

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Chips & Sawdust

October / November 2022



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**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: First Monday of the month 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
Larry DeFord	Deacon
Gail Assenmacher	Capital Campaign/Office Assistant
Darlene Cresson	Religious Education Secretary
Don Dalglish	Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Lisa Dobis	Finance
Gary Fradette	Cemetery Grounds
Marinell High	Director of Adult Faith Formation
Michelle Hochrein	Director of Religious Education
	Director of Music & Liturgy
Erich McElroy	Village Campus Maintenance
Laura McKenzie	Administrative Assistant
Liz Neil	Cemetery
Paul Tavana	Country Campus Maintenance

**2022-2023 PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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Randy Desrochers	Deacon
Larry DeFord	Deacon
Laura McKenzie	Staff Liaison

**Member**

Scott McClellan  
Ted Zettel  
George Hanson  
Carol Littleton  
Haley Baur  
Elyse Kempa  
Terry McCreight  
Reyne Meah  
Clay Cramer  
Gwen Evich  
Gary Hunter  
Ann Smart

**Commission Liaison**

Chair  
Vice Chair & Youth Formation  
Finance  
Children's Faith Formation  
Parish Life  
New Parishioner Contact  
Spiritual Life & Worship  
Properties  
Charitas  
Festival  
Adult Faith Formation  
Charitable Activities & Social Justice

**COMMISSIONS and ACTIVITIES****Commission**

Finance  
Worship  
Charitable Activities  
& Social Justice  
Parish Life  
Caritas Committee  
Education—Youth  
Education—PS-6  
Adult Faith Formation

**Chair**

Lisa Dobis  
Fr. Brendan Walsh  
  
Randy Desrochers  
Marinell High  
Patti Hanson  
Don Dalglish  
Michelle Hochrein  
Marinell High

**Activity**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

**Chair**

Michelle Hochrein

Bulletin and *Chips* Editor

Laura McKenzie

Growing in God  
Building the  
Brotherhood of Christ  
DeWitt Retreat  
Men's Retreat  
Women's Retreat  
Festival  
Festival  
Giving Garden  
God Squad (Gr. 7-8)  
Knights of Columbus  
Columbus Ladies Auxiliary  
Music Ministry  
Mustard Seed (Gr.9-12)  
Nursery  
Religious Ed (Gr. PS-6)  
Religious Ed (Gr.7-8)  
RCIA  
Scouting (Troop 456)

Marinell High  
Marinell High  
Joe Prochaska  
Ann Smart  
Doug Koepsell  
Ken Sample  
Rodger & Linda Cook  
Don Dalglish  
Bert Wagner  
Marilyn Dehring  
Steve Hinz  
Don Dalglish  
Marinell High  
Michelle Hochrein  
Don Dalglish  
Marinell High  
Matthew Demerath

**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.



## Notes from the Pastor

### Fall at St. Joseph Parish

The month of October is when we watch God's paintbrush change the colors around us from green to yellow, red, and orange. We give thanks in our prayers for a summer of sunshine. This fall we welcome Steve Hinz as our new music minister.

As a parish in October, we begin the month with the Blessing of Pets on October 1 at 9am on the Village Church steps. We will honor our married couples who are celebrating significant 5 year anniversaries with Mass and dinner on Saturday, October 8 at 5pm Mass followed by a family dinner in the Parish Center. We will begin training our liturgical ministers for service at Mass in October. Our Fall Cleaning Bees are also in October. The weekend of October 15/16, I will give my State of the Parish address. The pages following include our annual financial report for the 21-22 fiscal year. October will conclude with our fall Confirmation liturgy on October 26 at 6:30pm - all are welcome.

In November, we begin the month in prayer, remembering All the Saints of our faith with Mass at 8:15am in the Village Church and 7pm in the Country Church. We will pray for and remember the faithful departed with our All Souls Mass at 7pm in the Country Church.

Our Silent Auction will be on November 5 at a new venue, Lakelands Golf Club in Hamburg. This fundraiser will help us raise funds for our phase II project. We will celebrate First Reconciliation with our children in mid-November. And we end the month by giving thanks to God for our blessings as a nation at Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9am in the Country Church. The last weekend of November begins the sacred Season of Advent, we once again spiritually prepare our minds and hearts for the birth of Jesus.

As we begin the last quarter of 2022, we give thanks for the blessings of this past year. We look forward in anticipation, looking towards the birth of our Savior at Christmas.

