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DEXTER, MI

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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: 3:30–4:30pm or by appointment

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Brendan Walsh	Pastor
Romolo Leone	Retired Deacon
Randy Desrochers	Deacon
Larry DeFord	Deacon
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Lisa Dobis	Finance
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Michelle Hochrein	Director of Religious Education
Steve Hinz	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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Parish Life
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Caritas
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

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Children's Liturgy of the Word
Bulletin and *Chips* Editor

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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

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Don Dalglish
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Steve Hinz
Don Dalglish
Marinell High
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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.

FR. BRENDAN'S BILLBOARD

A Time of Spiritual Renewal

Each year we as a Catholic community are called to use the 40 day of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal. The words of Jesus in scripture call us to **PRAY**, to **FAST**, to **GIVE ALMS**. This means in an intentional way we are invited and reminded to spend extra time in **PRAYER**. We get up early and sit in quiet. We take walks and talk to God. We add an extra daily Mass in our schedule to listen to and to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. We find a quiet place in our home to sit and read scripture or other spiritual readings to see God's grace and guidance. We seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We consider way to **FAST**, to **GO WITHOUT**, to skip dessert, no extra chocolate, no sweets, no drive thru coffees, no meat on Fridays. To go without is a way to sacrifice and to discipline ourselves. It is a way to practice keeping our minds in charge over the hunger of the body. To **GIVE ALMS** is an opportunity for us to share our financial resources to help those in most in need. To give in service, to give in sacrifice. To give gratitude for our blessings. To give with the awareness that sharing is a way to show love, to show compassion, to show care and concern for others who suffer.

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and giving. As we look to another 40 days to grow in holiness and grace. Let us use these days well to grow in faith.

On the following pages you will find information on our joint Lenten Mission with St. Mary in Chelsea and our Lenten schedule.

Phase II Status

We have presented 75% drawings to the Diocese of Lansing Building Committee and we have permission to continue. We have submitted site plans to the Webster Township for approval.

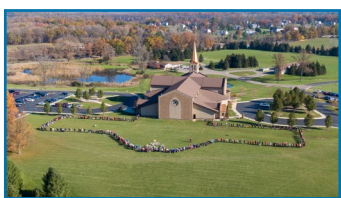
We will have to have a public hearing for special use permits. All parishioners are invited to attend the Webster Township meeting to voice your support. In particular, those who live in Webster township will be invited to attend. Date and time to be announced. Soon we will be seeking bids for the project.

Festival Preparations

As we begin a new year we start once again planning for our Summer Festival. This community building event is about our Faith, our Friendship, and our enjoyment of each other's company. It is an opportunity to witness our faith to our friends and neighbors. Our Festival will be July 21, 22, & 23. Mark your calendars. Pray and consider helping us with your time and talent. Please pray for a safe and successful event.

Shalom, Fr. Brendan J. Walsh

Notes from Pastoral Council



As Lent draws near, the observance of Easter in anticipation of Ascension and Pentecost is upon us. As Catholics it is a time when we ready ourselves through the foundational act of our religion; prayer, fasting and giving. These acts of penance change us in relation to ourselves, change us in our relationship with God and change us in our relationship with others.

The Church professes this mystery of prayer in the Apostles' Creed and celebrates it in the participation of the faithful in the word of God in the sacramental liturgy, so that the life of the faithful may be conformed to Christ in the Holy Spirit to the glory of God the Father.

This mystery requires that the faithful believe in it, that they celebrate it, and that they live

from it in a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God.

Practicing fasting and abstinence ensures the times of asceticism and penance fully prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart.

