

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH MINISTRIES

## CHIPS & SAWDUST

September 2018



WE ARE ST. JOSEPH

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**St. Joseph Parish**  
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## *We Live Our Faith*

### *When*

## *We Serve Together*

Dear Parishioners,

As a caring Catholic Community, we witness our faith by how we live our faith and we live our faith by how we serve our faith. Our faith and belief in Jesus Christ and his mission and ministry of touching hearts and changing lives inspires and motivates us to be people of action, people of sacrifice, people of service.

In this September edition of Chips and Sawdust, we share with you the many councils, commissions, ministries, programs and activities we offer throughout the year here at St. Joseph. I ask you to prayerfully consider how you can share your faith and love for Jesus and his mission. In the coming weeks you will hear how you can sign up and help us live our faith here at St. Joseph.

Shalom,

Fr. Brendan J. Walsh  
Pastor

**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

<b>Member</b>	<b>Commission Liaison</b>	
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
Any Toma	Festival	216-8611

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**COMMISSIONS and ACTIVITIES**

<b>Commission</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Phone</b>
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

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Phone</b>
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
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.



## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### Pastoral Council

This leadership body serves as a consultative body to the Pastor and parish staff on the direction and vision of our parish. They assist in bringing the Parish Mission Statement to life for the benefit of the St. Joseph Catholic Community in Dexter. The Council meets on the first Tuesday of the month, year-round. New members are nominated during the Easter Season. On Pentecost we invoke the Holy Spirit and select four members by lot for a three-year term.

### Finance Council

This body of parishioners is selected by the Pastor, in accordance with canon law and the policies of the Diocese of Lansing. Members are invited according to their expertise in the areas of business and finance. They serve a three-year term and help monitor the financial gifts of parishioners which are used to maintain the programs and activities of the parish. Each spring they review and set the budget for the coming fiscal year which runs from July 1 to June 30.

### Caritas Community Committee

A second collection for the benefit of primarily local charitable organizations is taken on the last weekend of those months with five Sundays. Throughout the year the Committee, a subcommittee of the Finance Council, meets to select recipient organizations to recommend to the Finance Council for approval prior to presenting the appeal to the parish community. Each collection is split into quarters; one quarter each to Dexter Family Services, the parish Christian Service fund and a featured recipient, and the final quarter is split between Water for Flint and Washtenaw Catholic Social Services. One organization for each collection is highlighted in bulletin and *Chips and Sawdust* articles the months of the collection. New members are nominated during the Easter season. On Pentecost, we invoke the Holy Spirit and select three new members by lot for a three-year term.

## FAITH FORMATION

*Our mission: As intentional disciples of Jesus, committed to the needs of St. Joseph Parish, we will develop, sponsor and support a wide range of opportunities and resources for parishioners of all ages.*

*With a friendly and welcoming approach, we will welcome and invite all members of the community to join us in nurturing and developing a lifelong relationship with Jesus through the Sacraments, our worship and the traditions of our Catholic faith.*

### Faith Formation Commission Responsibilities

To achieve the goals of the mission statement the members of the Faith Formation Commission oversee the quality of the parish's faith formation by supporting and advising the Directors of Religious Education, Youth Ministry and Adult Formation. Members serve a three-year term and meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Membership is open to all interested parishioners. Responsibilities include: reviewing the spiritual and educational needs of our parish, researching and reviewing materials used in faith formation, assisting in the recruitment of volunteers and assisting in the planning and facilitating of formation opportunities.

## Children and Youth Formation

### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW)

Those who volunteer for Children's Liturgy of the Word are part of a team who present the Sunday Scripture Readings, Creed and Prayers of the Faithful to the children of our parish in Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> grade. The children are dismissed at the Liturgy of the Word and led to the music rehearsal room where the children have age-appropriate reflection on the Sunday Scripture. The children return to their pews at the time of the offertory. CLW takes place during the 9am Mass every Sunday with the exception of a few holiday weekends and the months of July and August.

### Nursery

Two paid childcare providers are assisted by volunteers at the 9am Mass. All volunteers must be cleared and trained through the Safe Environment process, "Protecting God's Children," as mandated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



### Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Vacation Bible School is a one-week, half-day event held each summer. It is a themed week of scripture-learning, faith-building, friend-making fun! It is available for children ages 4 years through those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We seek volunteers, both youth (7<sup>th</sup> grade or older) and adult, to be group leaders and assistants, to help with games and snacks, and to provide childcare for our volunteers.



## FAITH FORMATION

### Children and Youth Faith Formation (continued)

#### Religious Education Program (REP)

There are 28 groups of children, age preschool to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, who need two adults each week who will guide them in the ways of Christ and the Church. Their formation is a critical component of their youth and will help them to become contributing teens and adults who will shape the future of the Church. If you feel called to serve in this ministry, there are three ways you can help: •Become a catechist or co-catechist. •Become a classroom assistant. •Become an office assistant. These adults need not be parents! Those who volunteer to catechize our children will be guided by the Directors of Religious Education and Youth Ministry. They are provided materials and curriculum that give them the tools they need to be successful. Contact Michelle Hochrein at [michelle\\_hochrein@stjos.com](mailto:michelle_hochrein@stjos.com) or Don Dalglish at [don\\_dalglish@stjos.com](mailto:don_dalglish@stjos.com) or at 734-426-2674 with any questions or to join our team! A great year of religious education begins with your prayerful discernment.

#### High School Confirmation Program:

The Confirmation Program is open to all High School students. It is a one year program that candidates can start in the beginning of their 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup> grade year. We are using Matthew Kelly's Confirmation program, *Decision Point*, for regular classes and Ascension Press *Altaration* for the large gatherings. Two catechists are needed to run the program 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](mailto:don_dalglish@stjos.com) or at 734-426-2674. Volunteer Requirements apply to this program.

