

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Dexter, MI

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Lent is Upon Us

It seems like only yesterday we were preparing for Easter and then told to stay home, wear a mask, and stay apart. Nearly a year later, after learning to live differently, we return to the sacred time of Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 17, 2021. Let us remember Lent is a time when we strive to live differently. It is a time to go without, to reach out in service, to make intentional sacrifices. It is a time to offer extra prayers: seeking guidance, and in gratitude. To make this time of prayer, fasting and, almsgiving meaningful we will offer the following:

- † We will offer Black Books for daily prayer.
- † We will offer Stations of the Cross on Friday nights.
- † We will offer extra times for Confession on Saturdays during Lent from 3:30-4:30pm.
- † An evening of individual Confessions with extra priests on March 23 at 7:00 pm in the Country Church.

Lenten Activities

Our Lenten theme of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will continue to lead us through these sacred 40 days.

- † Daily Mass, weekly Stations of the Cross, weekend Mass, private prayer with the Little Black Books, daily and Saturday evening Rosary before and after daily Mass Monday through Friday, weekly Reconciliation, and Anointing of the Sick.
- † Lenten Food Collection for Catholic Social Services, a long time practice of feeding the hungry will continue. We will bring our gifts and place them at the feet of St. Joseph or leave them in the Village Church entrance way.
- † A personal Lenten discipline of fasting, going without, is a good practice to pray on and discern.
- † Lenten Parish Mission with Teresa Tomeo, March 14, 15 & 16.

"The Word of God is at Work in those Who Believe" ~ 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Our annual Diocese of Lansing Services Appeal is once again before us. This year's theme, "The Word of God is at Work in those Who Believe", reminds us living our faith is working our faith. It is sharing our faith in love, service, and sacrifice. Last year our goal was \$89,730 and we pledged \$126,697, a very generous and giving response and I thank all who made a gift. This year our DSA goal is \$98,703, a \$9,000 increase. The weekend of March 6 & 7 will be our DSA weekend. Thank you in advance for your support.

Shalom,
Fr. Brendan J. Walsh

Parish Mission 2021

March 14, 15 & 16

Country Church

Listening for God: Incredible Ways God Speaks to Us presented by Teresa Tomeo

We are all feeling the stress of the last year. We hope our parish mission can help with that! During her presentations Teresa will be using material from her new book to help us learn to listen for God speaking to us in good, hard, and sad times.

Covid Safety Procedures will be in place using social distancing and masks to protect one another.

You will need to register to attend so that we can keep the numbers down for appropriate social distancing. You can register at our parish website: www.stjos.com or by calling the parish office, 734-426-8483.



Lent/Easter Schedule 2021

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

Ash Wednesday, February 17	Mass and distribution of Ashes, Country Church, 8:15am, 12:15pm, & 7:00pm
Friday, February 19	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
February 20/21	Anointing of the Sick, Country Church after all Masses
February 20/21	Lenten Collection - Paper Products
Friday, February 26	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
February 27/28	Lenten Collection - Personal Care Products
Friday, March 5	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
March 6/7	Lenten Collection - Dry Goods
Friday, March 12	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
March 13/14	Lenten Collection - Canned Goods

Parish Mission Presented by Teresa Tomeo **Listening for God: Incredible Way God Speaks to Us**

Sunday, March 14	Country Church @ 7:00pm
Monday, March 15	Country Church @ 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 16	Country Church @ 7:00pm

Friday, March 19	Feast Day of St. Joseph our Patron Saint—Mass at 8:15am in the Village Church 7:00pm in the Country Church
Saturday, March 20	Individual Reconciliation, Village Church, 11am-12pm
March 20/21	Lenten Collection—Cleaning Products
Tuesday, March 23	Communal Reconciliation Service, St. Joseph Country Church, 7:00pm
Friday, March 26	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
March 27/28	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Country Church, 5:00pm, 9:00am & 11:00am
March 30	Individual Reconciliation, Village Church 7:00-8:00pm
March 31	Individual Reconciliation, Village Church 12noon – 1pm
Thursday, April 1	Mass of the Lord's Supper, Country Church, 7:00pm Prayer in the Garden of Repose, Country Church, 8:30pm-11:00pm
Friday, April 2	Dexter Ecumenical Good Friday Service, at 12:00pm, St. Joseph Country Church Catholic Prayer of the Lord's Passion, Country Church, 7:00pm
Saturday, April 3	RCIA Vigil Rehearsal, Country Church, 11:00am Blessing of Easter Food Baskets, Country Church, 1:00pm Easter Vigil, Country Church, 8:00pm
Sunday, April 4	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Country Church, 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm



EASTER MASSES

Easter Vigil Saturday, April 3

8:00—11:00pm

(3 hours)

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:00am, 10:00am & 12pm

SEATING LIMITED

**We will welcome 250 people
at each Mass**



MAKE A RESERVATION

To attend Mass, we are asking parishioners to make a reservation. One reservation per household is sufficient but please specify the number in your party. This can be done online through Eventbrite; you will receive a ticket to present at the door.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/easter-mass-2021-tickets-135913616285>

OR

Reservations can be made through the parish office.
Call 734-426-8483 or stop in at 3430 Dover St., Dexter

DOORS OPEN

Doors will open 30 minutes prior to Mass

SEATING ARRANGED

Guests will be seated from front to back with guidance from hospitality ministers. Reserved seats will be held for 30 minutes. 10 minutes prior to Mass all open seats will be given to walk-ins until we reach our 250 maximum.

WALK IN SEATING

Walk-ins will be allowed on first come first seated basis. It will be based on unreserved seats up to 250 per Mass.

Please remember to wear your mask.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER

Reservations will start on Monday, March 15 at noon.
Registration closes March 31 at noon.

PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE



The year of 2020 taught us many new things including new phrases. Phrases that I recall clearly: These challenging times, Unprecedented times, Epidemic, Pandemic, Lockdown, Covid-19, Covid Crisis, Contact Tracing, Flattening the curve, Patient Zero, Personal Protection Equipment, Asymptomatic, Quarantine, Symptomatic, Ventilator. Many of these words and phrases have negative associations.

The Covid-19 pandemic has certainly impacted the way we interact with others. We have had to slow down and cut back on all of the things that we do face-to-face to help slow the spread of the virus. I recall hearing the phrase "Absence makes that heart grow fonder" but only had glimpses of what that really means until I had to give up so much because of the Covid pandemic. No more sports, no social gatherings, no dining out, no visiting loved ones, no travel, no going to the office, no going to school, and no going to Mass. The pastoral council would normally be hosting a welcome dinner, but this year we are waiting in hope that we can have a picnic in the coming spring.

I would like to suggest that we look for positive words and phrases to recall the blessings of 2020. Some positive phrases that come to mind are; Building, Caring, Coping, Cherished, Distance Learning, Perseverance, Protecting, Serving, Sharing, Telecommute, YouTube Mass, Volunteer, Zoom.

Instead of focusing on the negative, we have chosen to take the opportunity to tackle the things that we have been putting off for numerous reasons, but most commonly because we were too busy or did not have enough time. We tried many new things in the Zettel household. In 2020 we suddenly had more time available than ever before due to limited or no group activities, travel and other restrictions put in place to flatten the curve. Looking back, we did a lot!

We have learned to become the hands of Christ by offering what we have and accepting what others offer with gratitude. We are more intentional about planning our interactions with others to have meaning and impact. We find ourselves longing for the friendship and support of those we cannot be with. We miss our parish family, but we enjoy each interaction we have when we are able to see them at Mass. We smile bigger when we see our families and friends. We feel joy more than ever before. We have found time to be a family by praying, working, eating, volunteering, playing, and just being together as we limit our interactions with others. I am happy to say that 2020 was a great year! Great big changes, challenges, and successes.

We pulled together and we did our absolute best with what we had. Isn't that what life is all about? Using the gifts God has given us to do great things? I truly hope that 2021 can be even better than 2020 for all of us.

God is always there, waiting to hear from us. As we enter into the season of Lent, to prepare for the Easter season, I encourage you to find time to do those things that have been put off in the past. Pray more, help more, give more, slow down, and experience all of the blessings that are all around us. Build your relationship with Christ. Do what really matters!