### Construction Update

As we head into the Fall, our work of the summer has been to value engineer our design. In response to current projected costs, we have made reductions to help reduce costs. We have begun meetings with Webster Township to begin the process of receiving a special use permit. We also have to gain final approval from the Diocese of Lansing to continue forward. Please continue to watch the bulletin and weekly e-news for more information.

Shalom, Fr. Brendan J. Walsh



### ST. JOSEPH

#### *Together in Faith & Fellowship*

Last year at this time we kicked off our, ***"Together in Faith and Fellowship Capital Campaign"***. The goal was to raise enough money to unify our two campuses and make all facilities accessible to everyone. The campaign focused on the spirit of our parish by focusing on prayer and unity. So many people helped work for the success of this campaign and we remain so grateful for all those who volunteered their time and prayer and for all of you who gave gifts and made pledges. Those prayers and hard work paid off making the Together in Faith and Fellowship campaign a huge success. Your pledges and gifts came to a total of \$5,667,276 and of this we have collected \$2,676,979 and have outstanding pledges of \$2,990,297. With this success the Diocese of Lansing gave us consent to move forward. While it may not look like much has happened since the end of the active campaign, we can assure you that much has been done and is continuing to be done. There have been meetings to finalize the plans, work with the Diocese, meetings with Webster Twp., contractors and more. With all of this behind-the-scenes work being done we hope to be able to break ground this coming Spring. If you were unable to give a gift or a pledge last fall it is not too late to do so. You can call the parish office and find out how to make a gift. It has been an honor and a privilege to help work on this project with all of you. Please continue to pray for the success of the building process for our new addition.

In praise and thanks,  
John & Sherri Goff



### ***Shout joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song.***

What better way to enter my ministry in music and liturgy with you than through the psalm of thanksgiving found in Psalm 100. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and be blessed deeply with the gifts of the Holy Spirit here at St. Joseph.

I actually began in your music ministry program many years ago, so for me, this is a great homecoming. My wife, Lisa and I had powerful spiritual experiences here and our daughters, Ava and Marina, were both baptized at St. Joseph.

I believe that music helps us discover a deeper and more prayerful awareness of all of the beauty found in the rich signs and symbols of our liturgy. Music invites these symbols to speak; sometimes speaking loudly, while other profound moments may be best reflected upon in moments of silence. The music we create is done through the power of the Holy Spirit working through the entire gathered community. I look forward to our journey, where together, we will create the unique sound of praise of all the people of St. Joseph Parish. ~ Steve Hinz, Director of Music and Liturgy



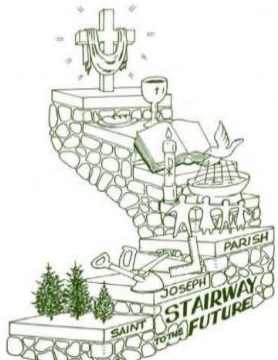
**ST. JOSEPH PARISH**  
**State of the Parish**  
**July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

