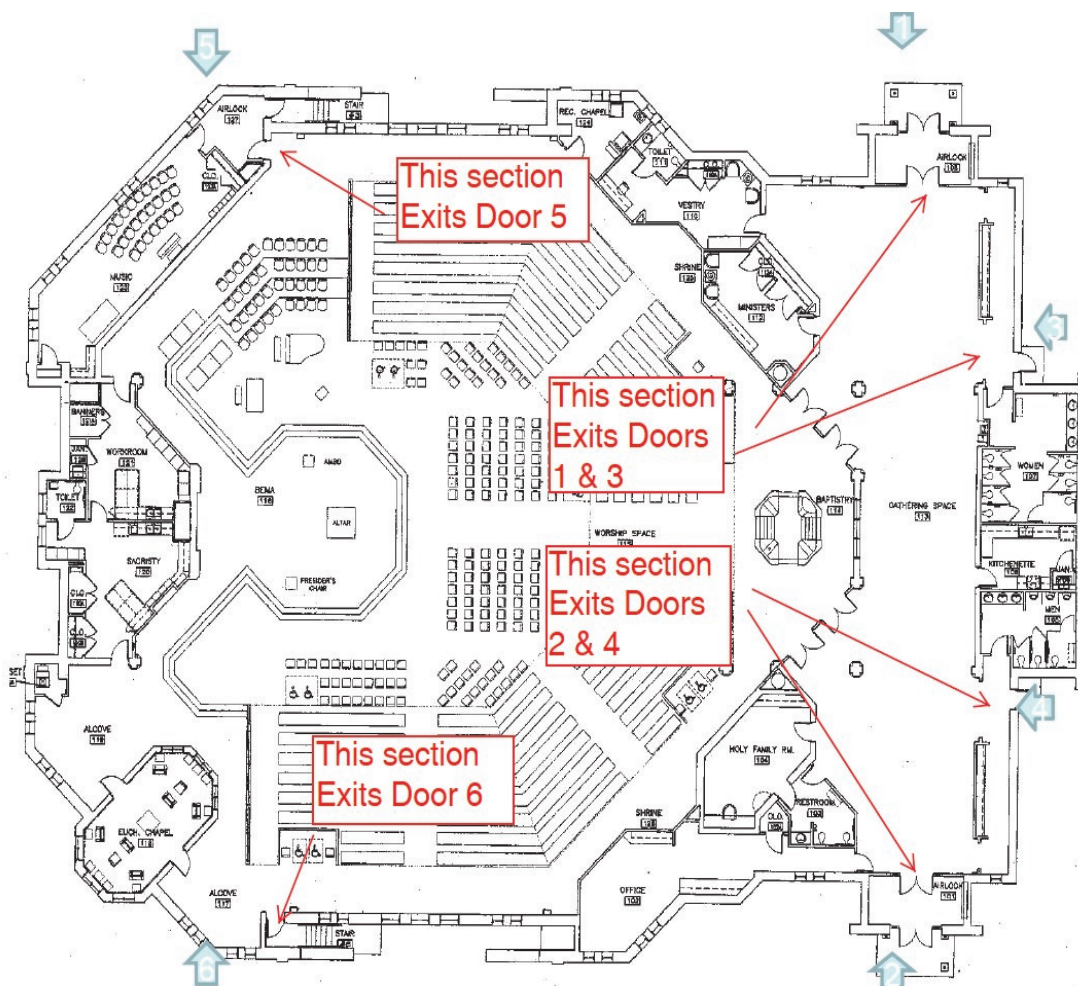
On Thursday, November 1 at 8:15am in the Village Campus and at 7:00pm in the Country Church we will pray for and remember the Holy men and women who gave their lives in loving service to our church. Come pray to your favorite Saint.

