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August - September 2021

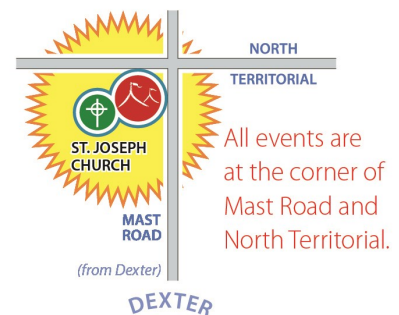
The *Festival* is coming back!

Saturday
August 28

Sunday
August 29

THE
Festival
AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

We can't wait to see you!!



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Fr. Brendan's Billboard



Our Faith—Our Friendships—Our Festival

This year the month of August is when we plan and prepare for our Festival of Fun. This year we have a new format, some new activities, and a simplified schedule. Why are we holding this fun and special event? To remind ourselves that living our faith is about our friendship with Jesus and our friendships with one another. We remember part of our joy in being Catholic is the friendships we have with people who believe in the graces of the sacraments and that we live our faith in our service to others.

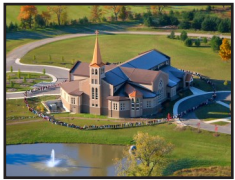
Our events this year allow people to come to activities for a shorter period of time - a Friday night movie, Mass under the Big Top, an evening of entertainment, shows for kids, burgers and brats - all to celebrate our faith, to rejoice in our friendships, to give thanks for our Catholic community.

It is my sincere hope that you will join us. I ask you to pray for the success of our Festival, may it be safe and enjoyable for all. Please sign up to help – many hands will make it enjoyable for all. Please sell your raffle tickets. Our goal is to sell \$50,000 worth of tickets. Watch us fill in the steeple in the gathering space.

A Return to Parish Ministries

This September we will once again be seeking volunteers for our many parish programs and activities. Our parish is alive and vibrant when we all pitch in and contribute. This means we teach our faith, we serve at God's altar, we care for our grounds, we minister to the grieving, we help lead our Festival, we accept positions of leadership and service on our committees and commissions. The weekends of September 11 & 12 and 18 & 19 will be sign up weekends. In this Chip newsletter is our ministry signup form which you can bring to Mass or mail to the office.

PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE



The Festival committee has been working hard to plan a safe and fun outdoor social gathering for our parish. Mark your calendars for August 27, 28, and 29, and get ready for Fun, Food and Fellowship! The fun begins on Friday with a Family outdoor movie night. Other things to enjoy on Saturday and Sunday are: Arts and Crafts Village, Entertainment, FOOD, Mass under the Big Tent, Classic Car Show, Soccer challenge.....check the parish website for the complete calendar of events for the whole weekend. Don't forget to sign up to help at the festival! Many hands make light work and wonderful friendships.

Another "sign up" that is close to my heart will be held September 11/12 and 18/19 on stewardship weekends. Every year we have an opportunity to sign up for various ministries. Maybe sign up for a new ministry this year? Please pray and consider what God is calling you to help with to support our parish and to serve God and our fellow parishioners. Get the whole family involved! God will help with our time management so we can always share our time and talents for others. The fruits of our labor are many and include our wonderful faith community, friendships, faith building, meeting new parishioners and families and seeing our kids making new friends in service.

Your Servant in Christ,
Carol Littleton

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- † Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- † Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- † Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- † Is really searching for a solid foundation during these difficult times

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Our sessions begin on Sunday, August 22 at 12:30 pm on the Village Campus. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information, please contact Marinell High at 734-426-8483 or marinell_high@stjos.com

We hope you will join us!

Together in Faith and Fellowship

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

It is now time for us together to take our next step in faith and fellowship. For our parish to have a place for formation and fellowship we need to begin our next campaign to save for a parish hall. This hall will be our gathering space for refreshments after Mass. It will be our hospitality space to serve those who grieve after a funeral. It will be our fun space for children and youth to run and play.

This past spring members of the parish Finance Council and Stairway Committee and other parish leadership met to refine our vision for a united campus. In May we presented our vision to the Diocese of Lansing Loan and Investment Committee. In June the Diocese Finance Council recommended we hold a fall campaign to secure gifts and pledges to raise as much as possible. This will allow us to design and build a hall and kitchen and possibly to take us one step closer to a united campus.

It had been our vision to hold a campaign in the fall of 2020 but covid shut us down. Now that we are back to ministering, seeing, and living our faith, it is time to ask for your investment and sacrifice to help unite us on one campus.