<b>I N C O M E</b>			
<b>Source of Income</b>	<b>2021-2022 BUDGET</b>	<b>2021-2022 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2022-2023 BUDGET</b>
Donations	3,000.00	2,170.00	2,000.00
Silent Auction	5,000.00	8,639.00	20,000.00
DSA Over Goal Revenue Share	16,000.00	21,751.00	-
Holy Days	9,000.00	9,034.00	9,000.00
Christmas	60,000.00	67,149.00	65,000.00
Sunday Collections (including Year End Special)	1,034,800.00	1,042,983.00	1,055,600.00
<i>Weekly Goal/Actual Average/next FY goal</i>	<i>\$19,900.00</i>	<i>\$19,976.00</i>	<i>\$20,600.00</i>
Miscellaneous	14,000.00	16,504.00	15,000.00
Facility Rental	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Mass Stipends	3,650.00	3,741.00	3,650.00
Tuition K - 8	12,000.00	10,313.00	11,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,164,450.00</b>	<b>1,189,284.00</b>	<b>1,188,250.00</b>
<b>E X P E N S E</b>			
<b>Salaries &amp; Fringes</b>	<b>2021-2022 BUDGET</b>	<b>2021-2022 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2022-2023 BUDGET</b>
Salaries	485,664.00	494,552.00	493,870.00
Fringe Benefits & Payroll Taxes	213,736.00	225,772.00	215,322.00
Staff Development & Travel	7,600.00	1,081.00	7,600.00
<b>Total Salaries &amp; Fringes</b>	<b>707,000.00</b>	<b>721,405.00</b>	<b>716,792.00</b>
<b>Administration</b>			
Sunday Envelopes	5,250.00	6,197.84	5,400.00
Sacramental Assistance	3,000.00	2,337.40	3,000.00
Copy Machine	9,000.00	13,307.63	10,000.00
Computer Systems Support	3,000.00	1,470.00	2,000.00
Diocesan Assessment	45,700.00	51,654.00	46,600.00
Priest Retirement Assessment	8,700.00	9,495.00	8,850.00
Catholic Schools Assessment	34,700.00	37,569.00	35,400.00
<i>Catholic School Tuition Support to Parishioners</i>	<i>3,000.00</i>	<i>7,052.89</i>	<i>9,500.00</i>
Miscellaneous	17,200.00	18,710.00	14,150.00
Postage & Shipping	6,000.00	7,760.00	6,500.00
Office Supplies	5,750.00	6,744.37	6,000.00
Internet/Cable/Telephone	5,700.00	5,683.00	6,000.00
<b>Total Administration Expenses</b>	<b>147,000.00</b>	<b>167,981.13</b>	<b>153,400.00</b>
<b>Worship</b>			
Music Expenses	10,845.00	8,497.00	11,850.00
Liturgy & Environment	11,955.00	10,831.00	6,905.00
<b>Total Worship Expenses</b>	<b>22,800.00</b>	<b>19,328.00</b>	<b>18,755.00</b>
<b>Children/Youth/Adult Faith Formation</b>			
RCIA	3,775.00	3,251.00	2,900.00
Adult Education	9,550.00	12,569.00	9,300.00
Adult Retreats	3,100.00	1,924.00	2,100.00
(Building the Brotherhood of Christ; Growing in God)			
Parish Mission	5,000.00	3,538.00	5,000.00
Evangelization (FAITH magazine)	7,350.00	7,557.00	7,370.00
Religious Education P-6	10,700.00	8,496.00	9,965.00
Religious Education 7-8	2,150.00	412.00	2,350.00
Youth Ministry	7,125.00	4,864.00	8,200.00
<b>Total Faith Formation Expenses</b>	<b>48,750.00</b>	<b>42,611.00</b>	<b>47,185.00</b>

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<b>Christian Service</b>	<b>2021-2022 BUDGET</b>	<b>2021-2022 ACTUAL</b>	<b>2022-2023 BUDGET</b>
Christian Service	250.00	60.00	150.00
Services for Parishioners	250.00	559.00	350.00
<b>Total Christian Service Expenses</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>619.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<i>(Donations + Caritas + Thanksgiving &amp; Holy Thursday collections + opening balance) / Support Distributed / Ending Balance</i>	<i>\$49,695.00</i>	<i>\$47,514.00</i>	<i>\$2,181.00</i>
<b>Parish Life</b>			
Hospitality, Coffee & Donuts, Pizza & Pop	500.00	669.00	900.00
Parish Life Events	5,550.00	375.00	11,750.00
Sunday Nursery Attendant	1,000.00	-	2,500.00
<b>Total Parish Life Expenses</b>	<b>7,050.00</b>	<b>1,044.00</b>	<b>15,150.00</b>
<b>Plant Operation &amp; Maintenance</b>			
<i>VILLAGE CAMPUS</i>			
Snow Removal	20,000.00	\$18,842.00	20,000.00
*Repairs & Maintenance	12,000.00	\$13,213.00	13,000.00
Supplies	6,000.00	\$13,320.00	7,000.00
Natural Gas	14,000.00	\$23,289.00	21,000.00
Electricity	10,500.00	\$8,915.00	9,000.00
Water, Sewage, Trash Removal	5,000.00	\$5,789.00	6,000.00
<i>COUNTRY CAMPUS</i>			
Snow Removal	20,000.00	\$24,626.00	28,000.00
*Repairs & Maintenance	23,000.00	\$47,300.00	31,500.00
Supplies	8,000.00	\$10,345.00	8,000.00
Natural Gas	13,500.00	\$16,777.00	14,900.00
Electricity	27,700.00	\$31,586.00	29,400.00
Water, Sewage, Trash Removal	3,000.00	\$2,268.00	2,500.00
Telephone + Internet	6,150.00	\$5,914.00	6,400.00
<i>GENERAL PARISH</i>			
Contracted Services	7,000.00	\$11,418.00	9,000.00
Capital Expenditures	5,000.00	\$5,563.00	5,000.00
Insurance	47,560.00	\$48,236.00	51,635.00
Vehicle	1,000.00	\$1,032.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Plant Expenses</b>	<b>229,410.00</b>	<b>288,433.00</b>	<b>263,335.00</b>
<b>*Plant: Significant Repair and Maintenance Expenses</b>			
<b>Village Campus</b>		<b>Country Campus</b>	
Tree Removal-45' Blue Spruce	900.00	Fountain/Irrigation	3,558.00
Fire Extinguisher Upgrade	1,548.00	Backup Batteries	10,000.00
		Lighting/Inverter	6,802.00
		Heat Exchanger	16,220.00
	<b>2,448.00</b>		<b>36,580.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PARISH INCOME</b>	1,164,450.00	1,189,284.00	1,188,250.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM &amp; OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	1,162,510.00	1,241,421.13	1,215,117.00
<b>Total Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>1,940.00</b>	<b>(52,137.13)</b>	<b>(26,867.00)</b>

