

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH  
DEXTER, MI**

*Chips & Sawdust*

APRIL / MAY 2023



**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: 3:30–4:30pm or by appointment

**PASTORAL STAFF**

Fr. Brendan Walsh	Pastor
Romolo Leone	Retired Deacon
Randy Desrochers	Deacon
Larry DeFord	Deacon
Gail Assenmacher	Capital Campaign/Office Assistant
Darlene Cresson	Faith Formation 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
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**

Fr. Brendan Walsh	Pastor
Randy Desrochers	Deacon
Larry DeFord	Deacon
Laura McKenzie	Staff Liaison

**Member**

Scott McClellan	Chair
Ted Zettel	Vice Chair & Youth Formation
George Hanson	Finance
Carol Littleton	Children's Faith Formation
Haley Baur	Parish Life
Elyse Kempa	New Parishioner Contact
Terry McCreight	Spiritual Life & Worship
Reyne Meah	Properties
Clay Cramer	Caritas
Gwen Evich	Festival
Gary Hunter	Adult Faith Formation
Ann Smart	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  
Bulletin and *Chips* Editor  
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)

**Chair**

Michelle Hochrein  
Laura McKenzie  
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.

## FR. BRENDAN'S BILLBOARD

### Public Hearing at Webster Township

On Wednesday, April 5 at 7PM at the Webster Town Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, we are part of a public hearing on our Phase II plan of offices, hall, kitchen, and classrooms. I'm asking parishioners to come and sit in attendance as a sign of support for our project. I am asking Webster Township residents to speak to the value of this project. This means:

- † A **unified campus** for St. Joseph Parish. We need safe, well lit parking lights.
- † We need an office and buildings that are **ADA compliant** for easier access for the elderly and handicapped.
- † A hall for **community building** events and funeral lunches to **serve those grieving** the loss of a loved one.
- † Classrooms to **teach our faith**.

The presence of many of us will allow the leaders of the township to know how important this project is for the growth of our faith and our witness to the community. Please plan to attend. If you are a resident of the township and willing to speak, please give me a call at 734-426-8483 or email me at [Brendan\\_walsh@stjos.com](mailto:Brendan_walsh@stjos.com).

### Easter

The joy of the resurrection is near. In this first week of April, **we celebrate** Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and we sing Hosanna. **We dine** with him at a meal with his friends. **He washes** their feet in loving service. **He takes** his friends **to the garden to pray**. **Jesus is betrayed** with a kiss from his friend Judas. **Jesus is questioned**, whipped, and beaten. **We watch** as he carries his cross, **we feel the pain** as he is nailed. We watch him suffer and die on the cross. **We see the blood** and water pour from his side. **We wait** with anticipation for his resurrection. **We pray with gratitude**, our sins forgiven. **We rejoice** – the gates of Heaven are open for us.

### DSA

Thank you to all who have made gifts or pledges to our Diocese of Lansing Services Appeal . Your support helps spread the Good News of Jesus Christ across our 10 county Diocese of Lansing.

### First Communion

This spring we celebrate two First Communion Liturgies. Thirty-five children from our parish will receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers.

### The Permanent Deacon Ordination of John Goff

On May 13, 2023, our parishioner, John Goff, will be ordained as a Permanent Deacon for Service in our Diocese of Lansing. In these last weeks, please keep John in prayer as he prepares for this special ministry of service. We will celebrate John's ordination on May 14, 2023, at the 11am Mass. John will deacon the Mass, proclaim the Gospel, and offer his first homily. Come celebrate and congratulate John.

*Shalom, Fr. Brendan J. Walsh*



#### Holy Thursday—April 6

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7PM, Country Church  
Prayer in the Garden of Repose, 8:30-11PM, Country Church

#### Good Friday—April 7

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, 7PM, Country Church

#### Holy Saturday—April 8

Easter Egg Hunt, 12:30PM, Country Church Campus  
Blessings of the Easter Food Basket, 1PM, Country Church  
Easter Vigil 8PM, Country Church

#### Easter Sunday—April 9

8AM, 10AM, 12PM, Country Church





## Notes from Pastoral Council

How was your Lenten journey? How have you changed? What can you offer to God? What is God calling you to do in your life?

