

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Dexter, MI

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Fr. Brendan's Billboard



Y'all Come Back Now, You Hear!

As we embrace the summer sunshine and the warmth of longer days, we remember this is the time of year we begin praying and preparing for our annual Festival. This year we have moved the Festival to August to allow more time for the covid virus to be better controlled. Our Festival leadership team has courageously planned a "Y'all Come Back to St Joseph Festival" for August 27, 28, and 29. The events this year will include:

- † An outdoor movie night
- † An afternoon of entertainment for children
- † An under the Big Top outside Mass
- † An evening of entertainment with Three Men and a Tenor
- † A Classic Car Show
- † Crafters socially spaced outside
- † A chicken dinner
- † A grand raffle

Safety First

All these events are now being planned for outside and will follow all appropriate safety protocols in place by the state of Michigan. As we begin the final stages of planning I ask the following:

- First – Please pray for a safe and enjoyable Festival.
- Second – Please help by purchasing raffle tickets.
- Third – Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Y'all come back to our St. Joseph Festival, you hear!

In Appreciation

This summer at the end of July, Ken Cebula, our Country Church maintenance man will retire from St. Joseph. Ken was hired in March of 2007 to help care for the 46 acres of our Country Campus. As we opened our new church Ken learned and owned how to maintain and care for the HVAC, the baptismal font, and the electrical and mechanical aspects of our new building. He has faithfully helped keep it neat and prepared as we celebrated our Catholic faith. He has helped set up and clean up for weddings and funerals, for Festivals and many parish events and activities. He has come out at night and on weekends when a repair was needed. He has kept the grassed mowed and the geese at bay. We are thankful for his strong faith and dedication to caring for our place of worship for the last 14 years. When you see Ken, thank him for his good and faithful service to our parish. A reception for his service will be held at the end of July.

Shalom,
Fr. Brendan J. Walsh

PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE



The Easter season has come to an end with Pentecost on May 23. This is the time of year when the church starts the selection process for new members for the pastoral council. The new members are selected from nominations after the calling on the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Eve. On May 22 the selection of new Pastoral Council members took place at the 5:00 pm Mass. This year there will be four 3 year members, one 1 year member, and two alternates selected. I am currently finishing my 1st year on the council and have really enjoyed being a part of the church leadership and contributing to the overall goal and vision of St. Joseph. We would like to thank the outgoing members for their dedication, support, and commitment to the Pastoral Council over the last few years. Please help me in thanking Bob Gansen, Craig McCreight, Pat Navarre, and Andy Toma.

Additionally, the St. Joseph Parish Festival will return this year, the dates are Friday August 27th through Sunday August 29th. The details of the schedule will be coming out soon with times and dates for when specific events will happen. A "Family Movie Night" will take place this year where everyone can spread out and bring their own chairs. It is likely we will have Holy Mass outside for the first time under the big tent and a large raffle will take place. After a year of being isolated from everyone this will be a nice time to reconnect with those we haven't seen and welcome back those who have been away.

Scott McClellan

Welcome to the Catholic Faith

Our newest Catholics: (Front Row) Sherry Verduzco, Brittany Keller, Julia Wikaryasz, Nya Sommers, Owen Dauw, Ellie Dauw, Aida Dauw, Isaac Dauw (Back Row) Jeffrey Mate, Amy Sommers-Otto, Jordan Regnery, Casey Dauw, Uzziah Dauw, Steven Hitchell



Congratulations and Blessing to our Children who made their First Eucharist Spring 2021

Victoria Alexander
Nora Barbaro
Joseph Bell
Natalia Biundo
Callie Brewer
Grace Charles
Liam Jackson
Shannon Keane
Anna Klein

Nathaniel Knepler
John Lower
Sebastian Mortensen
Abigail O'Brien
Liam O'Connor
Charlotte Papajcik
Allison Pehovic
Mia Phillips
Natalie Reiser

Leona Riley
Sophia Rodrigues
Joseph Sikora
Cole Stepanovich
Emma Sugg
Jack Traynor
Leigha Ungrodt
Sean Walker





High School Youth Group (Mustard Seed)

Below is the summer youth group schedule for 2021. We will be moving the youth group meetings from Sundays to Wednesdays in the middle of the month. Also we will be moving location from the Parish Center Loft to the pavilion and festival field and Disciple House if weather isn't good.