The following pages give the vision, the history of our success, and a proposed floorplan drawing of what we need to build to help our community to continue being warm and welcoming. Please take a few moments to see our history, our success, and our ability to continue planning and building on our Stairway to the Future.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please email me at brendan_walsh@stjos.com.

Let us continue to walk in faith.

Shalom,

Fr. Brendan J. Walsh

PARISH HISTORY 1840-2021



Founded in 1840 when eight Irish Catholic families gathered to celebrate Mass on January 1, St. Joseph Parish has been a vibrant, active part of the Dexter community for over 175 years.

FIRST CHURCH—1840

- Mission Church for Irish immigrants
- Small frame building corner of Dexter Townhall and Quigley Roads
- Destroyed by fire in 1854

SECOND CHURCH

- Framed Church (temporary) on the corner of 4th & Dover in Village of Dexter.
- This church was dismantled when 3rd church was dedicated.

THIRD CHURCH — 1872

- Brick Gothic architecture with 180 ft. steeple
- Still used for daily Mass, weddings and funerals
- Seats 350
- Rectory built in 1904
- Parish school established in 1920
- New brick school built in 1925. School closed in 1968. Converted to parish center in the 1980's.
- Convent built in 1952. Converted to parish offices in 1980's. 2nd floor office reconfigured twice between 2000-2010.

FOURTH CHURCH—2008

- Country Church
- Seats 750
- Expand to 900 seats
- Move walls to expand seating to 1000

2021— Currently have 2 campuses

- Village Church at the corner of 4th & Dover. Parish center, parish office and rectory on village campus.
- Country Church that sits on 46 acres at the corner of Mast & North Territorial Rd.



A CHRONOLOGY OF OUR STAIRWAY PLANNING TO DATE

- **2000:** Over 300 parishioners participate in VOICES (Vocalizing Opportunities, Issues, Challenges & Envisioning Strategies) sessions, initiated by Diocese of Lansing, and identify three needs: respond to continued growth of area; strengthen and improve Faith Formation for all; invite fallen away Catholics and non-Catholics.
- **2001:** Identified and researched current and projected parish growth. Recommended purchasing land and moving to a new site.
- **Fall 2001:** Four town hall meetings were held to inform parishioners and seek input.
- **April 2002:** Purchased 46 acres of land at the SW corner of North Territorial & Mast Roads in Webster Township.
- **May 2002:** Convened a group of parishioners, "Stairway Committee" to begin studying *Built of Living Stones*, a document which gives guidance and direction on building new churches.
- **September 2002:** Permission from the diocese to initiate a capital campaign.
- **August & September 2003:** Adopted a phased approach: Phase I – the church; phase II – office space, faith formation classrooms, meeting spaces and a parish hall.
- **August & September 2003:** Held eight focus group sessions to educate and inform and to gauge potential support for the plan. (440 parishioners participating)
- **Fall 2003 – Spring 2006:** "Stairway to the Future" capital campaign, received over **\$3.34 million** in gifts & pledges.
- **March 2005:** Ceremonial groundbreaking on feast of St. Joseph.
- **December 2005:** Begin *Called to the Next Step* capital campaign. Raised **1.65 million** in pledges & gifts.
- **August 2006:** Actual break ground and begin construction.
- **March 15, 2008:** Dedicate new church building on the feast of St. Joseph. (Saturday of Palm Sunday weekend.)
- **Fall 2009:** Begin *Step Up in Faith* capital stewardship campaign. Raised over **\$2.23 million** in commitments.
- **Fall 2012:** Continuing the Journey campaign raised **\$1.97 million** in gifts and pledges.
- **July 2002 – March 2021:** Memorial Fund Donations \$1.67 million & misc. Building Fund Donations \$483,171
- **February 2003 – Sept 2020:** Annual Festivals have raised \$1.3 million.
- **August 2006-June 2018:** Annual Silent Auction Fundraisers have raised \$206,818.
- **Oct 2015:** Made final loan payment to the Diocese of Lansing. **Loan paid off in year 7 on a 15 year note**