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STAIRWAY TO THE FUTURE	
FUNDRAISING INCOME	
SOURCE	AMOUNT
Together in Faith & Fellowship	\$2,559,536.00
WTH/Stairway to Unite parish share	\$102,481.00
Interest Income	\$118,663.00
Memorial Fund Donations	\$9,895.00
Miscellaneous Building Donations	\$3,841.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,794,416.00</b>
	
<b>TOTAL PARISH SAVINGS</b>	
General Parish Savings	193,453.00
Phase II Savings	3,822,764.00
Witness to Hope Savings	1,999,105.00
	<b>6,015,322.00</b>

CARITAS COLLECTIONS	
STANDARD RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT
CSS Food Pantry	\$3,531.00
Dexter Family Services	\$5,889.00
SJ Christian Svc Outreach Fund	\$2,328.00
St. Luke NEW Life Ctr-Flint	\$2,347.00
Catholic Habitat House	\$2,347.00
<b>FEATURED RECIPIENTS</b>	
Family Life Services	\$1,660.00
Hope Clinic	\$1,690.00
BetterWAY Detroit	\$2,180.00
Feed My Starving Children	\$6,000.00
<b>Caritas Total</b>	<b>\$27,972.00</b>

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Cath Social Svcs (Bi-Monthly)	\$14,111.00
Faith in Action (Bi-Monthly)	\$16,724.00
Mother's Day/Family Life Svcs	1,900.00
Good Samaritan Appeal (CSS)	\$1,086.00
Help Spread the Faith	\$1,827.00
Catholic Social Teaching	\$2,261.00
Catholic Relief Svcs-Ukraine	\$26,079.00
Other Diocesan Collections	6,529.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$70,517.00</b>

<b>PARISH STATISTICS</b>	<b>FY2021-2022</b>	<b>FY2020-2021</b>	<b>FY2019-2020</b>
Total Registered Households:	1141	1121	1166
Total Children in Households:	734	674	713
Total Individuals Registered:	3223	3183	3093

<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ENROLLMENT</b>	<b>FY2021-2022</b>	<b>FY2020-2021</b>	<b>FY2019-2020</b>
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (pre + K)	23	27	41
1st - 8th Grade	115	101	180
Mustard Seed + Confirmation	23	45	27
Adult Volunteers in Religious Ed	15	36	58



## Pastoral Council Notes

The Festival was completed this summer and preliminary results are showing it was another great success. We were able to bring back more of the kids activities along with another Mass under the Big Tent, which both have shown to be very popular. The final results are still being put together and will be shared with the Parish once completed.

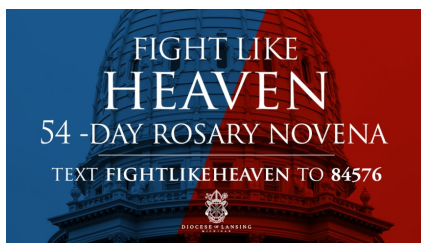
The news around the, Reproductive Freedom for All, was shared with everyone this weekend at Mass. Bishop Boyea's statement was read at Mass along with it being sent out in an email to all Parishioners. This change to the Michigan Constitution will be on the ballot this November. The importance of staying informed and educated on this is crucial as it gets closer to voting in November.

We also are at the time of year where we need lots of volunteers for various ministries: Faith Formation, Spiritual Life and Worship, Youth Ministry, Adult Faith Formation, Parish Life Commission, Music Ministry, Charitable Activities and Social Justice, Funeral Ministry, and Properties Commission. Please consider filling out the forms and submitting them.

Thanks, Scott McClellan

## "A GRAVE THREAT TO OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CULTURE OF LIFE"

...those were the words used by Bishop Boyea in his letter outlining the details and explaining the implications of ballot "PROPOSAL 3" (The Reproductive Freedom for All amendment).