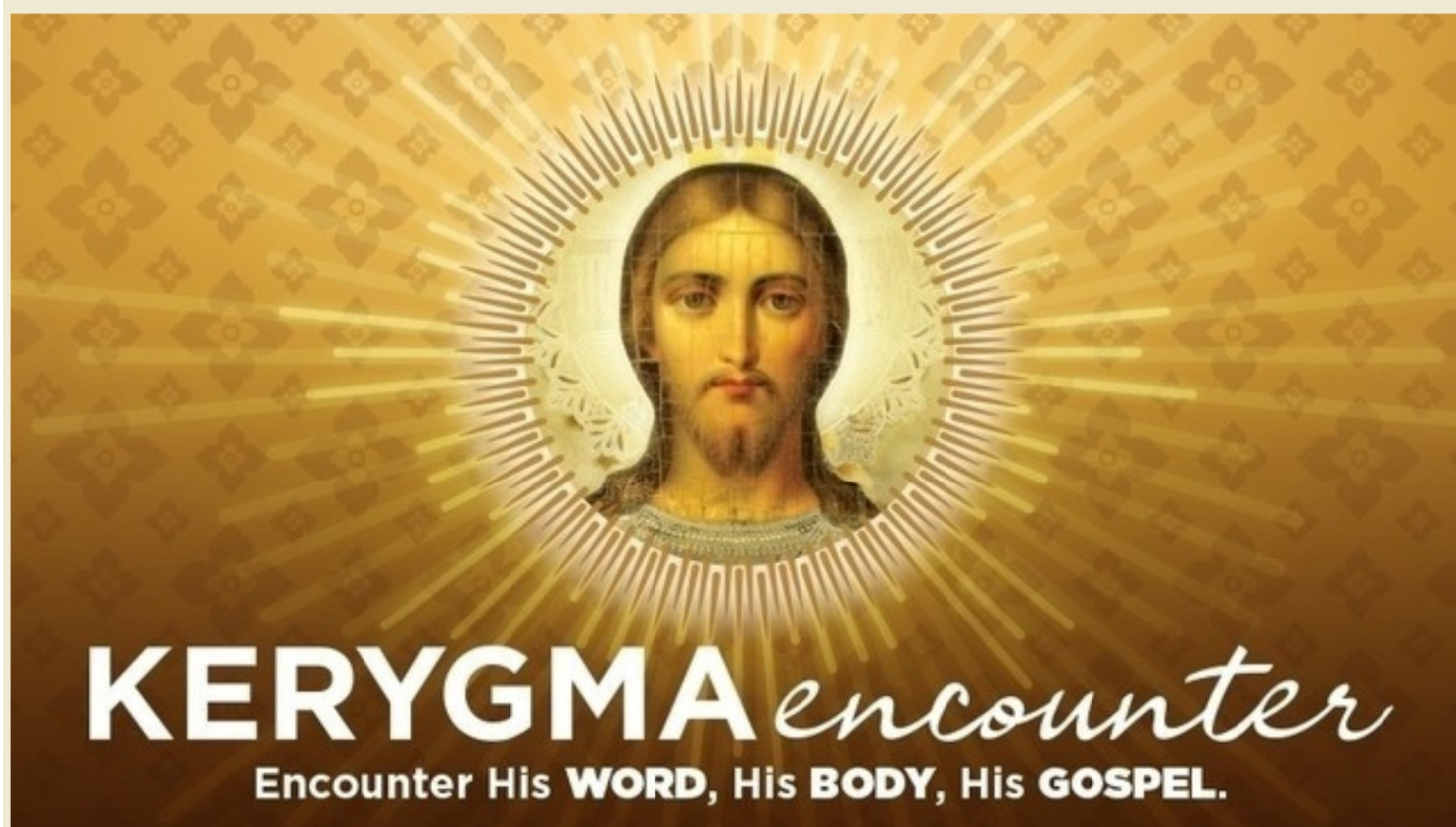
Works of charitable acts by which we come to the aid of others, be it a family member, a neighbor, a person in our community or those far from our community that we do not know. Listening, consoling, comforting are works of mercy, as are empathy and bearing wrongs patiently. Acts of giving that address the physical and material necessities of others are of the highest importance. Take care to see that the hungry are fed, the homeless have shelter, naked are clothed, and sick and imprisoned are not alone.

The Season of Lent is a particularly appropriate time for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works).

As Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 6:9; And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

As past generations in Dexter committed in 1840 to build St. Joseph church to create a family that gathers to foster the spiritual fellowship, so to have those today accepted the opportunity to commit to building for the future Dexter's Saint Joseph Church family. Saint Paul speaks to us of a *kairós*, as an opportune and decisive moment for sowing goodness in view of a future harvest. Pope Francis speaks to us in his words, "What is this "opportune time" for us? Lent is certainly such an opportune time, but so is our entire existence, of which Lent is in some way an image.