#### Volunteer Requirements

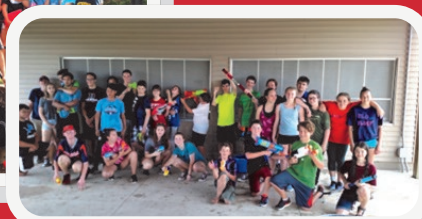
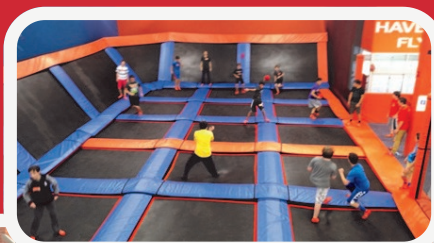
- Must complete an online Protecting God's Children session.
- Must sign a waiver for a criminal background check.
- Catechists and Co-Catechists must attend at least one formation session during 2018-2019 to show work toward Diocesan Certification.
- Must attend an organizational meeting.

#### RCIA for Children

Volunteers assist unbaptized and un-catechized children over the age of 7 through a process of initiation into the Catholic faith. We pair a family from the parish with the family of the unbaptized child who work with the whole family toward the formation of a basic understanding of the Catholic faith and preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). These families also work with older children (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above) who are baptized but need preparation for Reconciliation and/or Eucharist.



**God Squad Youth Group (Grades 6-8)** activities include community-building activities, prayer, service projects and the Diocese of Lansing Youth Rally. God Squad runs from September to June and meetings are led by the God Squad Leadership team made up of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth and adult volunteers. The calendar is put together by the God Squad Leadership Team, usually starting off with our annual corn maze trip in October.



**Mustard Seed Youth Group (Grades 9-12)** meets on Sundays 6-8pm 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 Jamboree and the Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp (DYLC). 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.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Adult Faith Formation

#### Parish Mission

We offer a Parish Mission during Lent for the spiritual renewal of our parish community. Volunteers are needed to help with hospitality and refreshments, and to set up the church environment.

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

Matthew 18:20

### Personal Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Each Fall and Lent we encourage the formation of Small Faith Communities to come together for a six week study of a book or personal spiritual enrichment. Different from a bible study or a class, the Small Communities of eight to twelve people engage in faith sharing and conversation to help each of them enrich their relationship with God and live out their faith more fully in their daily lives. The Adult Faith Formation Director chooses one or two Small Community resources that each group can choose from or will help a Small Community choose one of their own. Small Communities meet in homes or on parish grounds. Volunteers are needed to lead/facilitate the Small Communities

#### Building the Brotherhood of Christ

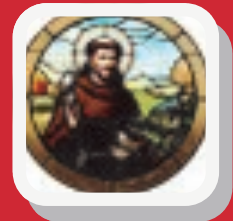
A one day renewal experience for men, held each February on the parish grounds. The day is facilitated by men from our parish. All those who have taken part in a Christ Renews His Parish or Building the Brotherhood of Christ experience are welcome to join the presenting team. Volunteers are needed to help with the cooking and serving of three meals during the day.

#### Scripture Studies at our Parish

For men and women of the parish we hold a Wednesday, once a week, scripture study from September through May. These studies are held in the Parish Center at 7pm each week with breaks for holidays. The same study is repeated on Thursday mornings at 9am. These topical studies take place throughout the year and are intended to help our parishioners to understand the teachings our Catholic Faith and how those teaching apply to our lives. Volunteers are needed to facilitate sessions, serve as hospitality and assist with signups and recruitment.

#### St. Francis Retreat Center

Annual men's and women's retreats are held at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt for parishioners. Sign ups are held for these throughout the year.



#### Marriage Preparation Seminar

This Friday night/Saturday seminar is held in the Parish Center and provides engaged couples with information on several topics relevant to a successful marriage and offer the couples the opportunity to focus on the life, happiness and holiness of each other. The seminar concludes at the 5pm Mass in the Country Church on Saturday. Volunteers are needed for hospitality which includes preparing and serving three meals.



#### Sponsor Couples for those Engaged for Marriage

Each engaged couple from our parish takes part in a Pre-Marriage process and meets with a married couple from our parish who have been trained in marriage preparation. Sponsor Couples lead the engaged couples through a personality inventory. This inventory helps the couple see their strengths and to recognize areas for growth and understanding. The Sponsor Couples are recommended to the pastor and then invited by the pastor to be a part of the team. Volunteers are needed to seriously pray for our engaged couples and our Sponsor Couples, may their time together be fruitful.



#### Growing in God

We offer a one day spiritual opportunity in early March for women to experience faith, fellowship and a renewed commitment to Christ. This faith enriching experience is led by parishioners for parishioners. Volunteers are needed to serve on the presenting team (with only the requirement to have taken part in a Christ Renews His Parish or Growing in God experience) and the cooking team for the three meals of the day (just a love of cooking and serving needed).

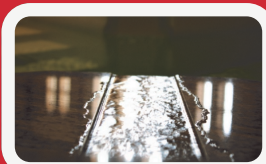


## FAITH FORMATION

### Personal Spiritual Growth Opportunities (continued)

#### Infant Baptism Preparation

Workshops are held in January, March, May, July, September, and November on the second Thursday at 7pm at the Country Church. At the workshop we share the teachings of the church about the life of faith, the church, and the sacrament of Baptism. Volunteers are need to serve in a hospitality and community role at each of the Baptism Prep sessions.



#### Joe's Moms

A moms group to meet and pray a little, chat a little and support one another while the kids play! All moms are invited to attend. The group meets each Tuesday, from 9:00 – 11:00 am off-site. Contact Marinell High at 734-426-8483 or [marinell\\_high@stjos.com](mailto:marinell_high@stjos.com) for information.