All Souls Mass

On Friday evening, November 2 at 7pm in the Country Church we will pray and remember those buried from our parish and deceased loved ones of parishioners. At this Mass we light a candle and call the names of our deceased loved ones. If they were buried from St. Joseph the memorial cross from our wall of remembrance is given as a gift to family members. Following Mass a reception will be held in the Gathering Space. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by October 24 if you plan to attend.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY – 4 THINGS TO KNOW

- If we were to have an emergency situation where we would need to evacuate our church building in a hurry to the right is a picture of the exits we would like people to use.
- If we had an active shooter or needed police on sight quickly we now have an emergency call system which a Mass Captain will activate with a push of a button.
- If a person is seen who looks dangerous i.e could be carrying weapons to harm people, we have metal bars to now lock the outside doors shut in seconds.
- If you see a person who looks out of place, please practice, “**SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING**”, to me, a Mass Captain, or a hospitality ministers. They will do any necessary responding to the situation.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH STATE OF THE PARISH July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

I N C O M E			
Source of Income	2017-2018 BUDGET	2017-2018 ACTUAL	2018-2019 BUDGET
Donations	5,000.00	6,359.00	6,000.00
Silent Auction	22,000.00	20,316.00	20,000.00
DSA Over Goal Revenue Share		2,543.00	11,500.00
Holydays	10,000.00	11,164.00	10,000.00
Christmas	60,000.00	62,934.00	60,000.00
Sunday Collections	977,600.00	988,164.00	1,017,600.00
<i>Weekly Goal/Actual Average/Goal</i>	<i>\$18,800.00</i>	<i>\$19,003.00</i>	<i>\$19,200.00</i>
Miscellaneous	6,000.00	8,150.00	7,000.00
Facility Rental	10,000.00	21,060.00	10,000.00
Mass Stipends	3,650.00	3,650.00	3,650.00
Tuition K - 8	22,000.00	20,481.00	21,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,116,250.00	1,144,821.00	1,166,750.00
E X P E N S E			
Salaries & Fringes	2017-2018 BUDGET	2017-2018 ACTUAL	2018-2019 BUDGET
Salaries	463,298.00	468,366.00	470,939.00
Fringe Benefits & Payroll Taxes	200,188.00	197,405.00	196,928.00
Staff Development	8,800.00	7,541.00	8,800.00
Travel	1,000.00	152.00	1,000.00
Total Salaries & Fringes	673,286.00	673,464.00	677,667.00
Administration			
Sunday Envelopes	6,200.00	5,060.00	6,200.00
Sacramental Assistance	4,500.00	4,985.00	4,500.00
Copy Machine	7,500.00	8,178.00	8,500.00
Computer Systems Support	3,000.00	5,849.00	4,000.00
Diocesan Assessment	55,993.00	54,263.00	52,152.00
Catholic Schools Assessment	35,741.00	29,136.00	33,289.00
Cath School Tuition Spt to Parishioners		5,500.00	
Household Allowance (rectory)	5,500.00	4,232.00	5,500.00
Miscellaneous	12,850.00	14,710.00	12,700.00
Postage & Shipping	9,000.00	7,550.00	7,750.00
Office Supplies	7,000.00	6,146.00	6,500.00
Internet/Cable	1,500.00	2,443.00	2,550.00
Total Administration Expenses	148,784.00	148,052.00	143,641.00
Worship			
Music Expenses	11,450.00	9,820.00	11,325.00
Liturgy & Environment	13,205.00	16,770.00	13,655.00
Total Worship Expenses	24,655.00	26,590.00	24,980.00
<i>Altar Flowers - Amount Collected/Amount Spent</i>	<i>\$6,040.00</i>	<i>\$8,089 (includes late FY17 billing of \$2752)</i>	
Religious Education / Faith Formation			
RCIA	3,175.00	2,621.00	2,950.00
Adult Education	7,900.00	5,849.00	7,800.00
Adult Retreats (Building the Brotherhood of Christ; Growing in God)	3,000.00	2,951.00	3,000.00
Parish Mission	6,000.00	4,386.00	6,000.00
Evangelization (FAITH magazine)	12,200.00	12,880.00	12,200.00
Religious Education P-6	14,550.00	8,948.00	12,550.00
Religious Education 7-8	7,550.00	6,835.00	3,350.00
Youth Ministry	5,475.00	4,435.00	9,475.00
Total Religious Ed / Faith Formation Expenses	59,850.00	48,905.00	57,325.00