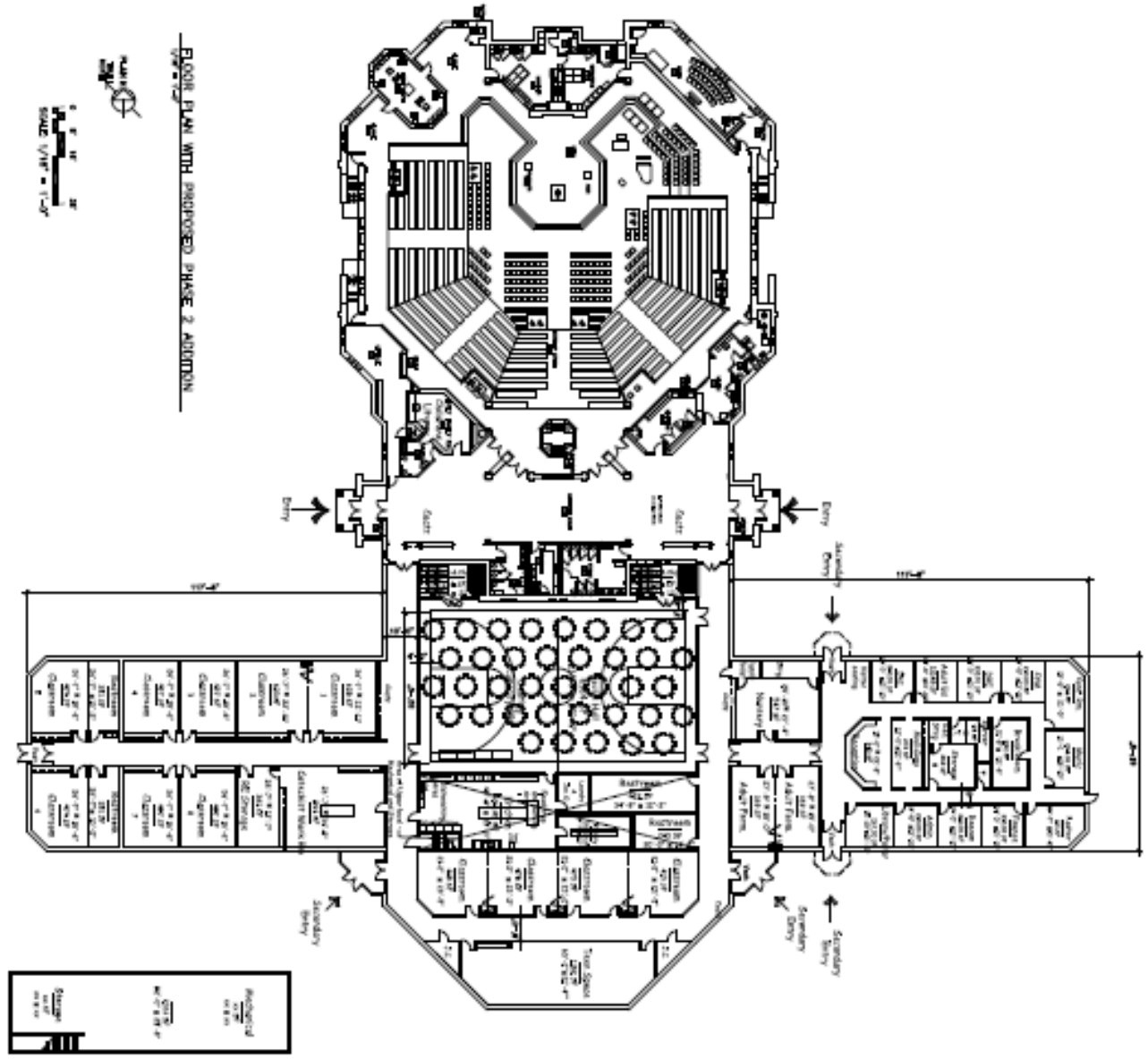
ST. JOSEPH PARISH
Building Funds Raised for Unified Campus
July 2002-April 2021

SOURCE	AMOUNT	Beginning	through
STAIRWAY + SPECIAL	\$3,340,250.00	October-03	March-06
NEXT STEP	\$1,645,683.00	December-05	March-09
art & environment	\$506,125.00	May-07	February-09
STEP UP IN FAITH	\$2,234,957.00	September-09	December-12
CONTINUING THE JOURNEY	\$1,970,911.00	January-12	April-15
MEMORIAL	\$1,666,436.00	July-02	March-21
MISC BLDG FUND	\$483,171.00	May-03	March-21
SILENT AUCTION	\$206,818.00	August-06	June-18
FESTIVALS	\$1,292,735.00	February-03	September-20
Total Raised 2002-2015	<u>\$13,347,086.00</u>		