#### The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

As Catholic Christians we are called to be attentive and involved with those interested in learning about the Catholic faith.

Parishioners are encouraged to share their faith, offer their support and accompany those interested in the Catholic Church. These volunteers can serve in the capacity of sponsors, catechists (teachers/presenters), coordinators and assistants serving in various aspects of the initiation process. The Hospitality Team hosts social events and those wishing to share their baking talents for weekly sessions are most welcome. As members of the parish please invite, pray for, support and encourage those seeking to join our faith community.

Volunteers can contact Marinell High at 734-426-8483 or [marinell\\_high@stjos.com](mailto:marinell_high@stjos.com), or sign up on the ministry form



#### this past year we celebrated...



36 Baptisms



41 1<sup>st</sup> Communion



8 Confirmations



20 Marriages



26 Funerals

## SPIRITUAL LIFE and WORSHIP

Our mission: *We, the members of the Spiritual Life and Worship Commission, are called to promote the faith development of all members of St. Joseph Parish through liturgical celebrations, prayer experiences and opportunities for spiritual growth.* Members of the commission coordinate the environments of both the Village and Country Churches. The Commission meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

#### Anointing Mass & Lunch

In the fall an Anointing Mass of the Sick is celebrated at the Parish Center in the village campus. It is for anyone who is in need of physical, emotional, mental or spiritual healing. This is followed by lunch. Help is needed for providing transportation, setting up for the Mass and lunch, cooking the meal and cleaning up. We also offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick after a 5pm Saturday Mass in the spring during Easter Time.

#### Church Environment

These are volunteers who help the Worship Commission prepare, decorate and transition the Church for the liturgical seasons. This includes setting up, watering plants, carrying flowers, placing flowers, changing banners, etc.



#### Ministers of Praise

These parishioners volunteer to pray daily in private for the needs of the parish. Each month these ministers receive a letter with a pertinent prayer and a list of requested intentions. These intentions are taken from the "Prayer Intention Box" which is located in the back of both the Village and Country Churches. This prayer box is brought forward at the Presentation of the Gifts at the weekend liturgies. All parishioners are invited to join this ministry.

#### Women of the Cloth

The Women of the Cloth cut and sew together the machine embroidered fabric that is used to make the baptismal bibs that are given to all the babies and young children that are baptized here at St. Joseph's. For more information contact Carol Desrochers, 734-646-4424.



## SPIRITUAL LIFE and WORSHIP (continued)

### Mass Captains

Mass Captains serve in teams of two and assist at weekend and Holy Day Masses, overseeing all areas of liturgical ministry. They are active before, during and after Mass, coordinating the lectors, Eucharistic ministers and hospitality ministers. They invite a family to present the offertory gifts. They ensure that all the needs for worship are met before Mass and that the church is neat, clean, locked and secured when Mass and fellowship/coffee and donuts/pizza and pop time in the Gathering Space has concluded.

### Altar Servers

These are boys and girls who assist the priest at the altar at weekend and Holy Day Masses. This includes holding the Roman Missal for prayers, setting the altar, lighting and extinguishing candles before and after Mass. Servers must be in at least the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at weekend and Holy Day Masses. After Mass they purify and wash the vessels. Some ministers may also take communion to the sick and homebound.

### Hospitality Ministers

Hospitality Ministers assist at weekend Masses by greeting and welcoming parishioners in the Gathering Space, assisting people with finding seats, the procession to communion, and taking up the offering of the people; handing out bulletins after Mass, straightening the pews after Mass, and having an awareness of facilities for emergency purposes (restrooms, first aid, etc.).

### Lectors

Lectors assist at weekend and Holy Day Masses by introducing the Mass, proclaiming the Word of God, and leading the Prayers of the Faithful.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

The music ministry exists to help all who worship at St. Joseph to grow as disciples of Christ, especially through music. Contact Steve at [steve\\_kp@stjos.com](mailto:steve_kp@stjos.com) or 989-787-2085 regarding the music ministry.

### You Are a Minister of Music

A minister makes Christ present. Just as surely as Christ is present in the Eucharist, in the Word of God proclaimed, and in the person of the priest, he is present when the church prays and sings, for he has promised, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt 18:20). So when you sing at Mass, you make Christ present. St. Augustine tells us that one who loves, sings. Sing to God from your heart, and you will both show and grow in love.

### Music Ministry Prayer Team

St. Benedict wrote, "every time you begin a good work, you must pray to God most earnestly to bring it to perfection." Do you love to pray for others? Please support the parish music ministry by joining our prayer team. You will be contacted occasionally with general and specific prayer requests.



### Instrumentalists

If you play an instrument and want to put it at the service of God and the parish, we want to find a way to use your gifts. You can join one of the choirs or ensembles that serves regularly and you can also serve occasionally throughout the year. Both beginners and experienced instrumentalists may serve.

### Choirs and Ensembles

All of us sing at Mass, but the Church also affirms a role for choirs and ensembles. The primary song of the liturgy is our unrehearsed communal singing. Choirs and ensembles, on the other hand, are made up of people who possess certain musical skills and a commitment to a schedule of rehearsals and liturgies. For this reason, they are able to enrich the celebration by adding musical elements beyond the capabilities of the congregation alone.

Many choirs and ensembles serve the liturgy at St. Joseph.

**The St. Joseph Choir** sings a diverse repertoire of choral music, both with and without instrumental accompaniment. **The Contemporary Ensemble** incorporates both singers and a variety of instruments. **The Resurrection Choir** sings at funerals, sharing God's mercy and our hope in the resurrection of the dead. **The Handbell Choir** is a musical team, a wonderful image of our dependence on one another as we grow in faith. All of the above groups are open to adults, high school students, and eager middle school students. **The Quintet** is a close-knit group of a limited size; participation is at the discretion of the Director of Music and current members of the group. **The Children's Choir** welcomes all youth through eighth grade to learn the Mass, make great friends, and get free expert training in vocal technique and music theory.

