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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: 3:30–4:30pm or by appointment

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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

Advent A Time of Anticipation

As we begin the last month of the year, we find ourselves as a Catholic community preparing for the birth of Jesus. He comes as an innocent child. We call him Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, God with us, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Lord of Lords, Good Shepherd, Messiah, Teacher, Savior of the World. All these names give meaning and purpose to his life. They also remind us of his mission and purpose to call us to a Holy Way of Life. Ultimately to a life of LOVE.

As we begin these special days of prayer and anticipation, let us pray with joy and thanksgiving for the coming of our Savior, who comes to touch hearts, change lives, bring healing, and to teach us peace.

Advent Calendar

The list of our activities for this Holy Time of Anticipation is listed on the following page. Let us use this time to pray in thanksgiving, seek reconciliation, give to the less fortunate, and prepare our hearts for God's gift of LOVE.

Shalom, Fr. Brendan J. Walsh

Pastoral Council Notes

Tis the Season to be Merry! A time for contemplation on the Lord our God and the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of God. Jesus reminds us in Matthew's gospel "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body what you will wear. Is not your life more than food and the body more than clothes? look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly father feeds them. Are you not more important than they?" (Matthew 6:25-26)

The Advent Season

Meaning 'Coming' in Latin; Advent is used by Christians all over the world take the time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, and to prepare ourselves for the three arrivals of Jesus Christ.

Christmas

We Catholics and Christians all over the world celebrate Christmas in celebration of the birth of Christ. We spend Christmas with loved ones, are mindful of those less fortunate, and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

The Day After Christmas

As Catholics we venerate and pay our respects to the Saints. For the Catholic Church, December 26th is used to celebrate the Feast of Saint Stephen. Saint Stephen is the first Martyr of the Catholic Church, and is honored in mass, and feasts are held in his name.

The 12 Days of Christmas

Unlike non-Christians who tend to limit their Christmas celebrations to only December 25th, we Catholics continue to celebrate Christmas for another 11 days ending on the evening of January 5th.

The Epiphany – King's Day

The Epiphany is a festival that celebrates the arrival of the three wise men, the Baptism of Jesus Christ, and the revelation that Christ is God incarnate.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

O Lord, your Baptism shows us that you are not remote. You are at our side. You know sin but are not a sinner. Give us the grace to renew our baptism through a frequent reception of confession and the Holy Eucharist. By receiving one, we strengthen the others. By receiving You, we receive God Himself.

A complete listing of all the parish events during Advent and Christmas can be found on the following page. May you have a Blessed Christmas and New Year and trust always in the providence of God.

Reyne Meah, Pastoral Council

Advent Schedule

Christmas Cookie Market & Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, December 3, 9am-2pm, Parish Center

Giving Tree Gifts
due Sunday, December 4

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
Thursday, December 8
8:15am — Mass — Village Church
7pm — Mass — Country Church

Anointing of the Sick
December 10 & 11 after each Mass

Ladies Advent Tea
Tuesday, December 6, 7pm — Country Church

Advent Reconciliation
Communal Reconciliation

Monday, December 12, 7pm — St. Andrew, Saline

Tuesday, December 13, 7pm — St. Joseph, Dexter

Wednesday, December 14, 7pm — St. Mary, Chelsea

Thursday, December 15, 7pm — St. Mary, Manchester

Individual Reconciliation

Each Saturday during Advent 3:30 — 4:30pm — Country Church

Saturday, December 17, 10am — 11am, Village Church

Wednesday, December 21, 7 — 8pm, Village Church

Thursday, December 22, 12 — 1pm, Village Church

Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Eve - December 24

4:30pm — Mass — Country Church

7:30pm — Mass — Country Church

(Christmas Carol sing-a-long at 10:30pm)

11pm — Mass — Country Church

Christmas Day - December 25

10am — Mass — Country Church

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31 at 5pm — Country Church

January 1 — 9am and 11am

Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas on
Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26.

The office will be closed on December 31 at noon and
Monday, January 2.



The Caritas Committee chose The Bread of Life Food Pantry in Baldwin, MI as our focus charity for the October 2022 collection. St. Anne's Parish in Baldwin helps to alleviate hunger in their community by operating the food pantry that provides approximately three meals per week for 120-130 families. They have provided food for 2,360 families, 8,000 people, between January and May of this year. This is a Choice emergency food pantry that is open one day a week and provides 3 to 4 days of food per family. The families are able to choose food based on their family's needs. A big thank you to our generous parishioners for helping feed so many in need this fall. Because of your generosity, we were able to send Bread of Life \$2,265, Dexter Family Life Services \$1,887.14, Catholic Social Services \$2,642.01, St. Luke N.E.W Life Center \$754.86.