Yours in Christ, Ted Zettel

Keeping Sunday Holy at Church and at Home

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

At the time this newsletter goes to press, the bishop of our Diocese of Lansing has dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation until February 16 (just before Lent begins). This dispensation has been in place for nearly a year now, and may even be extended further (see dioceseoflansing.org for updates).

If you are considering your first return to Mass since last March, know that you are most welcome! We limit attendance at Masses at the Country Church to 250 people, leaving plenty of room to maintain safe distance between households. Out of consideration for one another's safety and peace of mind, we wear masks, and hand sanitizer is available. We use disposable worship aid booklets instead of hymnals and minimize physical contact with one another. You might also try a weekday Mass at the Village Church; the smaller congregation at these Masses means a lower risk of viral transmission. We can't completely eliminate risk, but we are all working to make worshipping together at St. Joseph as safe as possible.

Even if you're not coming back to Mass yet (or if you're unable to come any particular weekend), know that we are praying with and for you. We are still joined as members of Christ's Body, and you are present with us in a real way. Continue to keep Sunday holy wherever you are. Watch and pray the Mass with us (a video is posted on YouTube at stjos.com each weekend; there will be one for Ash Wednesday, too). Rest from unnecessary work, and take some quiet time with God. A resource I've found surprisingly helpful is the many perpetual adoration chapels around the world that livestream on YouTube; like having a crucifix or icon, it provides a visual focus for my prayer time.

Steve Kasperick - Postellon, Director of Music & Liturgy

High School Youth Group (Mustard Seed)

Below are the scheduled Mustard Seed Youth Group meetings for February and March. We will meet in the Parish Center from 6-8pm. If we are unable to meet because of the Covid-19 restrictions then we will meet virtually from 6-7:30pm.

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| ◆ February 7— youth group meeting | ◆ March 7—youth group meeting |
| ◆ February 21—youth group meeting | ◆ March 14—youth group meeting |
| ◆ February 26—youth group meeting | ◆ March 21—youth group meeting |

Sunday Confirmation sessions

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| ◆ February 7—Class (Chapter 10, Confirmation) | ◆ March 14—No Class (Parish Mission in the evening) |
| ◆ February 21—Class with sponsor/mentor (The Mass part 3) | ◆ March 21—Class with sponsor/mentor (The Mass part 4),(Letter to the Bishop and Confirmation name paper are due) |
| ◆ February 28—Class (Chapter 11, Made for Mission) | |
| ◆ March 7—Class (Chapter 12, Holiness is Possible) | |

Wednesday Confirmation sessions

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| ◆ February 3— Class (Chapter 10, Confirmation) | ◆ March 17—No Class (Parish Mission) |
| ◆ February 10 —Class with sponsor/mentor (The Mass part 3) | ◆ March 21—Class with sponsor/mentor (The Mass part 4)(Letter to the Bishop and Confirmation name paper are due) |
| ◆ March 3—Class (Chapter 11, Made for Mission) | |
| ◆ March 10—Class (Chapter 12, Holiness is Possible) | |

Thursday Confirmation Virtual session

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| ◆ February 11—Class (Chapter 10, Confirmation) | ◆ March 18—No Class (Parish Mission) |
| ◆ February 21—Class with sponsor/mentor (The Mass part 3) | ◆ March 21—Class with sponsor/mentor (The Mass part 4), (Letter to the Bishop and Confirmation name paper are due) |
| ◆ March 4—Class (Chapter 11, Made for Mission) | |
| ◆ March 11—Class (Chapter 12, Holiness is Possible) | |

CARITAS in 2021

“Seize every opportunity to help one another.” St. Louis Guanella



Through our January Caritas collection, our parish support for the **ST. LOUIS CENTER** in Chelsea will go a long way to help individuals and families impacted by intellectual or developmental disabilities. Our contributions to St. Louis Center through Caritas are being matched by a \$100,000, 100% MATCHING GRANT TO THEM FROM THE MICHIGAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

ST. LOUIS CENTER IS A FAITH-BASED HOME, run by the Servants of Charity Fathers, where these special people are helped by professionals to DEVELOP THEIR FULL HUMAN POTENTIAL. Individual Care focuses on strengthening mind, body and spirit. Residents receive customized developmental care towards development of independent living and interpersonal skills, attend school, go to work and enjoy social and recreational programs. This “special place” helps families provide their children with services often not readily available. They develop and share the gifts God gave them! They develop relationships, and are able to share their abilities and are able to help others. Each of them is helped to appreciate their dignity and worth as they grow in self esteem. The Guanellian charism of Family Spirit helps them enjoy their St. Louis family, those at school and work, and their own families.