God Bless, Clay Cramer, Pastoral Council member



A Joint Parish Mission St. Mary and St. Joseph
Exploring the Kerygma:
A Personal Encounter with Jesus

Sunday, March 5 at St. Joseph, Country Church
Monday, March 6 at St. Mary, Chelsea
Tuesday, March 7 at St. Joseph, Country Church
all nights begin at 7pm

Presented by Tim Carpenter & Monica Pope
Kerygma is Greek for "the gospel" or "the good news"

Childcare will be provided each night



Reconciliation will be available at 3:30pm on all Saturdays during Lent

Ash Wednesday, February 22	Mass and distribution of Ashes 8:15am Village Church and 7:00pm Country Church Service with Ashes at 12:15pm in the Village Church Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm Lenten Collection - Paper Products for Catholic Social Services Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm Lenten Collection - Personal Care Products for Catholic Social Services Joint Lenten Mission with St. Mary Chelsea—The Kerygma Encounter <i>Sunday and Tuesday at St. Joseph—Monday at St. Mary, Chelsea—7pm each night</i> Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm Growing in God—Ladies Retreat Day—8am, Parish Center Lenten Collection - Dry Goods for Catholic Social Services Communal Reconciliation Service, St. Andrew, Saline, 7:00pm Communal Reconciliation Service, St. Joseph Country Church, 7:00pm Communal Reconciliation Service, St. Mary, Chelsea, 7:00pm Communal Reconciliation Service, St. Mary, Manchester, 7:00pm Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm Lenten Collection - Canned Goods for Catholic Social Services Anointing of the Sick after all Masses Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm Lenten Collection—Cleaning Products for Catholic Social Services Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm Individual Reconciliation, Village Church, 10-11am Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Country Church, 5:00pm, 9:00am & 11:00am Individual Reconciliation, Village Church, 12noon—1pm Individual Reconciliation, Village Church, 7-8pm
Friday, February 24	
February 25/26	
Friday, March 3	
March 4/5	
March 5, 6 & 7	
Friday, March 10	
Saturday, March 11	
March 11/12	
Monday, March 13	
Tuesday, March 14	
Wednesday, March 15	
Thursday, March 16	
Friday, March 17	
March 18/19	
Friday, March 24	
March 25/26	
Friday, March 31	
Saturday, April 1	
April 1/2	
Tuesday, April 4	
Wednesday, April 5	

HOLY WEEK

Thursday, April 6	Mass of the Lord's Supper, Country Church, 7:00pm Prayer in the Garden of Repose, Country Church, 8:30pm-11:00pm Dexter Ecumenical Good Friday Service 12:15pm, St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, 7610 Ann Arbor St. Dexter Catholic Prayer of the Lord's Passion, Country Church, 7:00pm Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Parish Family Life & the Dexter Knight of Columbus 12:30pm Village Church Campus Blessing of Easter Food Baskets, Country Church, 1:00pm Easter Vigil, Country Church, 8:00pm Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Country Church, 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
Friday, April 7	
Saturday, April 8	
Sunday, April 9	

BUILDING the BROTHERHOOD OF CHRIST

Let the New Year be a time of positive change in your life through your relationship with God. Join other men of our parish and community on Saturday, February 18, 2023 and start down the road to a better life! Our day will take place at the Country Church where we will begin at 8:15 am with a light breakfast followed by the morning schedule, a great lunch, an afternoon of faith and finally the celebration of Mass with our community.

The name of our group, "Building the Brotherhood of Christ," says it all. We are men building relationships with each other and with Jesus Christ. The day is just the start of it all!

Throughout the day, men in the sponsoring group give witness about their struggles, successes, and growth in their relationship with God. Those men who attend the day may choose to discuss each witness, take time to pray, and celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist or they may choose to spend the day listening. Either way the day will end with new-made friends and a closer sense of God in your life!

Let February be the month when you take the time to clear your calendar for the day, join the BBOC Team and see if you don't feel a difference in your life!

Oh, just one last thing...**It's free.** Call the parish office at 734-426-8483 or contact John Goff at johnhoff52@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up.