- ♦ June 6 —youth group meeting 6 –8 PM, Parish Center
- ♦ June 13 —youth group meeting, 6-8PM, Parish Center

Youth Group meeting dates for Wednesday's 6-8 PM at Pavilion or Disciple House

- Wednesday, June 23
- Wednesday, June 30
- Wednesday, July 7
- Wednesday, July 14
- Wednesday, July 21
- Wednesday, July 28
- Wednesday, August 4
- Wednesday, August 11
- Wednesday, August 18
- Wednesday, August 25 (last summer youth group meeting on Wednesdays)
- Sunday, September 12 from 6-8pm, youth group back in the Loft of the Parish Center

Confirmation News

- **Confirmation Retreat** has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 19 at 9:00 AM. The location has been changed to the Country Church so we can go to 5 PM Mass. The retreat will be done when Mass ends. If you did not receive the mailing about the retreat please contact Don or Darlene and we will get this information out to you.
- **Summer service hours**
 - * Sunday, June 27 we will be doing a bottle and can drive after each of the Masses. We will need help collecting at each of the Country Church entrances and we will need people to take them back to the store. Yes, you will get service hours for taking them back. Look for the sign up genius in emails and google classroom.
 - * Disciple House window cleaning. Look for an upcoming signup to help wash windows, window tracks, and screens at Disciple House. Still working on a date.
- **Confirmation Interviews** are August 17-19. A parent should bring and come into the office with their son and/or daughter. The interviews are about 15 minutes long, are done on a one on one basis. There is no need to be nervous, the interview is to make sure that everything is turned in and to see if the candidate feels comfortable about being Confirmed and ready to be presented to the Bishop. There will be an online signup going out in July.
- **Confirmation:** Once we hear from the Diocese when Confirmation will be; we will notify you. We usually have an October Confirmation.

Congratulations to our 2021 Josephine C. Otto Memorial Scholarship Winners



Anna Dornoff

Dexter High School Graduate
College: Lake Superior State University
Field of Study: Wildlife Management and Conservation Biology



Thomas Grace

Detroit Catholic Central High School Graduate
College: University of Michigan
Field of Study: Kinesiology

**CLASS OF
2021**



Eden Schnurstein

Dexter High School Graduate
College: Kalamazoo College
Field of Study: Psychology



Serving God, One Another, and the World

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

Music and liturgy are for the praise of God, the strengthening of the worshipping assembly, and the salvation of the world.

Once God chose a people for his own, and taught them how to love and worship him. Having been led through the Red Sea on dry land, they sang praise to the Lord. Similarly, Jesus and his apostles sang a hymn to God before their journey to the Mount of Olives. Our song and liturgy today is still directed to God: in the Gloria, we sing, “We praise *you*, we bless *you*, we adore *you*, we give *you* thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly king, O God, almighty Father.”

Individual Christians, called together as a worshipping assembly, are built up and strengthened by their singing and praying liturgically in praise of God. One of the prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayer puts it beautifully: “...our praises add nothing to [God’s] greatness, but profit *us* for salvation, through Christ our Lord.” In *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*, the US Catholic bishops affirmed that “liturgical musicians are first of all disciples, and only then are they ministers.” This is true not just for priests, music directors, and choir members, but for all the faithful: we all need to hear the Gospel, experience conversion, and profess faith in Christ, in order to fully and faithfully proclaim the praise of God.

The profit in liturgical worship is not merely the salvation of those who participate, however: it is for the salvation of the whole world. In the same document, the US bishops remind us that “Charity, justice, and evangelization are [...] the normal consequences of liturgical celebration. Particularly inspired by sung participation, the body of the Word Incarnate” — that is, the people who have prayed and sung in the liturgy — “goes forth to spread the Gospel with full force and compassion.” God wills the salvation of all. Built up by our common song and prayer, and fed with his Body and Blood, we “go and announce the gospel of the Lord” so that Christ may bring all of us together to everlasting life.