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Christian Service	2017-2018 BUDGET	2017-2018 ACTUAL	2018-2019 BUDGET
Christian Service	350.00	200.00	250.00
Services for Parishioners	800.00	558.00	800.00
Total Christian Service Expenses	1,150.00	758.00	1,050.00
<i>Pxn Svc: Donations Received / Support Distributed / Ending Balance</i>	<i>\$17,691.00</i>	<i>\$14,732.00</i>	<i>\$2,959.00</i>
Parish Life			
Hospitality & Parish Activities	6,000.00	7,121.00	2,000.00
Programs	750.00	164.00	4,750.00
Ordination Anniversaries Celebration (Romolo, Fr. Brendan)		2,726.00	
Sunday Nursery Attendant	3,000.00	2,001.00	2,500.00
Total Parish Life Expenses	9,750.00	12,012.00	9,250.00
Plant Operation & Maintenance			
VILLAGE CAMPUS			
snow removal	11,000.00	\$23,749.00	15,000.00
repairs*	10,000.00	\$28,545.00	10,000.00
supplies	10,000.00	\$9,456.00	9,500.00
natural gas	18,500.00	\$12,686.00	13,500.00
electricity	11,000.00	\$10,412.00	11,000.00
telephone	1,800.00	\$2,108.00	1,800.00
water, sewage, trash removal	4,500.00	\$5,818.00	6,000.00
COUNTRY CAMPUS			
snow removal	27,500.00	\$27,651.00	30,000.00
repairs**	15,500.00	\$20,093.00	15,500.00
supplies	7,000.00	\$9,770.00	8,000.00
natural gas	13,400.00	\$20,046.00	20,000.00
electricity	27,650.00	\$29,591.00	27,650.00
water, sewage, trash removal	2,000.00	\$2,310.00	2,500.00
telephone + internet	3,800.00	\$4,482.00	5,450.00
GENERAL PARISH			
contracted services	6,400.00	\$4,990.00	6,000.00
capital expenditures***	3,000.00	\$10,295.00	3,000.00
insurance	48,000.00	\$44,980.00	48,000.00
vehicle	1,000.00	\$455.00	1,000.00
Total Plant Expenses	222,050.00	267,437.00	233,900.00
SIGNIFICANT EXPENSES - VILLAGE		SIGNIFICANT EXPENSES - COUNTRY	
*Repairs & Maintenance - Village		**Repairs - Country	
final payment - tuck pointing - vc	13,747.00	boiler water leak - cc	2,498.00
tree trimming - village campus	1,000.00	N Territorial doors - cc	770.00
elevator load test - vc	1,100.00	wireless panic alarm - cc	2,261.00
water leak - pc	1,700.00	change light bulbs - cc	5,177.00
boiler repair - rectory	905.00		
	18,452.00		10,706.00
***Capital Expenditures		***Capital Expenditures	
replace compressor - pc	2,786.00	parking lot lights - dh	6,009.00
new water softener - office	1,500.00		
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	1,116,250.00	1,144,821.00	1,166,750.00
TOTAL PROGRAM & OPERATING EXPENSES	1,139,525.00	1,177,218.00	1,147,813.00
Total Revenue over Expenses	(23,275.00)	(32,397.00)	18,937.00

ST. JOSEPH PARISH STATE OF THE PARISH July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

STAIRWAY TO THE FUTURE		CARITAS COLLECTIONS 2017-2018	
FUNDRAISING INCOME		RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
Step Up in Faith Gifts Received	120.00	Dexter Family Svcs	5,744.00
Continuing the Journey Gifts Received	3,908.00	CSS Good Samaritan Ap	1,449.00
Phase II Gifts Received	137,020.00	CSS Food Pantry	2,780.00
July 2017 Festival proceeds, net of 10% tithes	44,939.00	Parish Christian Svc	5,192.00
2017 Festival Matching Funds	60,000.00	Water for Flint	2,889.00
Interest Income	21,780.00	Samaritas New Americans	1,325.00
Memorial Fund Donations	955.00	Love Takes Root (Haiti)	6,400.00
WTH/Stairway to Unite parish share	428,164.00	St. Louis Center	1,669.00
Miscellaneous Phase II receipts	3,150.00		
TOTAL INCOME	700,036.00	TOTAL	27,448.00
FUNDRAISING/CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES		OTHER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2017-2108	
Fundraising printing/mailling	29,062.00	Faith in Action	19,649.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	29,062.00	Mother's Day Crib	1,280.00
STAIRWAY TO UNITE		Good Samaritan Appeal	1,890.00
RESTRICTED SAVINGS		Help Spread the Faith	1,198.00
restricted savings	665,519.00	Other Diocesan Collections	8,076.00
WTH/STU savings	428,164.00	Cemetery Maint.	2,514.00
	1,093,683.00	TOTAL	34,607.00