Pregnancy Help Clinic and the Mobile Medical Clinic in Brighton is the selected Caritas focus recipient for the January 2023 Caritas collection. Women facing an unexpected pregnancy are often under stress and seek an immediate solution, however, many feel that an abortion is their only solution. This is where mobile medical clinics come in. The mobile clinic will provide free pregnancy testing, prenatal ultrasound, and other services to help women/couples make a sound decision surrounded by caring medical professionals. This is an amazing and unique opportunity to deliver support, education, and hope where it is needed most; providing options to women who feel they have no choice. The mobile unit will be in use at Michigan State and University of Michigan campuses.

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.

Music Ministry

The Advent and Christmas seasons are rich in beautiful music and have a warm place in our hearts as we reflect on family and religious traditions. To counteract the drone of a small playlist of secular Christmas music that hits the airwaves on local commercial radio stations, I try to fill our home with Christian music by finding those albums and playlists on Apple Music, Amazon Music and YouTube.

Here are my favorites:

Advent:

Look for these hymn and song tunes that draw your family into preparing and waiting in hope for Christ's coming.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
 O Come Divine Messiah
 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
 Ave Maria
 Come Thou Fount
 Gabriel's Message
 People, Look East
 A Voice Cries Out
 The Angel Gabriel
 My Soul in Stillness Waits
 Messiah - Handel - Advent portion
 Great Antiphons of Advent (O Antiphons)
 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
 Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer



*Sounds
of the
Season*

Christmas:

Messiah - Handel - Christmas portion
 Albums - Holy Night: A Choral Christmas; Classic Christmas Carols
 Amazon Playlists: Holiday Classical
 Apple Music: Classical Christmas (Deutsche Grammophon), Classical Christmas Voices,
 Modern Catholic Music
The Advent of Christmas - Matt Maher
Peace on Earth - Casting Crowns
 Adore Christmas Songs of Worship - Chris Tomlin

Look for more specific examples to come through our weekly email.

Steve Hinz, Director of Music & Liturgy

First Reconciliation Retreat

The children of our parish preparing for their First Reconciliation gathered together on Saturday morning, November 5th, for their very first retreat! We prayed, called on the Holy Spirit and did He ever show up! We had such a blessed time getting excited for their upcoming First Reconciliation! Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they anticipate receiving the mercy of God through this incredible sacrament!



YOUTH MINISTRY



High School Youth Group

December 4	4:30-5:45PM Leadership Team meeting 6-8PM Mustard Seed meeting (Annual White Elephant Party)
December 11	Mustard Seed meeting (sorting food for Dexter Family Services)
December 18	NO Mustard Seed meetings
December 25	NO Mustard Seed meetings
2023	
January 1	No Mustard Seed Meeting
January 8	4:30-5:45 Leadership Team meeting 6-8PM Mustard Seed meeting
January 15	6-8PM Mustard Seed meeting
January 22	6-8PM Mustard Seed meeting
January 28	Confirmation Retreat
January 29	NO Mustard Seed Meeting

Confirmation News



December 4	Class (Chapter 6. Relationships)
December 11	Class (Chapter 7, The Eucharist) Sort Food for Dexter Family Services (Parish Center 6-8pm)
December 18	No Class
December 24	Luminary set at 5:00pm and pick up after 11pm Mass at midnight .
December 25	No Class
January 1	No Class
January 8	Class (Chapter 8, The Holy Spirit)
January 15	Class (Chapter 9, The Church)
January 22	Class with sponsor/mentor (The Mass part 2)
January 28	Confirmation Retreat at the Parish Center (all day)
January 29	No Class



6-8th Grade Youth Group

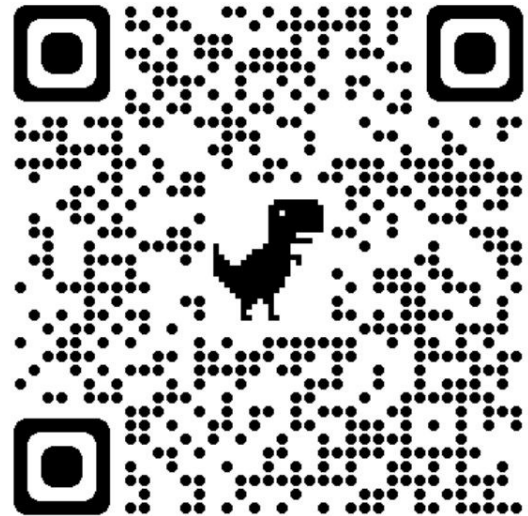
Sunday, December 4 2-3:30pm Activities and Games in the Parish Center. We will meet in the Loft
Friday, January 20 Airborne Trampoline outing. Time TBA. Look for sign up genius in email, religious ed sessions or on our website at www.stjos.com.