If you already are comfortable reading music notation or learning "by ear," these skills will serve you well in any of the choirs. If you are not, all the choirs present a great opportunity to develop these skills.

Contact Steve for details of when the various choirs and ensembles rehearse and serve at Mass.

## Charitable Activities and Social Justice

*Our mission: Confident that the Spirit of God abides with us, our Charitable and social Justice Commission aims 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.*

### Blood Drive

Help with hospitality and check-in at periodic blood drives held in the Parish Center in cooperation with the American Red Cross.

### Funeral Ministry

Just being present for those who grieve is the manifestation of some corporal and spiritual works of mercy: to comfort the afflicted, to bury the dead, to pray for the living and the dead.

St. Joseph Parish volunteers are needed in the following areas:

#### Eucharistic Ministers

Fill in at those times when family or friends of the deceased are not able to assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at the funeral Mass.

#### Hospitality

Hospitality volunteers welcome guests at funerals and wake services, and serve coffee and water during visitation in the Gathering Space.

#### Altar Servers

These volunteers serve at parish funerals both in the Village and Country Church.

#### Funeral Lunches

Volunteers are needed to make phone calls, set up, cook, serve and clean up after a funeral lunch. Others are needed to bring salads and desserts for these meals. Team leaders are needed to be on site to coordinate the luncheon. Training provided!

### Giving Garden

Plant, cultivate and harvest fresh produce, and share with Faith In Action to help those in need. Volunteers work as their schedules allow; as little as once a season and as much as every week a season.



### Helping Hands

An outreach ministry available to all parishioners that provides meals and/or housecleaning for those recovering from an illness or injury. Also connects drivers for those who need transportation to Mass or appointments.

### Joseph's Family – a Catholic Bereavement Ministry

A facilitated peer group support program for adult grief recovery in the Catholic tradition. Training is provided. Joseph's Family is not an immediate response program.



### Meta Peace Team (MPT)

MPT trains and sends out violence reduction peace teams in conflict situations, both domestically and internationally.

### Ministry to Persons with disabilities

Help provide access to liturgies and parish programs to those who are limited physically or mentally. Promote disability awareness and education.

### Ministers to the Sick and Homebound

Parishioners visit and take communion to the sick and homebound.

### Moms in Need

Basic items needed for a baby are donated by parishioners and collected during May and then taken to Family Life Services and Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County. Help is needed to deliver these gifts.

### Prayer Shawl/Quilting Ministry and Prayer Team

Parishioners craft lap robes, shawls or afghans of comfort for those who are suffering physically or emotionally. The prayer shawls are prayed over when being crafted and when the shawl is finished. When each prayer shawl is delivered the person receiving it is prayed with and left with a prayer they can use at any time. We need knitters, crocheters and quilters to keep the prayer shawl ministry supplied. The prayer team needs people who are willing to go with those who deliver the prayer shawls and pray with the recipient. This group meets each month on the first of Saturday October –May at 4pm in the Country Church.



## Charitable Activities and Social Justice (continued)

### Recycle Brigade

Three times a year we host a parish wide recycle collection. The material collected are sold and the proceeds used for charitable activities. We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is our requirement of our faith.

### Relay for Life

Our parish team is in need of a leader to run our Dexter Relay for Life, which helps raise funds to help put an end to cancer.

### Seasonal Outreach

Parish-wide donations to Lenten Food Drive (food and paper products given to Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County food pantry), Christmas Giving Tree and Mitten Basket (gifts and new mittens are given to various service organizations such as Catholic Social Services, Riverview Nursing Home, S.O.S., Problem Pregnancy and the Homeless Shelter). Help is needed to deliver these gifts.

### Social Outreach

The parish Social Outreach programs help those in need in Washtenaw County and beyond by sponsoring trips to St. Leo's Soup Kitchen in Detroit, and the Delonis Center in Ann Arbor, serving families in transition at Alpha House, packing food for Feed My Starving Children and Food Gatherers.



## Parish Life

Our mission: *The Parish Life Commission is dedicated to providing and promoting fellowship and community within St Joseph Parish.* Members of the Parish Life Commission meet once a month to direct the social activities of the parish. These activities are meant to foster a feeling of community among our parishioners. Membership is open to all interested parishioners. Volunteers are needed for each event.

### 50+ Mass & Potluck

The 50+ Mass & Potlucks are open to men and women who, having reached the wisdom years of "50-plus," gather on the third Tuesday of each month, September through May. They begin with Mass at noon in the Parish Center followed by a potluck lunch and fellowship.

### Anniversary Dinner

Our Anniversary Mass and Dinner is for parishioners celebrating each five year milestone of marriage, or 50+ years of marriage. This Mass and dinner celebration includes a renewal of vows during the 5pm Mass and a parish-hosted dinner for couples and their immediate families in the Parish Center. It is held each year in the fall.

### Coffee & Donuts/Pizza & Pop

Coffee & Donuts is held each weekend—except on holidays—after the 9am and 11am Masses in the Gathering Space. We serve coffee, juice and donuts (freewill donations are accepted.) Volunteers are needed to pick up the donuts on Sunday morning, to set up, serve and clean up. Pizza & Pop is served once a month after the 5pm Mass. Volunteers help to set up, serve and clean up.

### Ladies Advent Evening of Reflection

This social and spiritual activity gives us an opportunity to stop for an evening and enjoy one another's company and to spend some time reflecting on the meaning of Advent Time. Held on a weekday evening in early December we gather with prayer and then enjoy tea, dessert and conversation at our table, followed by a guest speaker. This event is held in the Gathering Space of our Country Church. Each table for eight has a hostess who agrees to provide the decorations and the desserts for seven other women. The hostess may choose to fill the table through personal invitation or allow others to sign up to be at the table. The Parish Life Commission provides white tablecloths, tea and punch for each table. There is no cost for this event but we ask each woman attending to bring one personal hygiene product to be donated to Faith in Action.