Thank you for your gifts of sacrifice and your generous support of
St. Joseph Parish.

Fr. Brendan Walsh

PARISH STATISTICS	FY 2017-2018	FY 2016-17	FY 2015-16
Total Registered Households:	1185*	1411	1391
Total Children in Households:	861	1130	1882*
Total Individuals Registered:	3860	4186	4487
*parish membership database updated to remove inactive members			

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ENROLLMENT	FY 2017-2018	FY 2016-17	FY 2015-16
Preschool	26	14	19
Kindergarten - 8th Grade	261	343	383
Mustard Seed	45	55	72
Adult Volunteers in Religious Ed	51	71	79



Pastoral Council Notes

As summer passes and fall is here I find myself remembering some real devoted Christians who were called home to the Lord this summer. We lost a Queen and a Senator and a war hero. We heard the word respect used constantly in reference to them.

When I think about respect I think about the basketball coach at my old high school who passed away in June. I recall the first time I met him when some fellow alums and I took a break from our handball game and went into the gym to see the new coach run practice. The respect he showed to his players was evidenced by how he avoided yelling at or chewing out players. Always teaching them what he wanted. Great coaches aren't the guys who throw chairs or go ballistic at every call made against their team, but rather the calm and in control coach whose team is a reflection of him and can deliver when it's crunch time. Respect for your opponent, respect for the officials; his credo is play hard and play fair.

You see not just the man upstairs is watching but young people are watching and learning from our words and our demeanor. Teaching by example or in the words of St. Francis of Assisi, "Preach the gospel, and when necessary use words."

While we are on the subject of teaching as I am putting pen to paper, our Religious Education Program still had several openings for teachers and assistants, which hopefully have been filled when this goes to print. I do know we can always use more volunteers who can be subs or just help out at REP and youth activities. If you can find some spare time to help out please contact Don or Michelle at the Parish Office.

Bill Brines

CARITAS COMMITTEE

Our September Caritas collection's featured recipient was Feed My Starving Children. St. Joseph Parish and other congregations in the Dexter area are once again joining with Dexter United Methodist Church's efforts to prepare 100,000 individual meals to be distributed through Feed My Starving Children. Our parish has pledged \$5,000 to this cause. One quarter of the September collection (along with a quarter share of our March 2019 collection) will support our parish commitment to the spring 2019 "Feed My Starving Children."

Thank you for your generous support of our September Caritas collection for those who hunger and thirst through our Caritas collection.

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

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



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, October 16 and Tuesday, November 20 at 12 Noon in the Parish Center. For more information, contact Linda Clark at 734-769-0872



LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING DATES

Hospitality Ministers

Monday, October 8 at 7pm **or** Thursday, October 18 at 7pm

Lectors

Wednesday, October 10 at 7pm **or** Monday, October 15 at 7pm

EME

Thursday, October 11 at 7pm **or** Tuesday October 16 at 7pm

Altar Server

Saturday October 6 **AND** Saturday October 20
9:30-11am **OR** 11am-12:30pm

All training at the Country Church

INTERIOR CHURCH CLEANING BEE DATES

Village Church — Saturday, October 27 — 8am to noon

Country Church — Saturday, November 10 — 8am to noon

CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANING DATES

Country Church — Saturday, October 20 — 8am to noon

Village Church — Saturday, November 3 — 8am to noon



Anointing Mass and Lunch

Thursday, October 18, 11am in the Parish Center at 3rd and Dover



Each year in October the Spiritual Life & Worship Commission holds a Mass and lunch in the Parish Center. During the Mass we celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. The sacrament is to bring God's healing grace, strength and peace to those who are sick or hurting. This sacrament is for those who are struggling physically, spiritually, mentally or emotionally. Following Mass, a lunch is served in the Parish Center. If you would like to attend please call the office, or sign up on the bulletin boards in the Gathering Space by **October 11**. If you need a ride, call the Parish Office, 734-426-8483.