This is **NOT A PROPOSED LAW**. It is a proposed **PERMANENT AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN**. It is being promoted by the abortion industry as "Restoration of Roe v. Wade". IT IS NOT THAT. Roe v. Wade allowed abortion only until fetal viability. This proposal legally **protects abortion AND ANY PROCEDURE RELATED TO REPRODUCTION at ANY TIME DURING PREGNANCY (UP UNTIL BIRTH), BY ANYONE, AT ANY AGE, and does not require** that procedures are done by a **licensed physician**, or in a **licensed health care facility inspected by the State or JCAHO**. It also **OVERIDES STATE LAWS IN PLACE TO PROTECT THE MOTHER AND THE BABY**.

Here are some things we all should know about this **VERY EXTREME PROPOSAL**:

It allows **abortion UP UNTIL THE DAY OF BIRTH**. While the verbiage lists exceptions, **all legal protections can be overridden** if "in the professional judgment of a health care professional (an abortion) is medically indicated to **protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual**". NOTE: "**Health care professional**", not "**Physician**"; Subjectivity of "Health" and addition of "Mental Health".

1. This amendment **OVERRIDES MICHIGAN LAWS THAT PROTECT PATIENTS AND CHILDREN**:
  - a. **NO AGE LIMIT** (children can decide for themselves) **NO PARENTAL CONSENT OR NOTIFICATION for Abortion, Gender Change or Sterilization**.
  - b. **NO REQUIREMENT FOR WAITING PERIOD OR FULLY INFORMED CONSENT** (There is currently a Michigan law that requires BOTH for abortion.)
  - c. **REMOVAL OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEGAL LIABILITY FOR ANYONE INVOLVED** in a pregnancy procedure including miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion. (No delineated exception for even infanticide.)
  - d. **Removal of protection for those** doctors, nurses, etc. who **choose not to participate** in abortion or gender change procedures.
  - e. Potential for **repeal of limits on forced abortion**. (Sex traffickers, relatives)

**This IS NOT a legislative bill** to balance, deny or define potential limitations on abortion beyond situations in which a mother's life is in danger. It is a **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** reaching **FAR BEYOND ABORTION** written with **SO MANY LOOPHOLES** and with **SUCH AMBIGUITY** that it **should be rejected equally by both "Pro-Life" and Pro-Choice" advocates**.

**WE, as CHRISTIANS, NEED TO LEAD this FIGHT LIKE HEAVEN to say "NO ON PROPOSAL 3"**





**"...just as you did it to one of the least of these members of our family, you did it unto Me." (Matthew 25:50),**

The Caritas Committee would like to thank you for your generous donations for Angel's Ministry. They received \$1,700.00. Because of your generosity we were also able to donate to our regular recipients: Dexter Family Services, St. Joseph Parish Service Fund, Habitat For Humanity, Catholic Social Services Food Pantry, and St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center.

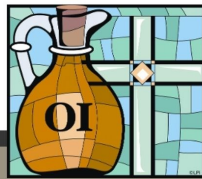
The Bread Of Life Food Pantry in Baldwin Michigan has been selected as the focus charity for the October 2022 Caritas donation. It is located in Lake County, one of the poorest counties in Michigan, and is highly used by local families.

The Bread Of Life food pantry is under the Lake County Area Churches Charities. The pantry is open one day a week. It is housed at St. Ann Catholic Church, which started the pantry. This is a Choice emergency food pantry that provides 3 to 4 days of food per family. The families are able to choose food based on their family's needs. Although it is an emergency food pantry, they are experiencing higher needs with some families needing assistance weekly. They do not turn anyone away. The amount of need has increased this year. They have provided food for 2,360 families, 8,000 people, between January and May of this year. Which is above last years numbers. Donations are used frugally, shopping for food through Feeding America to stretch financial support. The pantry serves an average of 115-120 families, and recently as many as 130 families per week. Families are fed on less than \$10.00.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry is a nonprofit organization which is run by volunteers. They are funded by grants, community food drives and donations.

If you have suggestions for local organizations that the Caritas Committee should consider supporting in the future, please share your ideas with us by sending a recommendation to the parish office with your name and contact information, and the reasons the organization should be considered.

Thank you and God bless you.



## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS & LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 11AM  
MASS IN THE VILLAGE CHURCH  
LUNCH IN THE PARISH CENTER

Each year in October the Spiritual Life & Worship Commission holds a Mass and with a luncheon following. During the Mass we celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. The sacrament is to bring God's healing grace, strength and peace to those who are sick or hurting. This sacrament is for those who are struggling physically, spiritually, mentally or emotionally. Following Mass, a lunch is served in the Parish Center. If you would like to attend please call the office, or sign up on the bulletin boards in the Gathering Space by October 17.

If you need a ride, call the Parish Office, 734-426-8483.



ALL  
SOULS  
MASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7pm in the Country Church

All are invited to our All Souls Day Memorial Mass. If you have suffered the loss of a loved one within the past year and wish to light a candle in their memory, please RSVP and call the Parish Office at 734-426-2674 by October 25 and speak with Darlene Cresson. You may also RSVP by e-mail at [darlene\\_cresson@stjos.com](mailto:darlene_cresson@stjos.com). We will be putting together a Memorial of Pictures that will be displayed in the church during the month of November. If you would like to have a picture of your loved one displayed, please bring a 4x6 (or smaller) unframed picture to the Parish Office no later than Wednesday, October 26. Be sure to include the name of your loved one, their date of birth, and date of death, your name and contact information along with the picture so we may return it to you after the month of November.





# Liturgical Minister Training

## Hospitality Minister Training

Thursday, October 13 at 7pm or Wednesday, October 19 at 7pm

## Lector Training

Thursday, October 13 at 7pm or Wednesday, October 19 at 7pm

## EME Training

Thursday, October 20 at 7pm or Thursday, October 27 at 7pm

## Altar Server Training

Saturday, October 8 AND Saturday, October 15

9-10:30am OR 10:30-12pm

*All training is at the Country Church*

## FALL INTERIOR AND GROUND CLEANING DATES

### Country Church

Grounds Clean - Up  
Saturday, October 1  
8am - noon

Interior Cleaning  
Saturday, October 22  
9am - noon

### Village Church

Grounds Clean - Up  
Saturday, October 15  
8am - noon

Interior Cleaning  
Saturday, November 12  
9am - noon

### Cemetery

Grounds Clean - Up  
Saturday, October 22  
8am - noon

## Blessing of the Pets

Saturday, October 1 at 9am

Steps of the Village Church ~ pets of all sizes are welcome!



# St. Joseph Parish Family Events Committee



**November 19, 2022**

Pizza and board games after 5pm  
Mass in the Gathering Space.



**January 21, 2023**

Winter Wonderland Night after 5pm  
Mass on the Country Church grounds.  
We will be outside for the evening (weather permitting).



**February 25, 2023**

Mom and Son Bowling Night - time  
and location to be determined.

**No March Event**



**April 8, 2023**

Easter Egg Hunt at the Festival  
grounds at 12:30pm

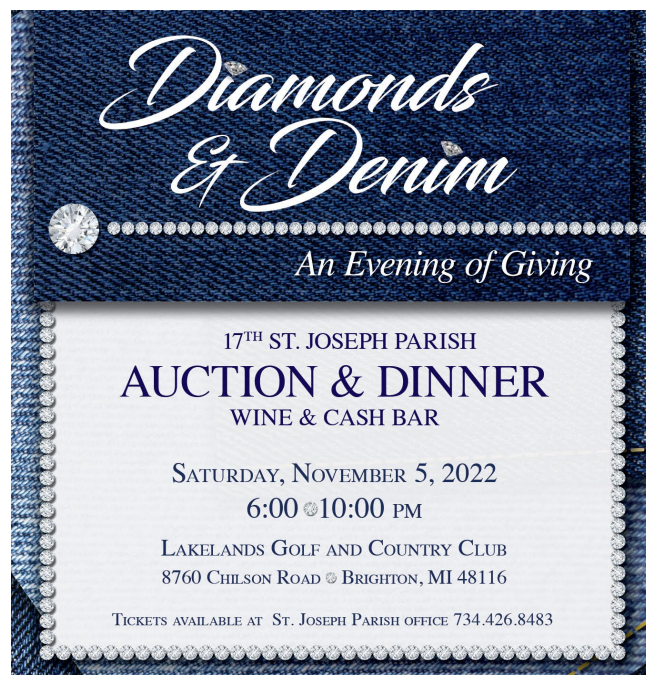


**June 17, 2023**

Dad Event - time to be determined

Watch the bulletin, future Chips and Sawdust, the weekly email update and notices in the Gathering Space for more details as the time for each event draws close.

## St. Joseph Parish Annual Silent Auction



**Tickets are \$60 each**

**or**

**A table for 8 for \$420**

Tickets are available in the gathering space after Masses, in the parish office, and online.