***“Faith by itself, if it has no works is dead.” (James 2:17)***

There are numerous opportunities here at St. Joseph Parish to give of our ourselves: food collections, DSA (Diocesan Service Appeal), spring grounds clean-up and cemetery clean-up, the Festival, the Giving Garden, serving coffee and donuts, and/or getting involved in one of the many ministries or activities in our parish.

Finally, another way to give is to participate in the annual process of nominating pastoral council members. This twelve-person council is a consultative body that works closely with Fr. Brendan and the many commissions of the parish. Nominations can be placed in the collection basket the weekend of May 6/7. Our Evening of Discernment is Thursday, May 18 at 7PM in the Parish Center. The selection of new members is Saturday, May 27 at 5PM Pentecost Eve Mass.

***“Now someone may say: “You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith without works! But I will show you my faith by means of works.” James 2:18***

Show me your faith!

*Submitted by Gwen Evich, Pastoral Council*

### Music Ministry at St. Joseph

*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. ~Psalm 95:1*

Music Ministry is alive and well at St. Joseph. The hymns, songs, psalms, and other music that we all lift together in praise and prayer to God with everybody present at Mass is truly powerful! Thank you all for participating with us.

You can join one of our music ministry teams to help us lead the music. We regularly add new participants to our music teams, and welcome your involvement. You can start anytime. Simply reach out to Steve at [steve-hinz@stjos.com](mailto:steve-hinz@stjos.com) or drop in to a rehearsal.

**Rejoice Anew!** - serves at 5 pm Masses  
Rehearses on Wednesdays - 7-9 pm

**St. Joseph Choir** - serves at 11 am Masses  
Rehearses on Thursdays - 7-9 pm

**Hand Bell Choir** - serves at 11 am Masses  
Rehearses on Mondays - 7-8:30 pm



*All groups are designed for high school students and adults.*

**No Experience Necessary! Rehearsals at the Country Church.**

## Pastoral Council Nominations

The Pastoral Council is a consultative leadership body representing the entire parish. Working together with our pastor, Fr. Brendan Walsh, this Council provides critical guidance, support and vision for the pastoral activity of the parish and aids in the establishment of policies and procedures. It is important that we have a Council that is representative of the make-up of our Parish. All parishioners, long-timers, short-timers and new parishioners are welcomed as nominees.

We are asking all parishioners to seriously reflect upon serving on our Parish Pastoral Council. This year four members will be selected to serve for three years, one member to serve one year, and two alternates will be chosen to serve on the Council if needed. The selection process for Council candidates begins the weekend of **May 6/7** when nomination ballots will be distributed at each Mass. Parishioners will be asked to submit nominations – either themselves or someone else.

Nominees will be contacted and asked to attend an evening of discernment on **Thursday, May 18**. Council members will share the roles and duties of the Council. Those parishioners who accept the nomination will be included in a “selection by lot” to be held at the 5pm Mass during the Vigil Mass of Pentecost on **Saturday, May 27**.

This is a very important group that provides counsel and guidance on the critical decisions here at St. Joseph Parish. Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide and enlighten you in this very important commitment to the spiritual and pragmatic needs of St. Joseph Parish.

## Caritas Committee - Nominations for Membership

It is time to appeal to you, members of the St. Joseph Parish family, to identify candidates to serve on the Caritas Committee. The candidate could be you or someone else whom you believe would be a good steward and sensitive to the needs of those around them.

The Caritas Committee is composed of nine people as well as representatives from the Pastoral and Finance Councils and a staff liaison. Members of this committee research and recommend possible recipients, and present the Caritas Sunday appeals on their behalf. The Committee monitors the collection results and reports the amounts distributed via bulletin and *Chips and Sawdust* articles.