All Souls Day Mass



**ALL
SOULS
MASS**

All are invited to our All Souls Day Memorial Mass on **Friday, November 2**, at 7:00 pm in our Country Church. If you have suffered the loss of a loved one within the past year and wish to light a candle in their memory, please RSVP and call the Parish Office at 734-426-2674 by **October 24** and speak with Darlene Cresson. You may also RSVP by e-mail at darlene_cresson@stjos.com. We will be putting together a Memorial of Pictures that will be displayed in the church during the month of November. If you would like to have a picture of your loved one displayed, please bring a 4x6 (or smaller) unframed picture to the Parish Office no later than **Wednesday, October 17**. Be sure to include the name of your loved one, their date of birth, and date of death, your name and contact information along with the picture so we may return it to you after the month of November.

grat • i • tude:

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

Music Ministry Prayer Team

The music ministry exists to help all who worship at St. Joseph to grow as disciples of Christ, especially through music.



In his rule for monks, St. Benedict wrote, "every time you begin a good work, you must pray to God most earnestly to bring it to perfection." All Christians are called to pray for others. It's part of the priestly office we were given when we were baptized. Please include the music ministry in whatever your current pattern of daily prayer may be. If you don't have a daily prayer practice, now is a great time to start! One useful brief model from the book *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* can be found at <http://is.gd/prayerprocess>.

While we're all called to pray, the Holy Spirit gives some Christians a special gift for intercessory prayer (praying for other people). Do you love to pray for others? Do you notice that when you pray for someone, God seems to respond in especially powerful ways? Do you wake in the middle of the night with a strong sense that you should pray for someone in particular? These are all signs that you may have a charism for intercessory prayer. God has given you that gift to build up the Church.

In addition to inviting everyone in the parish to pray for the music ministry, I am assembling a prayer team to intercede for particular needs of the music ministry. These faithful prayer partners need not be musical, and they need not be parishioners! If you are willing be contacted occasionally with specific prayer requests, please contact me at 989-787-2085 or steve_kp@stjos.com.

Here is a prayer for musicians you might want to use. It is adapted from an exhortation in the *Roman Pontifical*, the official book of rituals used by bishops.

Bless, O Lord, your servants who minister in your temple.
Grant that what they sing with their lips
they may believe in their hearts,
and what they believe in their hearts
they may show forth in their lives.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

High School Confirmation Program

The St. Joseph Parish Confirmation program is open to all High School students. It is a one year program that candidates can start in the beginning of their 9th, 10th, or 11th grade year. We are using Matthew Kelly's video Confirmation program, *Decision Point*, for the regular classes and the Ascension Press video program, *Alteration*, for the large gatherings. We need two catechists to run the program in each session (Sunday 11am-12:30pm, Sunday 4-5:30pm, and Wednesday 6:15-7:45pm) and adult leaders for the small table discussions during regular class. Small group leaders can either sign up for the whole year or for specific classes. For information or questions about this program please contact Don Dalglish at don_dalglish@stjos.com or at 734-426-2674. Volunteer Requirements apply to this program.



Confirmation Date 2018

The date for **Confirmation for the 2017-2018 Class is Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 PM** at the Country Church. **Rehearsal for Confirmation is Sunday, October 21 at 1:30 PM** at the Country Church. Your sponsor needs to attend both rehearsal and Confirmation.



Mustard Seed Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Mustard Seed meets on Sundays from 6 to 8pm in the Parish Center Loft. The Mustard Seed Group has retreats, trips and service projects throughout the year with Sunday meetings from September — June. There are also diocesan sponsored events such as the Diocese of Lansing Youth Conference, Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp (DYLC) and the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). The

Leadership Team is made up of teens and adults who meet from 4:30 to 5:45pm on the first Sunday of every month. They are responsible for planning the upcoming meetings and events.