### Mother-Daughter Tea & Style Show

This event is held on a Sunday afternoon in the spring and is open to all women of the parish. We welcome the youngest of women to the most mature. Our time is spent in conversation and enjoyment of the fine art of high tea followed by a style show of the latest fashions modeled by women and girls of our parish. Volunteers are needed to chair this event as well as to serve on the cooking, decorating, set up and clean up committees.





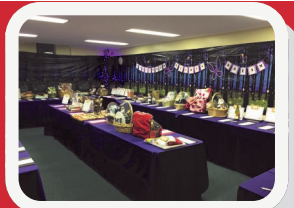
## Parish Life (continued)

### Parish Picnic

In late summer, parishioners gather at the Festival Pavilion and grounds at the Country Church after each Weekend Mass for fellowship, food and fun in the sun with your St. Joseph Parish family. Each family gets a chance to win the Grand Prize and each person attending gets a ticket to win one of our fun door prizes.

### Saint Joseph Spirit Weekend

We celebrate this the weekend closest to March 19, the feast of "St. Joseph the husband of Mary." In addition to a special liturgy, a spaghetti dinner is prepared and hosted by volunteers and our parish Boy Scout Troop 456, and other spirit activities celebrate the community of our parish family.



### Silent Auction and Dinner

The Silent Auction has become an annual, elegant fall event held in our Parish Center, transformed with stunning decorations into enchanting surroundings. Attendees enjoy fine dining and stroll through auction rooms filled with a wide variety of items on which to place bids. A live auction showcasing things such as vacation destinations, sports memorabilia, and more is held at the end of the evening. Team volunteers are needed to work on decorating the dining room and auction rooms, procuring items, creating auction baskets, arranging displays, planning and serving the food, and more.

### Summer Festival

Festival is fun! This community-building event, held annually the third full weekend in July, is an opportunity to witness our faith and serve our friends, neighbors, and the Dexter area in a spirit of hospitality. Ten percent of Festival proceeds are tithed to local charities. Planning starts in January, when area chairs begin to meet monthly to plan and coordinate the activities of the coming Festival. To be successful, the Festival needs the help and hands of everyone! Volunteer sign ups are held in the weeks leading up to the Festival. Those interested in chairing/coordinating an activity at the Festival can sign up on the stewardship form.

### Wine & Cheese Event

This event is held each year right before Lent to help us put a little sparkle in the cold days of winter. We serve thoughtfully selected wines for tasting accompanied by hot hors d'oeuvres, crudite and specifically chosen cheeses. The format changes a little each year but it is a guarantee that you will have a good time! Volunteers are welcome and needed!



### Welcome Dinner

This dinner, hosted by the Pastoral Council, is held in January after the 5:00pm Mass to welcome our new parish members. New parishioners have the opportunity to meet Pastoral Council members and parish staff, and tour the parish grounds and facilities.

## Properties Commission

These men and women assist with the care and maintenance of our grounds and buildings. They work together to remodel projects, light bulb changing in the church and Festival grounds preparations. This commission is open to all men and women of the parish who like to work with their hands.

### Guild of Gardeners

A group of parishioners, young and old, who help maintain the landscape at both church sites. Work days are scheduled during the spring and fall. Some volunteers are needed to water the plantings during the summer.

### Church Cleaning

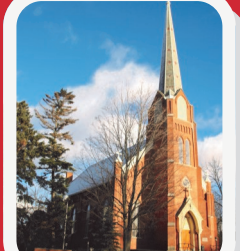
A dedicated crew of people who come once a week to clean the Country Church and the Village Church. This includes dusting, washing inside windows, straightening book racks and making our worship space ready for weekend Masses. Volunteers are scheduled on a rotating basis. A thorough annual church cleaning is done in the fall just before the season of Advent.

### Plant Sale

Our annual spring plant sale helps generate funds for landscaping needs on the country grounds. Help is needed preparing, donating, setting up, selling and cleaning up the day of the sale.

### Spring/Fall Cleaning of Grounds

Scheduled on Saturdays, anyone is invited to join in caring for the church grounds after the long winter, and to help put the landscaping to bed before another long winter. One Saturday in the spring we gather to clean the cemetery before the Memorial Day liturgy.



## Pastoral Council Notes



God has blessed each of us with special skills, gifts and talents. We must recognize and use those skills and gifts to benefit our St. Joseph parish and our community in how we serve using those gifts.

As members of the Pastoral Council, we individually each use our gifts along with our time and talent in contributing to the parish and our community. Overall as a parish, it takes many individuals using their time and talents for our parish and our community to accomplish all of our ministries and activities.

This edition of *Chips & Sawdust* includes an overview of the many ministries that we can use our gifts and talents for the parish and community. Please review the ministry list and pray about how you can best use your talents and gifts when we sign up for our parish ministries and activities during Ministry Signup Weekends. We all have been given special gifts – the Pastoral Council encourages St. Joseph parishioners to pray on how to use your skills and offer your skills in the ministries available.

Jeff Price

## CARITAS COMMITTEE

### Thank You

St. Joseph Parish is a wonderfully generous parish, as reflected by the generous support of our Caritas collections by our parish family. Thank you!

In July, the featured recipient of one quarter of our Caritas collection was SafeHouse in Ann Arbor, a non-profit social services agency dedicated for providing refuge and support for victims of domestic violence. On behalf of our parish family, a check for \$1,410 was sent to this organization. In addition, our on-going recipients shared in the balance of the collection: Dexter Family Services, the parish Christian Service Fund, Water for Flint, and the Catholic Social Services food pantry and Good Samaritan Appeal.