Ladies

ADVENT TEA

Tuesday, December 6
7PM

Country Church
To register, sign up
using QR code



Children's Dramatization of the Gospel

We are so excited to present the Christmas Story to our parish families again this year! Your child might like to be an animal in the story, one of the shepherds, soldiers, innkeepers or angels and we would love to have their participation! We will also be looking for a storyteller (5th or 6th grade) to narrate the story the other children will be presenting.

All the children of our parish from preschool through 6th grade are invited to take part in our Gospel dramatization on Christmas Eve right before the 4:30 Mass. We will practice our dramatization on the three Sundays before Christmas: December 4, 11, & 18 at 3:00 pm at the Country Church. Practice will be one hour in length each week. You can sign up to be one of the characters in the Christmas story using the QR code below.

Please call the Parish Office at 734-426-8483 if you have any questions.



Upcoming Days of Renewal

- ◆ **Building the Brotherhood of Christ (BBOC)** for the men of our parish and community: February 18, 2023 from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm at the Country Church
- ◆ **Growing in God (GIG)** for the women of our parish and community—March 11, 2023 from 8:30 am - 8:00 pm on the Village Campus
- ◆ **What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith** from Ascension Press.
 - ◇ Part 1 on January 14 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (lunch and snacks included)
 - ◇ Part 2 on February 4 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (lunch and snacks included)
 - ◇ This is a 10 part study that we are presenting as a two day workshop.
 - ◇ Dr. Marcelinno De'Ambroseo along with Dr. Andrew and Sarah Swafford will be the featured presenters on the video component.
 - ◇ Each participant will have a study guide as well.
 - ◇ The Cost of this two day study will be \$50 which will include food for both days and the study guide. You can register after all Masses on December 17 and January 7 in the Gathering Space after all Masses OR online at www.stjos.com.

Christmas Cookie Market

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

St. Joseph Parish Center

3430 Dover (at the corner of 3rd & 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 or go to our website 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.

Giving Garden 2022 Update



The St. Joseph Giving Garden 2022 had a very successful year. The vegetables outdid themselves in production and were able to feed many people through Faith in Action.

This growing season, over 140 volunteer hours were contributed to the garden with preparing the beds, planting, weeding, harvesting, and upkeep. The garden was able to produce 1176 pounds of produce which includes various tomato varieties, green beans, pole beans, cabbage, summer and zucchini squash, kale, swiss chard, cucumbers, broccoli, peppers, a variety of lettuces, beets, carrots, dill, flowers, and rhubarb.

As the growing season ended, the Giving Garden crew cleaned up the garden and planted several rows of garlic that will be harvested in the later spring months.

This year the Giving Garden was blessed with a new Bat House that was installed close to the garden. The bat house was an Eagle Scout project by Troop 456 and was a welcome addition to the garden area since bats are great deterrents in keeping those bad insects at bay.

The new hoop houses were made possible by a scholarship from The Dexter Garden Club. The hoop houses helped control pest damage to cabbage and broccoli plants which enabled us to produce more, healthy food to donate.

Finally, a big thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time, talent, and treasure to help feed those struggling in our community. Many hands make light work and the fellowship shared was a blessing. Anyone interested in helping in the garden during the next growing season should look for the Spring meeting which will be on April 18, 2023 at 7 pm.

Columbus Ladies Auxiliary 2023 RuMmAge Sale

Where: Columbus Hall & Banquet Center
8265 Dexter-Chelsea Rd. -Dexter

When: Feb 3-4 (Fri-Sat). 8:30 am – 6:00 pm
Feb 5 (Sun.) 10:0am – 2:00 pm

Donations accepted:

Jan 25-28 (Wed.-Sat.) 12:00 – 6:00 pm
Jan 29 (Sun) 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

NO Furniture, Computers, TVs, Child Car Seats
Large Exercise Equipment, Christmas Trees

Proceeds Benefit St. Louis Center &
His Eye is on the Sparrow



Troop 456 News



The service project for this period involved the participation in the fall cleanup at the country church. Scouts and Scouters were involved in spreading chips and general cleanup around the Disciple House. The major troop outing took place at Sleeping Bear Dunes on North Manitou Island. Activities during the campout centered on filling requirements for the Hiking, Cooking and Camping Merit Badges.