CURRENT MONEY IN HAND FOR PROJECT

Savings	\$250,000
Phase II	\$1,131,000
Witness to Hope	\$1,794,000
In Money Market	\$150,000
	<u>\$3,325,000.00</u>

TO ST. JOSEPH OUR PATRON WE PRAY:
 GRANT US STRENGTH, WISDOM AND GUIDANCE AS WE STRIVE TO FAITHFULLY FOLLOW
 IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS.
 LET US SEE HIM IN WHERE
 WE HAVE BEEN,
 WHERE WE ARE,
 AND WHERE HE WANTS US TO BE.
 MAY WE CONTINUE TO GROW
 AS A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
 THAT CARES FOR THOSE AROUND US
 WITH COMPASSION AND SELF-SACRIFICE
 AS WE CONTINUE ON OUR
 STAIRWAY TO THE FUTURE.
 AMEN.



Proposed Project



Better than “Back to Normal”

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

A billboard I saw this weekend said, “We can do better than ‘back to normal.’” I love this sentiment. It’s easy for us to long for the days before the pandemic—and clearly, there are many good things that were part of our lives back then that we’ve been missing for more than a year.

What remains for us now, however, is not in the past, but in the future. One time, a person said to Jesus, “I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home.” Jesus replied, “No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what is left behind is fit for the kingdom of God” (Luke 9:61-62).

To be a Christian is to be a missionary. All who are baptized are given the power of the Holy Spirit to go forth and proclaim the good news of Jesus’s victory over sin and death. Doing this means looking not to what has been, but to what will be. The followers of Jesus did not get “back to normal” after the Crucifixion and Resurrection—and they certainly didn’t get “back to normal” after the events of the first Pentecost (Acts 2). Rather, they got on with being his witnesses “throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

What are *you* being called to as we go forward to “a new normal?” Are there old habits or fears God is inviting you to let go of? Are there new works of mercy God is inviting you to perform? With God’s help, we can do better than “back to normal.” Let us listen, discern, and act!

Steve Kasperick - Postellon, Director of Music & Liturgy

BIBLE STUDIES for 2021-2022 BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

- † **What:** *The Bible Timeline*® study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible’s narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and will give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. You will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our Faith.
- † **When:** Wednesday from 9:30 – 11:00 am and Thursday from 7:00 -8:30 pm—begins on September 15/16 and runs for 24 weeks. We will break the study into quarters with breaks between quarters and at the holidays.
- † **Where:** Parish Center on the Village Campus, 3430 Dover St
- † **Cost:** \$35 for the 24 sessions. This includes the study guide and online access.
- † **Questions?** Call Marinell High at 734-426-8483 or access the Bible Timeline link or sign up on our website at www.stjos.com under News and Events.

Genesis to Jesus

- † **What:** This study is great for someone new to Bible study yet also serves the experienced. What is the Bible, where does it come from, and what is its purpose? How are Catholics supposed to read the Bible and what story does it tell? These are the ever-important questions answered in the 12-week study - Genesis to Jesus. Join us to learn the basic Catholic principles for reading Scripture and to study the divine covenants that God made with humanity in the course of salvation history. We will focus on his Old Testament covenants with Adam (individual), Noah (family), Abraham (tribe), Moses (nation), and David (kingdom). Then we will see how each is fulfilled in the New Testament covenant that God makes with the world through Jesus Christ. Dr. Hahn explores the “covenant love” God reveals to us through the Scriptures and explains how God patiently reaches out to us—despite our faults and shortcomings—to restore us into relationship with his divine family. You will discover how the patient love of the Father revealed in the Bible is the same persistent love he has for you.
- † **When:** Begins on September 8/9 and runs for 12 weeks. Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 pm and Thursday from 9:00 – 10:30 am *Childcare will be provided for the Thursday session.* ZOOM participation will be available for those who request it.
- † **Where:** Parish Center on the Village Campus, 3430 Dover St
- † **Cost:** \$45 for 12 sessions. This includes study guide, online access and supplemental book.
- † **Questions?** Call/email Denise Muir 517-861-6390 dsmuir@chartermi.net or Maggie Hansma 734-426-4372 maggaloots@aol.com. For a link to the Jesus to Genesis web page and/or to sign up go to our website www.stjos.com under News and Events.



It's Showtime!