Your Caritas Committee is honored to represent our generous, caring parish family.

**“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)**

## St. Joseph Parish Picnic WEEKEND!! September 15 & 16 after ALL the Masses at the Festival Pavilion

There will be:

- ⇒ **Door Prizes at EACH Picnic**
  - ⇒ When you arrive we will give you a ticket - you must be present to win the door prize
- ⇒ **A Grand Prize** will be drawn at the end of the 11:00am Mass picnic!
  - ⇒ When you arrive at the picnic we will hand you your ticket (at no cost to you).
  - ⇒ If the winner is not present we will contact them as soon as possible.
- ⇒ **50/50 Raffle**
- ⇒ **Yummy Food!**
  - ⇒ **Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, chips, watermelon & cake**
  - ⇒ After the Saturday 5:00pm and Sunday 11:00am Masses
  - ⇒ **Eggs, sausage, donuts**
  - ⇒ After the Sunday 9:00 am Mass

*NO need to bring anything, NO need to sign up!  
Just come on down after the Mass you attend!*





## Be a Disciple of Jesus!

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

In 2012, Bishop Earl Boyea issued a pastoral letter entitled "Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord." This letter to all the people of the diocese of Lansing (some ten counties and 77 parishes, including St. Joseph in Dexter) reminds us that our responsibilities as Catholics do not end with Mass on Sunday. He writes, "Strengthened by the Body of Christ, sanctified by the Blood of Christ and enlightened by the Word of God, we are called to take that Word and change our world."

As a professional minister of music and liturgy in the diocese since 2005 (and elsewhere since 1998), I heard in Bishop Boyea's invitation a challenge to look at my ministry in a new way. How does what I do at Mass change me? How does it help me—and other people—change the world?

Bishop Boyea has introduced the diocese to some inspired speakers and writers, including Sherry Weddell and Deacon Ralph Poyo. Through their teaching, and that of Bishop Robert Barron, I have begun to develop a deeper understanding that what Jesus wants is not employees or volunteers. Both of these are worthwhile places to start, but if I'm only an employee or a volunteer, I'm missing the point. Jesus invites me to be "no longer a slave, but a friend" (John 15:15), not just an employee, but a disciple: to be in relationship with him and learn from him. In Matthew's gospel, he said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me ... and you will find rest" (11:28-29). When two work animals are yoked, they pull a load together. The less experienced one learns how to work from the example of the more experienced. The burden of going it alone is lifted—the learner "will find rest" not because they have no work to do, but because it becomes possible to do the work they could not do alone.

In Luke's gospel, Jesus put it even more starkly: if you wish to follow him, he says, "deny yourself, take up your cross daily, and follow me" (9:23). Learning from him, then, is not just a matter of giving an hour or two of your week, or 10% of your paycheck—it's the free gift of your whole life.

Involvement in the music ministry—or any other good work of the Church—is best understood as a part of this larger calling. The US bishops, in a recent document on music in worship, reminded us: "Liturgical musicians are first of all disciples, and only then are they ministers." Musicians, and all of us, need to hear the Gospel, experience conversion, profess faith in Christ, and so proclaim the praise of God. Then, as disciples, we become ministers, sharing faith, serving the community, and expressing the love of God and neighbor through music (see *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship* 49).

Jesus wants *you* to be a disciple, to be not a slave but a friend, to carry your cross daily, to take his yoke and learn from him, to find rest. You can nurture that friendship today! Take time in prayer to talk with him about your present circumstance, whatever it may be. Seek to know him in reading the Bible or the life of a saint. Sing as part of the Body of Christ, your Christian brothers and sisters at Mass. Serve in a ministry in the parish. Serve people in your daily life, sharing with them the love of Jesus!



### 50 Plus — Mass and Potluck Lunch

Seniors come and experience Mass in a small group setting and stay for fellowship at the potluck luncheon. 50 Plus starts up again on Tuesday, September 18 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

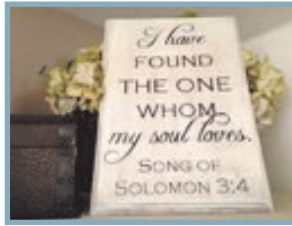
Country Church — Saturday, October 20 — 8am to noon

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





## Celebrating 5, 10, 15....50+ years of marriage this year?



We would like to celebrate your special anniversary with you at our annual Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, October 6, 2018.

You and your family are invited to attend 5:00pm Mass  
where you will renew your wedding vows  
followed by dinner compliments of St. Joseph Parish  
in the Parish Center in the village.  
We hope you can attend!

Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, September 21, 2018  
to Margie Cebula [mcebula79@yahoo.com](mailto:mcebula79@yahoo.com), Lynn Sample [lynnraesample@gmail.com](mailto:lynnraesample@gmail.com)  
or Marinell High, [marinell\\_high@stjos.com](mailto:marinell_high@stjos.com)  
or RSVP online at [www.stjos.com](http://www.stjos.com)  
and we will add you to our list.

Please include the information in the box below in your email.  
You may also drop the card in the collection basket or at the Parish Office if you prefer.

### Complete the following information

# of years married \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary Couple (First and Last Names) \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary Date and Year \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending Liturgy \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children \_\_\_\_\_ # Highchairs \_\_\_\_\_

*We would love to put your wedding photo out for all to see.*

*Please drop one off at the Parish Center by September 21 or bring it with you to the Church.*

## Adult Formation News

The Adult Faith Formation Team of the Faith Formation Commission has worked diligently since last February to put a plan of formation opportunities in place that will work toward fulfilling the needs of our parishioners.