GROWING in GOD – A One-Day Women's Retreat

Are you looking for a way to deepen your spiritual connection with God? Would you like to form friendships with other women in the parish? Perhaps you would just like to be pampered both physically and spiritually for one day – a Saturday away from the chores, kids, husband, and television! On Saturday, March 11, 2023 we will be hosting the Annual Growing in God Women's Retreat at the St. Joseph Parish Center in Dexter from 8 am to 8:30 pm. We will start with breakfast – a wonderful meal prepared by women of the parish and served with love. Breakfast will be followed by spiritually enriching events such as faith sharing stories by the Presenting Team, group activities, Mass, and the opportunity for Reconciliation. The day will conclude with a lovely dinner, which will be a time to relax and chat with the new friends you've made. This day of spiritual reflection and growth will result in many new friendships and a much deeper relationship with God! Please consider joining us – it may be the best spiritual decision you have ever made! If you have questions, or would like to chat about this exciting event, please contact Marilyn Dehring at marilynd3304@gmail.com or Marinell High at marinell_high@stjos.com or 734-426-8483. We hope to see you on March 11th!

PRAYERS FOR THOSE ON THE RCIA JOURNEY

Please keep our newest Catechumen and Candidates, Leslie Shannon, Diane Henry and Chuck Hughes in your prayers as they enter the last months of their preparation and formation to become full members of our Catholic Faith. They are being dismissed from 11:00 Mass each week to study the Scriptures more closely and discover how to make those Scriptures come alive in their lives. They follow that time with our RCIA session where they take part in faith conversations, form a community with each other and our parishioners who serve on the RCIA team and learn Catholic Doctrine and Tradition.



THE BIBLE and the VIRGIN MARY

Located at St. Joseph Parish Center
 Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m. – February 8 to May 10 or
 Thursdays 9-10:30 a.m. – February 9 to May 11
 Study Book + Streaming Video Access \$30
 Supplemental Book \$10 (Optional)
 Morning daycare provided.
 Open to all ages 18 and over.



The Bible and the Virgin Mary, part of the St. Paul Center's Journey Through Scripture series, unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. Twelve visually stunning lessons convey the beauty of the doctrine

and devotions surrounding Mary, bringing them to life in a powerful, new way. Key learnings include: Mary as the New Eve and the Ark of the New Covenant; Marian Apparitions and the Rosary; and Mary's Immaculate Conception, Assumption and Crowning as Queen of Heaven.

Based on Scott Hahn's **Hail, Holy Queen** and presented by dynamic speaker Matthew Leonard, this study has something for everyone from the newly confirmed to the fully engaged cradle Catholic.

By the end of **The Bible and the Virgin Mary**, you will understand why Catholics honor Mary as the human person who most perfectly conforms to the image of God. She is an icon of what we are to become.

Questions? Call/email/text:

Denise Muir 517-861-6390 dsmuir@chartermi.net or
 Maggie Hansma 313-815-6450 maggaloots@aol.com



The music ministry program is steadily growing. We would like to invite you to come and join us! A couple of months back, we told you of the specific need we had in the bell choir. You immediately filled our needs there. Now, two of our ensembles need you.

- * The Saint Joseph Choir that leads music at the 11 o'clock Mass and rehearses and Thursday nights needs 20 more sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses to reach our target goal of 40 singers.
- * The newly named Rejoice Anew!, which leads music at the 5 PM Mass and rehearses on Wednesday nights needs 16 more singers, and a team of guitarists, bass players, and drum kit players.

Again, we would love to see you in our music ministry program. "Come, hide your voice in the choir" we're glad to help you find musical success. Simply come to the country church at 7 PM on Wednesday or Thursday nights to check it out or contact Steve Hinz, steve_hinz@stjos.com, with any questions or for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth Group



February 5—4:30-5:45pm Leadership Team meeting
6-8pm Mustard Seed meeting

February 13—Mustard Seed youth group activity is Super Bowling. This is an annual event and we will be bringing back the trophy for the highest series and pin to record your series. There will be door prizes, pop and snacks. All for \$10 per person. Friends are invited. The Super Bowl game will be on as well. We will meet at 5:45 and go till 8pm which is usually half time. Watch your email for location information.



February 19—NO Mustard Seed meeting (Presidents weekend)

February 26—Mustard Seed meeting

March 5—4:30-5:45 PM Leadership Team meeting
6-8pm Mustard Seed meeting

March 12—Mustard Seed meeting

March 19—Mustard Seed meeting

March 26—No Mustard Seed meeting (Spring Break)

GOD SQUAD

**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 Dalglish
734.426.2674 | don_dalglish@stjos.com

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Below are some questions used by Loyola Press in its adaptive sacramental preparation kit to help children with going to confession.