In addition to the merit badge theme there was a goal of having fun and building camaraderie with the new troop members. It was clear that these goals were met by the general demeanor of the scouts after the trip...they really enjoyed it. Planning for the new year was on the agenda of the Boy Leaders during an outing on Lake St. Clair in a 32 ft. sailboat. They sailed out of the Northstar Sail Club and spent time on Anchor Bay. The overnight was spent camping at the East Marina of the Club. Later on during this period, the troop was actively engaged in a mountain biking experience on the DTE trail in Chelsea, biking a 5.2 mile loop through the woods. 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)



ST. ANDREW
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Saline, MI is pleased to announce the great work being done by the Holy Spirit. In the fall of 2023 St. Andrew Catholic School will open a school for grades PreK-6 with the addition of 7th and 8th grades in the fall of 2024.

Mission and Vision

St. Andrew Catholic School, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and in partnership with families, seeks to build and deepen the Catholic faith of its students, while helping them to seek to know truth, beauty, and goodness. We will commit to foster community discipleship through love for God and of all his people.

The school will open in August 2023. Open enrollment for children outside of the parishes of St. Andrew, Saline, St. Mary, Manchester, and Immaculate Conception, Milan began in November 2022. For more information on the enrollment process or for enrollment forms, visit the school website at

<https://www.standrewsaline.org/enrollment>



Communicating the story of our Catholic faith and the active missions of our two parishes

The St. Mary & St. Joseph Partnership Council will evangelize our fellow parishioners to walk in community and personally encounter Jesus by providing opportunities to invigorate and grow in our faith. We will accomplish this mission by:

- Communicating the story of our Catholic faith and the active missions of our two parishes.
- Engaging parishioners in the good works of our parishes through active communications and personal invitations.
- Building family engagement and fellowship.
- Celebrating and leveraging a synergistic spirit between the two parishes.
- Recognizing and appreciating the historic generosity of our communities and harnessing the time, talent, and treasure of our parishioners.

St. Joseph, Dexter and St. Mary, Chelsea Corn Maze Outing October 23, 2022



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.

Catherine Krayner

Dominic & Megan Hayes

Frankie and Quinn

Michael & Mariah Toulouse

Alessandra and Henri

Sharon Betts

Rodney and Relea Sadler

Reese

Kethian & Elena Jordan

Matthew

Todd & Pamela Sexton

Thomas & Beverly Hardesty

Marriages

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

Jonathan Richard Kirbitz & Julia Marie Snider

Charles Richard Hughes & Patricia Amelia Dobbs

Steven Michael Tarske & Melanie Mary Queener

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Luca Abel Lane

Son of Robert & Giulia (Ippolito) Lane

Ellia Sofia Lane

Daughter of Robert & Giulia (Ippolito) Lane

Yates Edward Dauw

Son of Casey & Colleen (Andrews) Dauw

Bryce Arthur Hayes

Bryan & Whitney (Ronan) Hayes

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.*

Michaelina Cecelia Brown

Joan Theresa Starnal

John Nimitz Sr.

Angeline Marie Eder

Dear St. Joseph Parish...

September 8, 2022

We received your generous \$2,561 donation for the food pantry, and it means the world to us. Your ongoing support makes such a huge difference for the food pantry and allows us to serve so many in our community.

Warmest Regards,

Peg Bravo, RN, BSN, MA

President and CEO of Catholic Social Services

October 3, 2022

Thank you for your donation of \$2,176.

The seasons are changing, and our programs continue to provide stability and emergency help for the communities we serve. People arrive here each day in need of food or housing. More people than the community probably realize come to us for a warm shower and to run a load of laundry. There are many fragile people in our area, and thanks to your donation, we are prepared to help.

Thank you,

Sheri Montoya

Faith in Action

September 16, 2022

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$560 from your July Caritas collection. We believe your donation is a direct answer to prayer, and we are very grateful. Thank you for thing of us with your generosity.

Blessings of deep gratitude,

Sr. Carol Weber

Director, St. Luke N.E.W Life Center

September 19, 2022

Thank you so much for your very generous donation of \$1,700 to our Angels Outreach Ministry at St. John Vianney Parish. Your support is greatly appreciated by the parishioners and by the families in the downtown Flint area who are served by this wonderful ministry.

May God continue to bless your parish community and thank you again for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Fr. Thomas Firestone

Pastor, St. John Vianney Church

November 8, 2022

Thank you for your donation of \$6,581 to the Diocese of Venice for Hurricane Ian Relief. The compassionate kindness of the Faithful of St. Joseph Parish is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop Frank J. Dewane

Diocese of Venice Florida



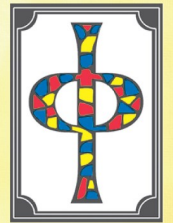
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"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart?

Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."

Mother Teresa