Mustard Seed Youth Group dates for October-November:

- **Sunday, October 7** — Leadership Team meeting 4:30-5:45pm. 5:30-6pm Dinner (pizza). 6-8pm Mustard Seed youth group meeting in the Loft. Our topic will be Why do we do What we Do? What makes us unique as Catholics? Deadline for Confirmation/Fall retreat permission forms.
- **Sunday, October 14** — No Mustard Seed meeting. **Confirmation/Fall retreat weekend.**
- **Sunday, October 21** — dinner 5:30-6pm on the main floor of the Parish Center. Mustard Seed Youth group will meet in the Loft from 6-8pm. Our topic will be, "What are Sack of Mints" (sacraments).
- **Sunday, October 28** — dinner 5:30-6pm. 6-8pm Mustard Seed Youth group will meet in the Loft. Topic will be, "So you Want to be a Saint". Deadline for The Diocesan Youth Conference permission forms.
- **Sunday, November 4** — Diocesan Youth Conference in Lansing (all day event).
- **Sunday, November 11** — Leadership Team meeting 4:30-5:45pm on the main floor of the Parish Center. Mustard Seed youth group will meet in the Loft from 6-8pm. The topic will be "Traditions".
- **Sunday, November 18** — our annual Mustard Seed Thanksgiving Dinner from 6 to 8pm. Leadership Team be there by 5:30pm to help with set up.
- **Sunday, November 25** — No Mustard Seed meeting, Thanksgiving Weekend.



God Squad Youth Group (Grades 6-8)

God Squad youth ministry includes activities such as community-building, prayer, service projects and the Diocese of Lansing Youth Rally. God Squad runs from September — June and meetings are led by the God Squad Leadership team made up of 6th- 8th grade youth and adult volunteers. The calendar is put together by the God Squad Leadership Team starting off with our annual corn maze trip in October.

God Squad dates for October and November:

- **Friday, October 19** — 6:30-9pm our annual Corn Maze trip. We will meet at Blast Corn Maze off Daly Rd in Dexter for corn maze, hayride and s'mores by the bonfire. Cost TBA. Look for permission forms at the religious education sessions or online at www.stjos.com. Parents will be needed to help chaperone this event.
- **Sunday, November 11** — 2-3:30pm in the Loft of the Parish Center will be a God Squad meeting. Pizza, pop and activities. It will be a lot of fun so bring friends.

What is Coming Up for Adult Formation?

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.**

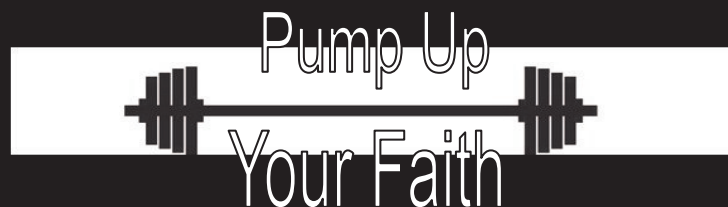
October 14 : Saints of Our Time — Marinell High

November 11: Heaven, Hell & Purgatory — guest presenter

January 13: Sacraments — Fr. Brendan

February 10: Ethics & Moral Decision Making — Deacon Randy

March 10: The Creed — guest presenter

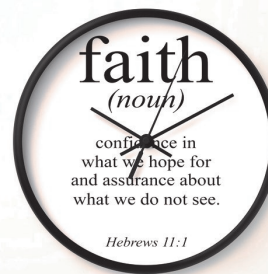


Special Presentation



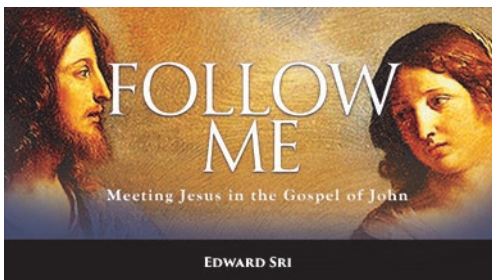
Mike Patin is returning on November 17 for a one day presentation from 9:30 to 4:30pm. Mike will lead us in an understanding of gratitude for God's love and mercy and what we can do with that in our lives. There will be talks by Mike followed by group discussion and sharing. Morning hospitality and lunch will be included. There will be a registration fee of \$20 to help cover the costs of the day. Registrations can be done in the Gathering Space beginning October 20/21 or online at www.stjos.com.