One aspect of this work has been the development of what started out being called RCIA for Catholics and now has the official title of **PUMP UP YOUR FAITH!**. Here is the schedule of topics and its presenter:

September 16 : The Mass with Fr. Brendan  
 October 14 : Saints of Our Time with Marinell High  
 November 11: Heaven, Hell & Purgatory  
 January 13: Sacraments with Fr. Brendan  
 February 10: Ethics & Moral Decision Making with Deacon Randy  
 March 10: The Creed



## SMALL COMMUNITIES RESOURCES FOR FALL

***The Angry Christian*** is our book study for small communities for this Fall. Written by Bert Ghezzi this is a bible-based strategy to care for and discipline a valuable emotion. This book will lead us to see how we can be good and be angry at the same time. Scripture tells us this is possible, and spiritually healthy, if you allow the Holy Spirit to strengthen you to get angry for the right reasons, and keep your anger under control.

Ghezzi also shows you how to:

- ⇒ Use anger constructively
- ⇒ Use scripture to discipline anger;
- ⇒ Let anger help you overcome obstacles.

This book is an easy to understand and practical read.

Sign ups for this study will begin the weekend of September 15/16 in the Gathering Space or anytime online at [www.stjos.com](http://www.stjos.com). Small Communities will begin their six weeks of gatherings during the week of September 30 and finish the week of November 4. The cost of the study is \$20.00.

***IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY PART OF A SMALL COMMUNITY THAT IS COMING TOGETHER AGAIN PLEASE INDICATE THAT ON THE SIGNUP SHEET AND WE WILL ATTEMPT TO EITHER PUT YOU IN AN EXISTING COMMUNITY OR PUT YOU WITH OTHERS LOOKING FOR ONE.***

## 2018-2019 Bible Study – Satisfy your Hunger for God's Word

Do you think you might have an appetite for Bible Study this year? If so, this year's smorgasbord of studies may be perfect for you. In 8-10 week successive segments, we plan to study The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy, The Gospel of John, and Ephesians. We will begin by offering the 10-week Prophets study in the Parish Center starting on Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. or Thursday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m. You will become acquainted with Isaiah, Hosea, Jeremiah, Jonah, Ezekiel and others whose prophecies were fulfilled in time. Learn how these prophets have relevance in your lives today. The cost of the Prophets segment is \$30 per person.

Sign up online through the St. Joseph website [www.stjos.com](http://www.stjos.com) or in the Gathering Space after Masses until September 1/2 or contact the Parish Office, 734-426-8483.

Got to <https://ascensionpress.com/study/play/program/37> to access a video trailer to the Prophets study, published by Ascension Press and presented by Thomas Smith.

Questions? Call/email Denise Muir 517-861-6390 [dsmuir@chartermi.net](mailto:dsmuir@chartermi.net) or Maggie Hansma 734-4264372 [maggaloots@aol.com](mailto:maggaloots@aol.com).

## Religious Education Program



We are excited to begin our 2018-2019 REP classes for Pre K –8th grade starting the week of **SEPTEMBER 16**. If you have not yet registered please go to our website at [www.stjos.com](http://www.stjos.com) or call the Parish Office at 734-426-2674. Our 2018-19 calendar is also available online. Be aware that scholarships for our program are available. Questions? Contact Michelle Hochrein, [michelle\\_hochrein@stjos.com](mailto:michelle_hochrein@stjos.com), or Don Dalgleish, [don\\_dalgleish@stjos.com](mailto:don_dalgleish@stjos.com), or at 734-426-2674.

## Confirmation Date 2018



The date for **Confirmation** 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 be here for both rehearsal and Confirmation.

## Giving Garden Update



A BIG THANK YOU to all you contributed to our annual bottle and can drive fundraiser. After all the returnables hit the bins and deposit slips were counted, your generosity exceeded \$700 which helps us make improvements to our garden allowing us to grow more food for those in need.

Growing season continues and harvest season is advancing. Here's a quick update through August 1: 370 pounds of produce were donated to Faith in Action and the Northfield Township Food Pantry (NTFP).

Volunteer hours totaled 160 hours. Thanks everyone!

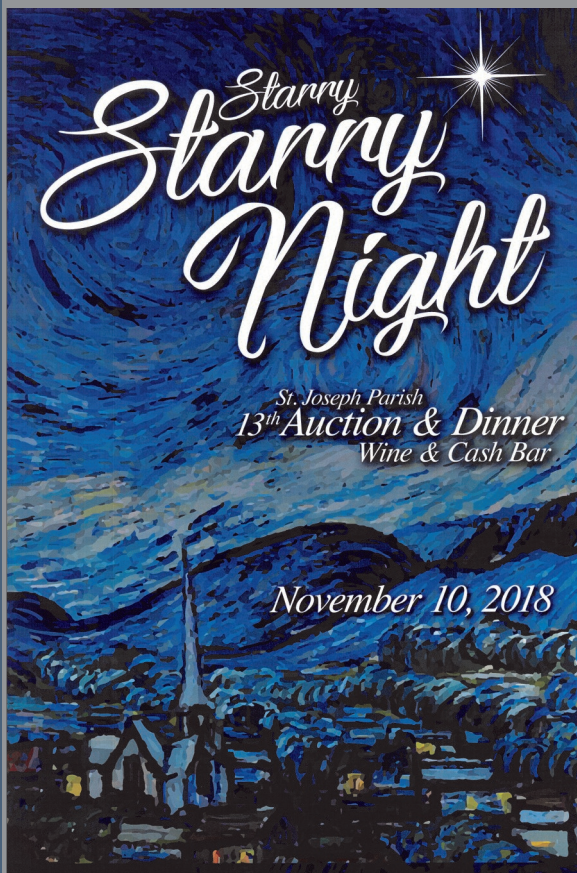
Mark your calendars -- Our semi-annual meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. See you there!