Festival leadership has confirmed we are a big GO for the festival this year. It will be a little different with a slightly reduced footprint, but we are excited about seeing old friends and making new ones while enjoying the fun and entertainment.

Starting Friday at 8:30 there will be a free outdoor movie night featuring **"DOOLITTLE"** starring Robert Downey Jr. There will be a Snack tent with pizza, popcorn, chips, water and soda available to purchase. Bring your favorite blanket, chairs and friends!

Saturday will feature the Classic Car show, a greatly expanded Arts & Craft Village with over 20 vendors, family entertainment and for the first time 5:00 Mass under the Big Tent! Following mass, get ready for **Three Men and a Tenor** (suggested donation of \$10).

Sunday will have the Knights of Columbus Chicken Broil dinner...yum I can taste it now! More Arts & Craft Village and featuring our own **"From Grace"** musical entertainment and wrapping up with the Large Raffle.

Even though it's a little smaller this year we are still looking for **Volunteers** to make this a successful event!

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

We can't wait to see you!!



THE PARISH PICNIC IS BACK!

Join us at the Pavilion after all Masses the weekend of September 11 & 12. We will have hamburgers, hot dogs and sides after the 5:00 pm and the 11:00 am. Breakfast will be served after the 9:00 am Mass.

There will be a chance at door prizes and a grand prize for all who attend! No need to register and no need to pay! Just come on down and join us for food, fun and fellowship!



ANNIVERSARY MASS AND DINNER OCTOBER 9, 2021

If you have a special anniversary coming up (1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25.....50+) please join us in celebration! Mass will be at 5:00 pm followed by dinner in the Parish Center. Watch your mail for your invitation! Please call Marinell at 734-426-8483 for more information.



High School Youth Group (Mustard Seed)

Below is the remainder of the summer youth group schedule for 2021. Beginning ON Sunday, September 12 the 9th –12th grade youth group will move to Sunday evenings in the Village Campus Parish Center, 3430 Dover St. If you would like to be added to the Mustard Seed contact group go to “my info” in flocknote and select Mustard Seed from the groups.

- August 4—Youth group at the Pavilion
- August 11—youth group at the Pavilion
- August 18—youth group at the Pavilion
- August 21—Leadership Retreat for Leadership Team.
- August 25—Last summer youth group meeting
- September 12—4:30-5:45 Leadership Team
- **September 12— 6-8pm in the Loft of the Parish Center, youth group back on Sunday evenings. Freshmen welcome meeting this night.**
- September 19—Mustard Seed meeting
- September 26—Mustard Seed meeting



What do you do when it's storming out? Play spoons in the basement!

Confirmation Class 2020-2021 News

Confirmation interviews will be conducted in the Parish Office and are scheduled for: **Tuesday, August 17, Wednesday, August 18, and Thursday, August 19 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon and from 1:00-7:00 PM all three days.** Each interview will take approximately 15 minutes and will be done on a 'one on one' basis. **Please schedule your appointment online** at parish website at www.stjos.com and click on the Confirmation page and interview tab OR call Darlene in the parish office at 734-426-2674. The interviews are an important part of making sure the candidate is prepared for presentation to the Bishop. A parent will need to accompany their son and/or daughter to the interview.



Confirmation Class 2021-2022 News

September 15 or 16 Candidate and parent meeting to go over the program and registration
(These meetings will be held at the Country Church 7pm)

St. Joseph Parish – Serving Others through Caritas



THANK YOU for your support of the **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CATHOLIC HOUSE** project. Several of you volunteered to help on site and many of you gave **VERY** generously. **ST. JOSEPH PARISH DONATED \$10,000** to this project. We will invite you to join us for the **OPEN HOUSE** when the Patterson's move into their home.

The August 13-14 / 21 **CARITAS FOCUS CHARITY** will be **FAMILY LIFE SERVICES OF WASHTENAW COUNTY** in Ypsilanti. This Christian, Pro-Life Ministry has served women and families here in our county since 1985. Free pregnancy and ultrasound tests, pregnancy options counseling, social referrals, parenting education and free material goods help women **CHOOSE LIFE** and **RAISE CHILDREN**. To see a short video highlighting one of these women and hear her story go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocaw5L38xnA>. Also, information about how to register for and support the August 21 FLS **"Heroes for Babies" Walk for Life** is available at bit.ly/FLSwalk21.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR 16th Annual Silent Auction Tailgate Style 2.0

September 26, 2021

(Rain date October 3)