St. Louis Center is doing God’s work for 70 individuals and families every day. It costs \$245 per day to care for a resident. The K of C match will take every day’s support we raise and double it. If you haven’t sent your Caritas donation by the time you receive this, it’s not too late. Just send it to the parish office.

NOTE: If you would like to submit of a charity for Caritas consideration, contact any Caritas committee member: Mike Brozovic, Margie Cebula, Becky Dunlavy, Carole Empey, Matt Fisher, Keith Gallagher, Bob Gansen, Patti Hanson, Liz Neil, Tina Richmond, Carla Rogge, Don Sherry.

God Bless You!
Your Caritas Committee

NEW LOOK FESTIVAL

With the vaccine for the coronavirus becoming more available, the Festival leadership team has begun planning for this year's St Joseph Parish Festival. Safety considerations are paramount, so expect the Festival to move to late summer/fall and to have a different look this year. New ideas and possibilities are being considered. More news to come in the months ahead! With God's grace we are looking forward to celebrating the vitality of our parish with our community at large.



Josephine C. Otto Memorial Scholarship Fund

Josephine C. Otto was a devoted member of St. Joseph Parish for 55 years. In her 88 years of life, Josephine was an inspiration to all who knew her. Even though of very modest means, she was generous with all she had, soft spoken with boundless energy, and a living example of the Beatitudes.

In her memory, the Josephine C. Otto Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by her daughter, Carol, to award scholarships annually to members, ages 17-30, of St. Joseph Catholic Parish who are enrolled (or will be enrolled) full-time at an accredited college or university. Application information may be found at our website—<https://stjos.com/resources/scholarships/>.

The deadline for applications in 2021 is **March 2 at 3:00PM.**

For more information see our website at www.stjos.com, contact Don Dalglish in the parish office at don_dalglish@stjos.com, 734-426-2674 or Maryellen Ferro at mferro@aaacf.org.

Welcome to Our New Parishioners *All are welcome in this place.*

Raul & Sherry Verduzco
Casey & Colleen Dauw
Owen, Ellie, Aida, Isaac and Uzziah
Robert Deacon
Jerome & Georgian Sadowski
Steven & Susan Thoms
Benjamin, David and Katherine
Kevin & Sharon Robinson
Daniel & Mary Shauger

In Loving Memory

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Mary Ann Johnston
Julie Elizabeth Deacon
Daniel Joseph Carroll
Richard Thomas Frank
D. Brad O'Connor
Mary Ann Stephenson
Frank Xuereb
Sherry Beijster

Marriages

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

Frederick Mark (J.R.) Atiyeh & Marleta Suzanne Barr

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Barrett James Glahn
Son of Matthew & Jessica (Guoin) Glahn
Charlotte Hazel Wikaryasz
Daughter of Matthew & Julia (Tuckey) Wikaryasz
Beauden John Guminik
Son of Derek & Julie (Fielder) Guminik
Grace Kathryn Archambo
Christopher & Kamille (England) Archambo
Teresa Isabel Alarcon
Daughter of William & Araceli (Munoz Reyes) Alarcon
Mallory Louise Mouch
Daughter of Charles & Patricia (Krombach) Mouch
John Andrew Keeler
Son of Joseph & Ashleigh (Windel) Keeler



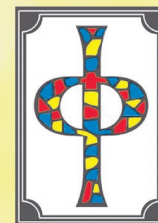
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WEEKEND LITURGIES
COUNTRY CHURCH

6805 Mast Rd. Dexter, MI

Saturday: 5:00pm; Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am

WEEKDAYS in Village Church

3430 Dover St. , Dexter, MI

Liturgy: Monday through Friday at 8:15am

Communion Service: First Monday of the month

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00–4:30pm or by appointment