Steve Kasperick - Postellon

St. Joseph Festival Large Raffle Ticket Update



Our forty-second annual Festival is planned for **August 27, 28 and 29** if it can be safely held. However, even if the Festival is cancelled, we will still have a Large Raffle fundraiser this year. Instead of distributing or mailing you the raffle tickets, we will be mailing every parishioner a letter with information including describing various options for purchasing the raffle tickets. The letter will be mailed out on June 10, so please be on the look-out for it. Tickets may be purchased starting June 19 in the gathering space after weekend masses, in person at the parish office, or by paper mail sent to the parish office. The letter mailed to you will describe more fully the “Paper Mail Raffle Tickets Purchase Option” form enclosed with the letter.

Thank you in advance for your support of our Festival and the Large Raffle

Jim Vincke, Large Raffle Ticket Chairperson

Schedule of Activities

Friday, August 27—Outdoor Family Movie Night

Saturday, August 28—Classic Car Show, Arts & Craft Village, Children’s Entertainment, Soccer & Free Throw Challenge, Outdoor Mass, *Three Men and a Tenor* concert, and food!

Sunday, August 29—Chicken Dinner, Arts & Craft Village, *From Grace* concert, and the Large Raffle

for the most current details on the Festival go to stjos.com and click on the Festival button

St. JOSEPH "CARITAS" CHARITY

"Sharing our compassion and treasure with our neighbors in need."

During the past year, your generous contributions through our Caritas Charity Program have supported 10 different worthy charity organizations in Jesus' name. You have provided food, clothing, shelter, emergency family assistance, flood relief, hope for and the dignity of work to the homeless and rescue for people in dire life situations. You have provided Covid assistance to families in Dexter, including families in our own Parish. Here is an example of one of the charities you support regularly through Caritas.



DEXTER FAMILY SERVICES is a true "Safety Net" for people right here in Dexter. Working closely with FAITH IN ACTION, DFS provides immediate help for citizens who are needy and may not quite qualify or be able to wait for application approval for the assistance they urgently need. This organization is run entirely by local volunteers. They personally cover administrative expenses so that 100% of donations go directly to the needy. Through their hands we truly support God's work in our own community.

Thank You and God Bless You for your support of tremendous charities like this one through Caritas.

Announcement of NEW Online Giving Program - We are in the process of **migrating from** the ParishSOFT's **Legacy Online Giving** program to the new **ParishSOFT Giving**. You may have found that the "Online Giving" button on the parish website takes you to the new giving program, which accepts direct debit from your bank account or accepts credit card payments. The "Legacy Online Giving" button on the Online Payments page will take you to our current online giving platform. The migration to the new software will be a two-step process for **all** current online Legacy Online Giving participants. **PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION** or contact Liz Neil in the parish office at 734.426.8483 or at liz_neil@stjos.com.

Giving Garden

The Giving Garden was planted in May and now we are beginning to harvest the early crops.

We hope to have another successful year harvesting and delivering produce to Faith in Action in Chelsea and the Northfield Township Community and Senior Center. We sincerely invite anyone interested in feeding the hungry and less fortunate to join us in this fantastic and rewarding endeavor.

We follow all the State of Michigan guidelines regarding social distancing and the use of face masks. You can always get updated information on our Facebook page or contact us by phone or email.



Giving Garden Leadership Team

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Bob Gansen gansenr@yahoo.com (734-578-7195)

Marlene Brines 734-426-8622

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

Troop 456 News

Three new scouts were added to the troop this period.