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Mast Road Parking Lot

There is NO fee to attend Food and Drinks will be available for purchase

In addition to the Silent Auction we will have:

- Jeff Wawrzaszek with his Walk--Around--Magic and Balloons
- Food from Ray's Red Hots Food Cart yummy gourmet hot dogs, sausages and hamburgers
- Drinks hot (coffee, tea & hot chocolate) and cold (smoothies, iced coffees and teas) from Bearclaw Coffee

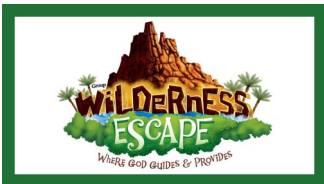
Troop 456 News

The major activity during this period was the outing to Glacier National Park in Kalispel Montana.

Many thanks to Tami Remington (committee member) who organized this wonderful adventure for the troop. Nineteen attendees were all in for the hiking, camping and gazing at the tremendous views. The troop spent 7 days in this environment and enjoyed both the campsites and the encounters of the animal inhabitants of the park. Look at the background in this photo and see if you can capture the wonder of being there. This week the troop has 7 scouts at the summer encampment at Camp Lakota in Ohio. The boys will be working on sets of merit badges to facilitate their advancement in rank and at same time having a great time. The important news for this period is the Eagle Court of Honor that was held at the Pavillion. The event was honoring Ryan Filipiak and David Hutching, the eighteenth and nineteen Eagle Scouts of Troop 456.



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](http://url:dextertroop456.org)



VBS 2021 Thank You!!!

A BIG VBS thank you to all our adult volunteers who helped us survive in the desert no matter the weather! A second BIG VBS thank you to our MANY youth volunteers; without your efforts, smiles and positivity, VBS would not have been possible! We had top-notch actors, amazing crafts and tasty snacks. We had incredible music and so many fun activities and games! Our volunteers are amazing and I am humbled by the generosity and self-donative love these people possess! God guides us, so we can TRUST GOD!!



Welcome to Our New Parishioners

All are welcome in this place.

Peter & Kimberly McCrary
 Jeffrey & Cydney Domsic
 Andrew & Tamara Mickus
 Riva Szostkowski
 Lucian
 Austin & Rebecca Welsh
 Owen
 Gary & Cynthia Hunter

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Henry Russell Bordallo Hitchell
 Son of Steven Hitchell & Eva Maire Bordallo

Elliot Leo Kennedy
 Son of Jeremy & Amber (Skeleton) Kennedy

Olivia Marie Reiners
 Daughter of Robert & Laura (Wojtys) Reiners

Robert Edward Reiners
 Son of Robert & Laura (Wojtys) Reiners

Hailey Marie Medeiros
 Daughter of Christopher & Erin (Edwards) Medeiros

Zoey Grace Gorman
 Daughter of Matthew & Kristy (Tomford) Gorman

Owen Hugh Cameron
 Son of Gavin & Mary (Cebula) Cameron

Everly Puroła
 Daughter of Jameson & Ashley (Gardynik) Puroła

Eli James Schmidt
 Cameron & Jaclyn (Bodary) Schmidt

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.*

Richard Lee Gibson
 Betty Jane Navaroli
 Richard Ellsworth Clark
 Delmar Richard Young Sr.
 Robert Marcus Assenmacher

Marriages

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

Erika Marie Clifford & John Lawton Quada

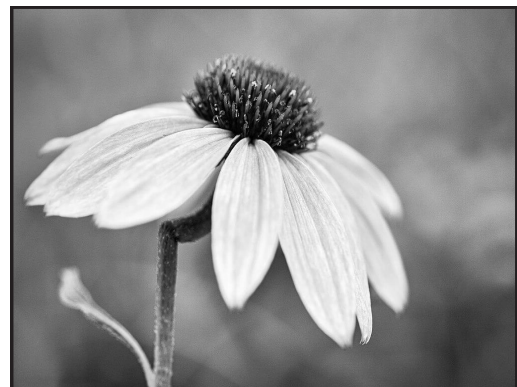
Micah Jane Ward & Anthony McCormick
 Marzoff

Haley May Barclay & David DeLose Slotnick

London Elizabeth Wendt & Alexander Gerard Erber

Olivia Kateri Chippewa & Michael Ross Crawford-Lucas

Kelly Anne Quinn & Logan Thomas Kelly





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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



August 27, 28, 29

We can't wait to see you!