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

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

## Silent Auction

**November 10, 2018**



Join us for our 13<sup>th</sup> annual event! Tickets go on sale after all Masses the weekend of September 9/10 until sold out! You may also purchase your tickets online at [stjos.com](http://stjos.com).

Tickets: \$50.00 each or a table for 8 \$350.00.

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*.



# 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.*

*Deborah ZahnSimmons*

*Kathryn Seale*

*Seamus, Francis, William, Peter, Michael,  
Timothy, David and Mary*

*Sheila Kelly*

*Sharon Bliss*

*Derrick Glahn & Krisin Ostanski*

*Mike & Cindy Sullivan*

*Robert & Lisa Guerrini  
Evelyn and Alexander*

*Kevin Spellman*

*Kevin & Anna Gilbert  
Jacob and Owen*

*Maria Marchand  
Christina*

*Mark & Susan Roxbury*

*Kelly Roxbury*

*Robert & Michelle Hicks*

*Spencer Hicks*

*William & Araceli Alarcon  
Santiago*

*Anne Mushrush*

*Cindy Sullivan*

*Chad & Laura Gerencer  
Reese and Gwenyth*

*Paul & Dana Corsello  
Olivia and Paige*

*Irene Lerro*

*Chris & Erin Medeiros*

*Kevin & Alia Neaton  
Connor and Lily*

*Nicholas & Ann Pregont  
Evan and Nolan*

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

## Baptized into the Family of God

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

*Natalie Rae Muir*

*Daughter of Eric & Lisa (Shaw) Muir*

*Alexander Dean Kennedy*

*Son of Jeremy & Amber (Skelton) Kennedy*

*David Christian Zopf*

*Son of David & Arielle (Cunningham) Zopf*

*Joseph Phillip DeGrenier*

*Son of Phillip & Elizabeth (Monteith) DeGrenier*

*Calvin Mason Dabkowski*

*Son of Eric & Nicole (Bromme) Dabkowski*

*Isaac Brendan Livernois*

*Son of Andrew & Kellie (Davis) Livernois*

*Calvin Patrick Dorsch*

*Son of Michael & Kelli (Wise) Dorsch*

## Marriages

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

*Richard Paul Brown & Mary Ann Dark*

*Jameson Paul Purolo & Ashley Kathellen Gardynik*

*Sean Patrick McCague & Bethann Marie Gerlach*

*Alec Daniel Decker & Jessica Ann Sefton*

*Thomas Adam VanAssche & McKenzie Rae Hoffman*

*Christopher Donald Klast & Courtney Paige Grant*

*Michael James Fialkowski & Elizabeth Victoria Pederson*

*Jonathan James Heyer & Eva Marie Megnin Neil*

## 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.*

*Anna Mary Dahmen*

*Julia Arnette Miller*

*Frances Carolyn Gordenier*

*Michael Albert Vencil Sr.*

*Antoinette Mary Fileccia*

## Dear St. Joseph Parish...

# D F S

May 24, 2018

On behalf of Dexter Family Services, I would like to thank you for your generous donations from the Caritas Collections for December (\$1,400) and April (\$1,700). We will use some of the donation to purchase Country Market certificates that our clients receive each time they come to the Dexter Food Pantry. The \$5 or \$10 certificates will help them buy milk, bread, butter, laundry soap or any other items that we do not have at the pantry when they visit. We also will purchase food for the pantry.

Your continued support to Dexter Family Services is greatly appreciated as we work to help families in our community.

Sincerely,  
Susan Walsh  
Dexter Family Services, President



June 21, 2018

Because of your generosity, those dealing with the greatest struggle 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 donations of \$3,436 and \$851 in support of our Food Pantry and \$1,990 which was split between our Food Pantry and our Good Samaritan Appeal. Thank you!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous Mother's Day Collection gift of \$665 designated for our Nurturing Families program along with the gifts of summer baby clothes, diapers, wipes, bottles, books, learning toys and more. It takes the commitment of many to help families in poverty looking to enhance their quality of life. Your support is what makes this possible.

On behalf of the entire CSSW staff and Board of Directors, and especially the thousands of children, adults and families we serve each year, we appreciate you stepping up and providing a helping hand to those who need it most.

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



ST. LUKE  
N.E.W. LIFE CENTER

May 24, 2018

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$850 on May 15, 2018 to the St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center. We trust that your donation is a direct answer to prayer and we are so, so grateful. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Your financial blessing to the Center enables us to share that blessing with those who come to us seeking HOPE in these difficult times. Your generosity will help many people and give them HOPE. Thank you!

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



May 29, 2018

We would like to thank you for your donation of \$1,700 to St. Louis Center.

With your help we are able to provide our children and adults with a nurturing environment and program. Because you care, you also give us the strength and courage to face the many daily challenges in caring for our residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It is rewarding for us to know that we are not alone at work in a field where results are slow to come.

Thank you again for your friendship and caring. We wish you and your loved ones the best with God's blessings.

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

June 22, 2018

*Thank you so much for your kindness during our mother's funeral service and reception. The tender service and delicious luncheon were very much appreciated. We are so appreciative that you welcomed us and supported us during this difficult time.*

*Most sincerely,  
The family of Julia Miller*



June 28, 2018

Thank you for the gifts of \$2,578 dated June 13, 2018 and \$4552 dated June 29, 2018.

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

Thank you!  
Nancy S. Paul  
Director



# SEPTEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>DIocese of Lansing</b> <b>MADE FOR HAPPINESS ASSEMBLY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 • LANSING, MI</b> <b>FREE ADMISSION!</b> <b>REGISTER TODAY</b> <b>WWW.MADEFORHAPPINESS.ORG</b>						<b>1</b> 4:00 PM Reconciliation
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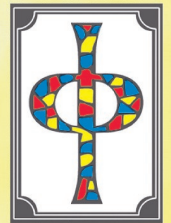
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