This brings the size of the troop to 24 scouts. For our service activities this period, troop members participated in the Church cleanup weekends. In place of the normal Spaghetti dinner, which the troop supported, we had our own version of the event. The event was held in the Pavillion area with the addition of some space heaters and a limited set of guests. The attendees really appreciated the culinary and planning skills of our Assistant Scoutmaster, Matt Demerath and Scoutmaster Pete Potsos. Horseback riding was the focus of an outing during this period. We were at the D-Bar-A scouting reservation for a camping and horseback adventure. D-Bar-A is a 1700 acre working ranch located just north of Metamora. Shown in the attached photo are the troop members who participated and earned credits toward a merit badge. In preparation for our adventure during June in Montana, we conducted a camping and hiking trip at the Sands Lake Quiet area in Marquette State Forest, located in Grand Traverse County. The attendees hiked a 6.2 mile trail along the Boardman River.

If you are interested in joining the troop as a Scout or Adult volunteer contact Herb Reich (Charter Org. Representative) 734 369 4916 or Pete Potsos (Scoutmaster) 734 355 8729. Information about the troop and upcoming events can be found at the troop website **url: dextertroop456.org**.



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.*

Donald Neil James Dalgleish Sr.

Thomas Jerome Barbieri

Jeannette Francis Kobylarz

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Avery Christine Bracken

Daughter of Kyle & Katharine (Ochs) Braken

Olivia Marie Sugg

Kristoffer & Sarah (Krajenta) Sugg

Marriages

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

Lisa Katherine Moss & Philipp Herbert Ruhland

Shannon Mary Penn & Mark Thomas Thompson

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

All are welcome in this place.

Matthew Momrik & Valerie Kirchoff Momrik
Linsey, Hannah, Caleb, Isaac

Dylan Comer & Mary Beth Litzler Comer
Lucy and Gavin

Jordan Regnery

Richard & Catherine Regan

Peter McCrary & Kimberly Dietrich

Paul Clark

Jeff & Lisa Tyra
Salina, Estell

Brian & Jeanette Barna

Sebastian Knoll & Arie Reath Knoll

*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

Dear St. Joseph Parish...

March 2, 2021

Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$1,010 to **St. Luke NEW Life Center** from your January Caritas. We are so grateful for your generous gift! We believe that your gift is a direct answer to prayer and we are grateful! You are always in our prayer!

Blessings,

Sr. Carol Weber, Director of St. Luke NEW Life Center

April 9, 2021

*I would like to thank St. Joseph Parish for their kindness to my family in regard to the recent death of my husband, **Patrick Flaherty**. So many parishioners sent sympathy cards and mass donations for which we are grateful. St. Joseph Parish really lives the faith!*

Sincerely,

Geri Flaherty

March 30, 2021

On behalf of **Dexter Family Services**, I would like to thank the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish for their November and January Caritas donations. The total of \$3,025 will help us continue providing Meijer food cards and to help add food to the pantry shelves. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Susan Walsh, Dexter Family Services, President

April 14, 2021

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 \$4,819 from Caritas and the bimonthly collection and your gift of \$5,710 in April to the Food Pantry, and \$2,580 – it means the world to us! Peg Bravo, RN, BSN, MA, President and CEO

April 22, 2021

Thank you for your gift of \$3,591 in February and \$2,678 in April. When **Faith in Action** was founded 41 years ago, nobody could have imagined the events of 2020. Your continued support allows Faith in Action to be a beacon of hope to so many during challenging times. This is a wonderful gift and will be a help to so many.

Sincerely,

Sherri Montoye, Director, Faith in Action

April 1, 2021

Thank you so much for your generous donation to **St. Louis Center**. Your support makes a real meaningful difference in the lives of the children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who rely on us each day for their care. Due to the generosity of the Knights of Columbus Michigan State Council your donation was doubled.

With deepest appreciation,

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



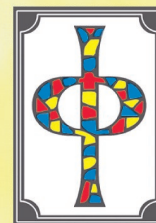
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WEEKEND LITURGIES
COUNTRY CHURCH
6805 Mast Rd. Dexter, MI
 Saturday: 5:00pm; Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am
WEEKDAYS in Village Church
3430 Dover St. , Dexter, MI
 Liturgy: Monday through Friday at 8:15am
 Communion Service: First Monday of the month
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 Saturday: 4:00–4:30pm or by appointment



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