Do I love God first?
Do I love my family?
Do I love myself?
Do I love my neighbor?

Do I listen to my parents?
Do I listen to my teacher?
Am I good at church?
Do I share?

Do I help people?
Do I take care of
my things?
Do I say nice
things?
Do I tell the truth?

Can I pray more?
Am I like Jesus?
Do I forgive others?
Do I say I'm sorry?
Do I want to do better?



Confirmation News

February 5 Confirmation Class (Chapter 10, Confirmation)

February 12 Confirmation Class with sponsor/mentor
(The Mass part 3)

February 19 No Class

February 26 Confirmation Class (Chapter 11, Made for Mission)

March 5 Confirmation Class (Chapter 12, Holiness is Possible)

March 19 Confirmation Class with sponsor/mentor
(The Mass part 4) & (Letter to the Bishop and Confirmation name paper **are due**)

March 26 No Class (Spring Break)



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Spirit Weekend Spaghetti Dinner



Saturday, March 18 | 6-8PM



Parish Center, 3430 Dover St

Don't miss it!!



Snow was on the ground and hot chocolate was in our mugs when more than 40 parishioners accepted leadership positions to guide this year's St Joseph Parish summer fun Festival.

The first Festival planning meeting was held during mid-January. Festival chairpersons are asking us to **add FLEA MARKET sales dates of June 22 through 24, and FESTIVAL dates of July 21 through 23 to our calendars.**

This year's Festival will feature an Encore performance, and the Flea Market, Mass under the Big Tent, games and entertainment for children and teens, athletic challenges, our Classic Car Show, Big Tent entertainment, the K of C Chicken Dinner and a large raffle.

Fellowship is a hallmark of our Festival. Everyone is invited to come join the party as we grow the Festival back to our warm and welcoming pre-pandemic level of community engagement. A few Festival area chairperson positions are still available. Contact co-chairmen Doug Koepsell (734-260-0961) or Ken Sample (734-369-8044) to secure one of these highly valued remaining Festival leadership opportunities.



Family Event Committee

We would love to have you join us in making plans for a monthly gathering of some sort for the families of our parish! Our goal is to spend time with one another in a fun way that gives support to families and to our Faith. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact the Parish Office at 734-426-8483 and let us know!

The Chosen



Unable to watch at home? Come watch it in the parish center with others. We will start at the beginning with Season 1. We will play an episode a week both on Tuesday mornings at 9am and Thursdays at noon beginning February 21 and 23. No need to sign up, just come and watch, stay for a discussion afterwards if your schedule permits.



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.

Edward and Janet Harden
Blaine and Lisa-Marie Bingham
Shannon and Phillip
Matthew & Susanne Cusick
Grace and Andrew
Charlie & Beth Williams
Giovanni D'Agostino & Ashley MacBrien
Craig & Nancy MacBrien
Gina DiCiuccio
Donald and Pamela Iuppa
Richard and Tricia Hampo
Michael Schiller and Ashley McDermott

BAPTIZED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD

YOU ARE GOD'S WORK OF ART,
CREATED IN JESUS THE CHRIST.

Matthew Wilhelm Ruhland
Son of Philipp & Lisa (Moss) Ruhland
Mila Ann Cardenas
Daughter of Kenneth & Kathryn (Murphy) Cardenas
Porter Eugene Cappel
Son of Eric & Elizabeth (Guzik) Berghlands-Cappos
Madeleine Marie Cappel
Daughter of Michael & Lianne (Chan) Berghlands-Cappos
Oliver Hans Lovett
Son of Matthew & Katherine (Guzik) Lovett
Paul Steven Hibbs II
Son of Steve & Karen Hibbs

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.

Helen Niles
Wanda Maire Pagano
Marcia Marie Latocki- Vaillancourt
Steven H. Trinkle

Not all of us
can do *great* things
but we can do
small things with
great love.