Faith in Five



During Advent and Lent we will present a short video relevant to the season that we are in. These will be done at announcement time and will be no more than five minutes in length.

Bible Study "Gospel of John"



We will finish up the Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy in early November and jump right into the next

study, "The Gospel of John", on November 14/15 through January 23/24.

Join us on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30pm or Thursdays from 9 to 10:30am in the Parish Center on the Village Campus. Registrations will begin October 20/21 in the Gathering Space or online at www.stjos.com.



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.

Parish Fellowship!

Grill n Chill

They came, they learned, they tasted!
Grill n Chill 2018 with Chef Steven Grostick is in the books!

Our next cooking series demo/dinner with Steven will be February 2019! Watch for date and details!



Parish Picnic Weekend



Silent Auction

November 10, 2018



Join us for our 13th annual event! Tickets are on sale after all Masses, in the Parish Office and at www.stjos.com until sold out!

Tickets: \$50.00 each or a table for 8 \$350.

The evening will feature

- The music of The Brian Delaney Quartet before and during dinner
- A fabulous dinner by Chef Steven Grostick
- Outstanding and useful auction items to bid on throughout the evening
- A Live Auction with fabulous items and a few just for fun that will end things on an exciting note!

This year we will have an auction board with the winner taking home a Season Subscription for two (2) to Broadway in Detroit at the Fischer Theatre. This subscription will include tickets to *Hamilton*, *Aladdin*, *The Play that Goes Wrong*, *The Lightening Thief*, *Waitress*, and *Anastasia*.

St. Joseph's Family Grief Support Program



Joseph's Family is a grief program offering those who are journeying through grief, the support they need to grow beyond the grief of losing a loved one. Our next Joseph's Family Grief Sessions will take place on Saturday, October 6, Saturday, October 13 and Saturday, October 20 from 1-4pm in Joseph's Room located in the basement of the Village Church. To register or if you would like to speak with a grief counselor privately, please contact Dolores Chatigny at 734-426-4794 or Sue Dailey at 734-426-4267.

Giving Garden Update



Our fall meeting time is here! Mark your calendars to be with us on Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Topics will include reviewing our 2018 progress and potential improvement or changes and more. We hope you can join us as we look forward to seeing you there!

We had something new helping us out at the garden this year. A compost bin was purchased at the beginning of the season to help turn our garden waste, seed-free weeds, and grass clippings along with last year's straw mulch into nutrient-rich compost to amend our garden soil for next year's growing season. It is working well and is a great addition to our garden gadgets. Combined with the rotating bin, the large capacity allows us to have the minimum mass necessary for rapid composting. Ultimately, our goal is to make nutrient rich soil from the unusable material the garden generates. The new bin is helping us achieve that goal; it's because of you with your generous donations of returnable bottles & cans and cash. So, again, THANK YOU for helping our garden grow!

And why do we do this? To help feed the hungry and those in need who are otherwise unable to have fresh produce. It is important that we mention how grateful the people at Faith in Action are for the produce we provide each week. We are making a difference in the lives of our community. We are so happy to be blessed with wonderful volunteers – it is because of them and the support of the Holy Spirit that make this possible. Again, a THANK YOU to our dedicated (and drop-in!) volunteers.

We have had another successful growing and harvest season. As of September 1, the total produce donated so far was 727 pounds and the volunteer hours worked totaled 185. The time to clean up and put our garden to bed is upon us and to take stock in our successes and challenges this year as we, ourselves take a reprieve to recharge and contemplate plans for next year.

Watch the bulletin for updates of our final totals of harvest and effort. Thanks everyone!