We are still accepting donation baskets, items that can be auctioned off as single items, and gift certificates for services. Donations are due by October 30

Volunteers are needed to help set up the day of the event.

For more information, please contact:  
Marinell High, [marinell\\_high@stjos.com](mailto:marinell_high@stjos.com)  
Liz Neil, [liz\\_neil@stjos.com](mailto:liz_neil@stjos.com)



## MUSTARD SEED HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

### 2022

**October 2** Leadership Team meeting  
**October 2** Mustard Seed meeting  
**October 9** Mustard Seed meeting  
**October 16** Mustard Seed meeting  
**October 23** No Mustard Seed meeting  
**October 30** Mustard Seed meeting  
**November 6** Leadership Team meeting  
**November 6** Mustard Seed meeting  
**November 13** Mustard Seed meeting  
**November 20** Mustard Seed meeting (Annual Thanksgiving Dinner)  
**November 27** No Mustard Seed meeting (Thanksgiving Weekend)  
**December 4** Leadership Team meeting  
**December 4** Mustard Seed meeting (Annual White Elephant Party)  
**December 11** Mustard Seed meeting (sorting food for Dexter Family Services)  
**December 18** No Mustard Seed meeting  
**December 25** No Mustard Seed meeting

Mustard Seed High School Youth Group meets on Sundays from 6-8PM in the Parish Center Loft | 3430 Dover St.

Text  
**STJOSMUSTARDSEED**  
to 84576

*The Leadership Team meets on the Sundays in italics from 4:30-5:45 PM.*

## DON DALGLEISH

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## MORE INFORMATION

<https://stjos.com/youth-faith-formation/high-school-youth-group/>

## God Squad (6-8 grade Youth Group) Schedule and Activities 2022/2023

**Sunday  
October  
9**

Annual Holy Fire  
Conference Great Lakes at  
Huntington Place in Detroit



**Sunday  
November  
6**

Parish Center , 3430  
Dover St, from 2-3:30pm  
for activities and games -  
we will meet in the Loft.



**Sunday  
December  
4**

Parish Center , 3430  
Dover St, from 2-3:30pm  
for activities and games -  
we will meet in the Loft.



**Sunday  
January  
20**

Airborne Trampoline  
outing - time to be  
determined



**Sunday  
February  
26**

Parish Center , 3430  
Dover St, from 2-3:30pm  
for activities and games -  
we will meet in the Loft.



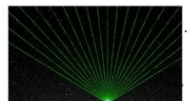
**Sunday  
March  
12**

Parish Center , 3430  
Dover St, from 2-3:30pm  
for activities and games -  
we will meet in the Loft.



**Sunday  
April  
23**

Laser Tag 2-4pm -  
location to be  
determined



**Sunday  
May  
21**

Parish Center , 3430  
Dover St, from 2-3:30pm  
for activities and games -  
we will meet in the Loft.



If you have any questions or concerns, please  
contact Don Dalgleish  
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### Giving Garden Fall Summary

The Giving Garden has been growing strong this summer. So far this season, garden volunteers have contributed over 100 hours of gardening and have donated over 970 pounds of fresh produce to Faith in Action for distribution to our neighbors in need.

The next Giving Garden meeting is Tuesday, October 18, at 7 pm in Mary's Room. Please feel free to come and see how your green thumb can benefit the garden and our neighbors in need.

## Troop 456 News



The service project for this period consisted of working at the Parish Festival. Scouts and parents spent the Sunday afternoon working with other festival volunteers to break down the tents and other temporary facilities used as well as general cleanup at the Festival. The Troop also had a contingent of scouts and scouters participating at the Dexter Memorial Day parade.

The site selected for the troop's summer encampment was Camp Lakota in Ohio.

Camp Lakota is very quiet and it is not near any highway. It is over 600 acre in size and features a 40 acre Lake, Lake Glengary. Camp Lakota is the same camp that Neil Armstrong went to as a scout and was even on camp staff. Camp Lakota features nice shower houses, beach boat docks, Meecheway Lodge (dining hall), climbing tower, and COPE. (COPE—Challenging Outdoor Personal Experiences—is a Scouting program that includes group initiative games, trust events, and challenges that reach from the ground to the sky). One of the more desirable features of the camp is that it is more "rustic" in nature. The Troop had 11 scouts in attendance and they earned 30 merit badges.