Mother Teresa

Troop 456 News



The Troop service project for this period consisted of working with parishioners to setup and take down the Christmas decorations. All the scouts and the scouters really enjoyed the pizza and donuts that were offered. The principal theme of the scouting meetings this period was working on the requirements for the Movie Making merit badge. For this Merit Badge the scouts had to demonstrate the proper elements of a good motion picture. These elements include visual storytelling, rhythm, the 180-axis rule, camera movement, framing and composition of camera shots, and lens selection. Another requirement was to visit a TV studio and produce a video. The troop visited the CTN TV station and produced a video of their visit which will be aired on

local TV and the CTN You Tube channel. The link for viewing the video is <https://youtu.be/OYNgJYHA03o>. Currently, the troop is planning a winter outing for President's Day Weekend. The plan is to head up to Eagle Village (Hersey, MI) to enjoy some sledding and on the next day, the troop will be skiing at Caberfae Peaks (Cadillac, MI). Caberfae Peaks Ski resort boasts Michigan's highest lift served peaks and some of the state's biggest vertical drops.

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)

Dear St. Joseph Parish...

December 2022

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Social Services Food Pantry and for your generous support from your Christmas Giving Tree program. It takes the commitment of many to help families in poverty to enhance their quality of life. Your support is what makes this possible.

Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw

December 2022

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$754.85 to St. Luke N.E.W Life Center from your Caritas collection. This will allow us to help families purchase toys, clothing, socks, underwear, hats, mittens, and books for children on Christmas.

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

December 2022

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$1,013 to St. John Vianney Catholic School. Your support is appreciated by the staff and students at our school and by the Catholic Community of Flint.

St. John Vianney Parish, Flint

November 2022

Thank you for the donations received throughout 2022. The \$4,670 was used to purchase Meijer food only cards that clients receive each month when they visit the Dexter Food Pantry. These cards help clients buy fresh items that may not be at the pantry. Your continued support of Dexter Family Services is greatly appreciated.

Dexter Family Services

January 2023

Dexter Family Services would like to thank you for letting us use the parish center again this year for our annual Christmas project. We fill the space as we bag up gifts and fill boxes for the families we are helping. This year 42 Dexter families each received a box of cleaning items, bag(s) of gifts and a Meijer card for groceries and a ham.

DFS appreciates all that St. Joseph Church does to help us.

Susan Walsh, DFS, President

December 2022

Thank you for the donations of gifts for our residents at St. Louis Center in Chelsea. Generous and thoughtful contributions like yours provide the much-needed support that helps us meet the special needs of our residents each day.

St. Louis Center, Chelsea

December 2022

Thank you for all you do for us and for Life! As we continue to bless women and babies in the community we share, your support means so much.

Family Life Services, Ypsilanti

December 2022

Thank you for the generous in-kind donation of wish list items this Christmas. Your donations will make an immediate impact on the survivors we serve through emergency shelter, crisis support, legal advocacy, and support groups.

SafeHouse Center, Ann Arbor

December 2022

Thank you so much for your donation of \$2,265 from your Caritas collection. We are at a loss of words to express our true gratefulness for your compassionate support. Last year we served over 4,553 family requests. It's your support that enables us to respond!

Our pantry has seen a 41% increase in requests since January of 2022. We here at Bread of Life pantry are truly grateful for your support and contributions. You are making a difference for our most needy brothers and sisters.

Bread of Life Food Pantry, Baldwin, MI

December 2022

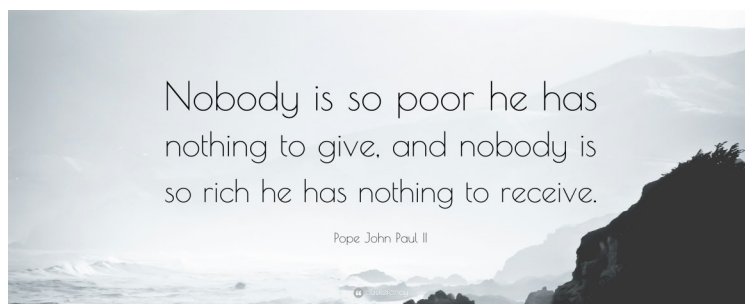
Thank you for the gift of \$2,573, given on November 16, 2022. We continue our regular programs of bringing food to family tables, aiding in applications for health insurance and food benefits and preventing homelessness, as well as providing holiday support for our clients, and our annual sponsoring of families for the holiday season.

Your gift helps us extend a lifeline and is a great gift, thank you again.

Sarah Shugart, Interim Director, Faith in Action

Nobody is so poor he has
nothing to give, and nobody is
so rich he has nothing to receive.

Pope John Paul II





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