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



It was a very busy past few months for the boys in Troop 456. Starting with the Memorial Day holiday the troop participated in the Dexter Memorial Day parade and also had a contingent of scouts who traveled to North Manitou Island to engage in a hiking campout. That was followed by the principal activity for the troop during this period, which was the preparation for and attendance at summer camp. This year 28 scouts travelled to Camp Lakota in Defiance, Ohio where they earned a total of 77 merit badges and 18 boys completed the requirements for rank advancement. The Troop's service project for this period was associated with the Church's Summer Festival. Scouts and adult leaders helped, on the last day of the Festival, with the "take down" of the various children's games. Another troop activity was the participation in the Eagle Scout Project of Tommy Grace. Tommy's project involved

photographing and establishing the GPS location of approximately 2700 graves in the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Dexter. The information collected was entered into the "Billion Graves" database, a resource for searchable GPS cemetery data to help people find their ancestor's grave.

Checkout the Troop website at www.dextertroop456.org for meeting times and place as well as scheduled activities. 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) 734 355 8729.



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.

Armando Munoz & Sarah Brigham

Isidora

Nancy Ward

Marriages

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

Jonathan Michael Heyer & Eva Marie Megnin Neil

John Christopher MacDonell & Alyson Marie Muir

Paul Adam Rebandt & Samantha Kathryn Niehaus

Jeffery Brian Johnston & Samantha Monet Grobbel

Timothy Michael Burns & Alaine Margot Barron

David Michael Racey & Tori Ann Gullede

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Serena Marie Diamond

Daughter of Timothy & Adriana (Alava) Diamond



Dear St. Joseph Parish...



August 20, 2018

On behalf of SafeHouse Center, thank you for your ministry's generous donation of \$1,410

that was received on 8/17/18. We are thankful that you selected our organization as the recipient of your Caritas Sunday collection. Your generous support will help us keep our doors open, the lights on, the phones connected and our programs available to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Barbara Niess-May

Executive Director



August 29, 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 \$710 designated for our CSSW Food Pantry and our Good Samaritan appeal. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Peg Bravo RN, BSN, MA

President & CEO, Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw



August 18, 2018

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$705 on 8/13/2018 to the St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center. We believe that your donation is a direct answer to prayer and we are very, very grateful. Your donation will be used in direct service to the many women, men and children who come to us daily seeking a place of Hope and Compassion.

Just this week we had several women come in for food and they had black eyes. They had been abused by their boyfriends. We immediately sat with each person separately to see if we could help them with food, personal items, clothing and a listening, compassionate ear. One person decided to take her little baby and go to SafeHouse. Another said that she had already thrown him out of the house and told him never to return. We made arrangements for her to get counseling. We also gave her food, furniture, towels, sheets, and personal items. Each day is different. Each day brings women, children and men to us who are in need. Your donation helps to be able to respond to the needs that are presented to us. Thank you!

Blessings of deep gratitude,

Sr. Carol Weber

Director, St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center



September 17, 2018

Thank you for the gift of \$1,439 from September 9, 2018. Your support helps us continue our regular programs of bringing food to family tables, aiding in applications for health insurance and food benefits and preventing homelessness.

Thank you,

Nancy Paul

Director, Faith in Action

OCTOBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00 PM Handbells 7:30 PM BBOC <div>Delonis Center</div>	2 3:45 PM REP 6:30 PM Forgive for Ladies AA 7:00 PM Pastoral Council 8:00 PM AA	3 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. Leos</div>	4 7:00 AM Men's Group 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM REP 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Growing in God 7:00 PM St. Joseph's Choir 7:30 PM AA	5	6 9:00 AM Blessing of the Pets 1:00 PM Grief Session 4:00 PM Prayer Shawl Team 4:00 PM Reconciliation 9:30am or 11am Altar Server Training <div>ANNIVERSARY DINNER</div> <div>WELCOME WEEKEND</div>
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 Women's fall retreat From Chaos to Order: A Scripture Guide in DeWitt, October 26-28						

NOVEMBER 2018

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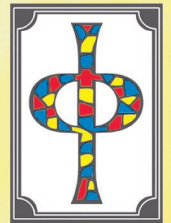
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