If you are interested in joining the troop as a Scout or Adult volunteer contact Ron Carpinella (Charter Org. Representative) 734 426 5734 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://dextertroop456.org)**





## Christmas Cookie Market

Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

St. Joseph Parish Center

3430 Dover (at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> & Dover)

*Sponsored by St. Joseph Parish Life Commission*

### CALLING ALL BAKERS!

We need your delicious family favorites to make our Christmas Cookie Market a great success! Please join us in providing a little Christmas Cheer to the Dexter Community by baking 4 dozen cookies and donating them to our event.

Email us at [healrevel@gmail.com](mailto:healrevel@gmail.com) or go to our website [www.stjos.com](http://www.stjos.com) and clicking on the link provided to register your donation.



**Cookies will be sold by the pound and presented to you in a festive, holiday container suitable for gift giving right out of our doors!**

*The Girl Scouts will be holding their Holiday Bazaar at the St. Joseph Parish Center in conjunction with our Cookie Market.*



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## Partnership Council



During the month of October St. Mary, Chelsea and St. Joseph, Dexter will both support Faith in Action with a **fill the bag Competition for a Cause**. Faith in Action is a community funded assistance and resource center with locations in both Chelsea and Dexter. Each parish will collect needed items for Faith in Action and every week will count the "bags" and post it in our bulletins. At the end of the month we will see who collected more bags ~ in the end Faith in Action will be the biggest winner!

### Here is a list of needed items for the Dexter Faith In Action Collection

Juice (from the shelf)  
Coffee  
Cereal  
Hamburger Helper  
Mayonnaise  
Salad Dressing  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Canned Meats  
Cleaning Supplies  
Dish & Laundry Soap  
Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes

## Dear St. Joseph Parish...

September 2022

I want to thank our beautiful St. Joseph Parish family for your support and prayer as we continue to mourn the loss of my father, William Miller. His sudden death in July shocked us and has brought us into a new experience of grief. Your kind words of sympathy, notes, meals, gifts, hugs and incredible kindness has brought us such strength. We ask for your continued prayer, as that is what is sustaining us in this very difficult time in our family. Know that we appreciate you all so much and feel blessed to be a part of such a caring parish who shows the love of Christ in word and deed.

Michelle Hochrein and Family

*Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you: Pray that I may have the grace to let me be your servant, too.*

September 1, 2022

Wow! Thank you all so much for your incredibly generous donation to the **St. John Vianney/ Angel's Outreach Ministry**. We are so grateful for your generosity. The money will be used for our annual Christmas Party in which every child in attendance receives a gift.

Sincerely,

Deacon Anthony & Susan Verdun

August 29, 2022

Thank you so much for your generous gift to **Catholic Social Services**. Your gift allows us to continue our mission of providing compassionate and comprehensive services for those in our community who are in real need.

Peg Bravo, President and CEO

September 1, 2022

Thank you for your recent gift to **Faith in Action**. Our work in the Dexter/Chelsea community would not be possible without your support.

Sheri Montoye, Director



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.*

*Leanna Delhey  
Abigail*

*Kip Montgomery & Anne Mondro  
Hope*

*Philip & Carla Thisse  
Caden and Caleb*

*Ryan & Miranda Frye  
Cayden and Lucas*

*Jacob & Megan Joseph  
Sebastian*

*Adam & Alison Love  
Ava and Eloise*

*Greg & Mary Economou  
Alexandria*

### Baptized into the Family of God

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

*Rose Dorothea Neaton  
Daughter of Kevin & Alisa (Tawil) Neaton*

*Grace Marie Hood  
Daughter of Christopher & Erin (McCann) Hood*

*Grant Michael Kelly  
Son of Steve & Emily (Lockery) Kelly*

*James Patrick Kelly  
Son of Steve & Emily (Lockery) Kelly*

*Harper Katherine Whitehead  
Daughter of Brad & Jayma (Hollenbeck) Whitehead*

*Alexander Myles Benson  
Geoffrey & Xyrel (Nahil) Benson*

### 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.*

*Stella Sophie Glassford*

*Alice Marie Blackberry McGinn Lirette*

*Margaret Ann Swisher*

*Gerald Morrison*

## Faith in Action

Some ideas for you to show your gratitude in action

- Write a list of all the things you are thankful for
- Thank you cards are a nice way to show your gratitude
- We give thanks to God by helping others
- When you are upset, remember what you are thankful for
- Give thanks for the food you eat everyday
- Say thank you if someone helps you

Psalm 100:1-5

*start  
each day  
with a  
grateful  
heart*



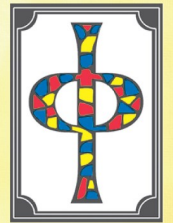
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