

## St. Joseph Parish Charitable Activities and Social Justice Commission

*"See how they love one another."*

This Commission works to reach out and serve those in need in our Parish, our community and our world.

Please join us! Information and contact information below. All are welcome!

**Alpha House:** Preparing/dropping off food, acting as dinner hosts and playing with the children after dinner (Food drop off 2:00 - 5:30). We typically serve 6 times a year. You can volunteer for as many or as few as you like  
Parish contact: Heidi Nelson 734-846-7259 or shednelson@comcast.net

**Parish Blood Drive:** Given Covid-19 we will continue to host blood drives on a regular basis, Parish Contact: Dcn. Randy, 734-646-4425, rpdesrochers@gmail.com

**Bereavement Ministry:** St. Joseph's Family Grief Program group meetings are on hold at present. Mary Kay is available by phone. Parish contact: Mary Kay Whitmer, 734-709-5562 marykay\_whitmer@comcast.net.

**Christian Services:** Help those in need by donating food before Mass. Items with protein are a great help (hearty soups, tuna, macaroni & cheese.)  
Parish office: (734) 426-8483

**Delonis Center:** Parish volunteers assist with preparing the evening meal. This is a great opportunity to locally reach out to those in need and spend time with fellow parishioners. Parish contact: Nancy Batchelor, (253) 227-4831, Fuzymama@hotmail.com

**Chelsea/Dexter Hunger Walk (Crop Walk):** Join this community wide event as walkers strive to build a hunger-free world. Parish Contact: Doug Koepsell, (734) 260-0961 djkoepsell@gmail.com

**Moms in Need:** Each spring we collect items desperately needed by young mothers. Parish contact: Dcn. Randy, 734-646-4425, rpdesrochers@gmail.com

**Flint Outreach:** We have created the role of a "St. Joseph, Dexter Ambassador to Flint" who would coordinate with the various charitable outreaches to Flint. Parish Contact: Jan Clear, janfredclear@comcast.net or 734-424-0987.

**Food Gatherers:** We help repackage surplus food from over 300 local sources so it can be distributed to local food pantries and soup kitchens in our community. Parish contact: Jennifer Ray, 734-646-1269, jenraeray@gmail.com.

**Funeral Luncheons:** This ministry provides a location, meal and service for those attending a funeral at St. Joseph Parish. Many hands make light the work. Parish contact: Laura McKenzie, 734-426-8483, laura\_mckenzie@stjos.com

## Volunteers' Calendar of Events 2022

### Alpha House

Sunday 4/3, 7/10, 8/7, 10/1 & 12/11

### Bereavement Ministry

Workshops Quarterly

### Parish Blood Drive

TBD

### Delonis Center

Mondays 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6, 7/4, 8/1, 9/5, 10/3, 11/7, & 12/5  
3:00-5:00 pm

312 W Huron Street, Ann Arbor

### Chelsea/Dexter Hunger Walk

10/2/2022

### Food Gatherers Warehouse

Wednesday 5:30-7:30PM, 2/23, 4/13, 6/15, 8/24, 10/19 & 12/14

### Giving Garden

Spring Meeting 4/19, Fall Meeting, 10/18 7PM, Parish Center

Wednesday Mornings 10-12pm at the garden.

Bottle Drive 6/25-26

### Giving Tree

TBD

### Lenten Food Drive

Coming Lent 2022

**Giving Gardeners:** Each growing season, hundreds of pounds of vegetables are planted, cared for, harvested and delivered by the giving gardeners to Faith in Action and the Dexter Senior Center. We grow food & friendship. Parish contact: Rodger & Linda Cook, lindascook21@gmail.com, 734-426-4398

**Giving Tree:** Help make Christmas a joyous season for those in need by taking "ornaments" from the tree and purchasing the gift listed. Gifts are collected at Mass. Parish contact: Sandy Zeitunian, sandyzeitunian@gmail.com, (734) 717-0106

**Lenten Food Drive:** Items collected at Mass are donated to Catholic Social Services. Parish contact: Kathy Hirth (734) 426-5805, momleehirth@charter.net

**Ministry to Homebound Parishioners:** We visit the sick and homebound, bringing the Eucharist and fellowship. Please contact the Parish Office if you need a visit or would like to visit the sick, at 734-426-8483.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Currently hard at work making masks in response to Covid-19 Parish contact: Marinell High, 734-426-8483, marinell\_high@stjos.com

**Recycle Brigade:** Help us respond to Pope Francis' call to be good stewards of our environment. Go to <http://www.stjos.com/christian-outreach.html> for a list of what we are collecting  
Parish contact: Kathy Pawlicki, 734-272-2570, kpawlicki1@comcast.net

**Serving the Face of Jesus:** We are encouraged daily to make sacrifices of time, talent, and treasures to benefit others who may need rides to Mass or doctor appointments, or help with shopping, meals after a surgery or new baby, light house cleaning, respite care, childcare, yard work, snow shoveling, and visits. If you would like to be a part of this ministry or if you or someone you know in the parish could benefit from such services please contact Linda Hunt, at 734-424-9903 or gloryfaithhope@aol.com

**St. Leo Soup Kitchen:** Once a month 8-10 people carpool to Detroit. We cook and serve the meal. It is a most rewarding experience. On hold at present. Parish contact: Ann Smart (734) 424-0111, amsmart@comcast.net

**St. Joseph Health Ministry:** To assist members of the St. Joseph Parish community with their physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being through health counseling, education, referral, and support services. Parish contact: Lori Lavastida-Phillips, 734-730-9634, lorilp@yahoo.com

**Moms in Need**  
**Mother's Day Baby Shower**  
Spring 2022

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
Knitting/Crocheting/Mask Making  
No in-person meetings

**St. Leo's Soup Kitchen**  
TBD

**Join us at a CASJ Meeting**  
1/20, 3/17, 5/19, 7/21, 9/15, &  
11/17 from 7-8PM  
Mary's Room

## **Help Available**

**Faith in Action**  
**Food Pantries and More**  
603 S. Main St.  
Chelsea, MI 48118  
(734) 475-3305