On the weekend of **April 29/30**, we are seeking nominations for individuals to serve on the Committee. Serving on Caritas is a great way to get to know people in the parish and to become more informed about the needs and services in our community. Please consider nominating yourself or someone whom you feel would be a good candidate.

All nominees will be invited to attend a meeting on **Wednesday, May 11**, for an evening of discernment to learn more about serving on the Committee. Three new committee members will be chosen by lot to serve 3-year terms, and two individuals will be selected to serve one-year terms as alternates. at the 5pm Mass on Pentecost eve, **Saturday, May 27**.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this worthwhile ministry.

<p><b>ST. JOSEPH PARISH CARITAS COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>I would like to nominate:</p> <p>NAME: _____</p> <p>PHONE: _____</p> <p>Nomination for:      Self: _____</p> <p>Other: _____</p> <p>Candidates must be at least 18 years old, confirmed, and a registered member of the Parish.</p>	<p><b>ST. JOSEPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL</b></p> <p>I would like to nominate:</p> <p>NAME: _____</p> <p>PHONE: _____</p> <p>Nomination for:      Self: _____</p> <p>Other: _____</p> <p>Candidates must be at least 18 years old, confirmed, and a registered member of the Parish.</p>
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## PARISH CEMETERTY UPDATE

Having received expressions of concern over the last few years about how the parish cemetery on Baker Road looks with fast growing grass in the spring, we have established a cemetery committee to address the following issues:

1. On going lawn mowing.
2. Cost of graves in relation to those at neighboring cemeteries.
3. Cemetery regulations will be reviewed and updated.

The decisions the commission made with approval and support of the Finance Council are as follows:

- **Grave Cost Increase**
  - From \$500 to \$700 effective Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023
- **Perpetual Care**
  - From \$200 to \$300 effective Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023
- **Lawn Mowing Contract**
  - This summer we hired A2Zmowing service to care for our mowing needs at the cemetery. This **\$13,600** cost will be raised in these ways:
    - Increase the cost of graves.
    - A second envelope for cemetery maintenance in your May packet of envelopes.
    - A line item in next year's budget which will mean a significant increase to the weekly Sunday goal.

These changes to the care and maintenance of our cemetery will help us honor and care for our faithful departed. It will help us better care for the sacred grounds of our parish cemetery for years to come. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact any of the following members of the Cemetery Committee:

J. R. Atiyeh  
Craig McCreight  
Liz Neil

Bill Brines  
Joe Morrill  
Fr. Brendan J. Walsh

Dave Coval  
Nellie Naylor

Betty Farrell  
Dale Schaedig



## RCIA JOURNEY

Our Elect, Leslie Shannon and our candidates Diane Henry and Chuck Hughes with their sponsors and Bishop Boyea at the Rite of Election. Bishop Boyea acknowledged their desire to become Catholic and prayed with them and for them as they complete their journey to the Easter Sacraments.



## Habitat Catholic Build 2023

*"... 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 Medical Mobile Unit. They received \$2,056.20. 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.

Every other year, the Catholic parishes in Washtenaw County help support the refurbishment of a Habitat for Humanity home for a deserving family. Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley engages our neighbors to build better neighborhoods through our volunteer, donation, partnership and ReStore efforts. Each year, we build/renovate more than 6 homes for Washtenaw County families of low-income in need of decent, safe and affordable housing, provide more than 650 families with critical home improvement projects and engage with 1,200 residents and community partners to empower residents to revive neighborhoods and enhance their quality of life. Habitat for Humanity homes ARE NOT "FREE." Applicants must have the ability to pay a nominal down payment and take offered courses in home ownership, budget management and home repair. Each adult must also volunteer at least 250 hours helping on one of the Habitat for Humanity homes (theirs or someone else's). They are granted a low interest mortgage which they repay. That money can then be used to help finance someone else's home. The homes are updated with energy savings and safety as top priorities.

This year, Habitat seeks financial support and volunteerism to help support the Catholic Build project. Like the rest of the world, the last few years have presented challenges for Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley. Habitat has experienced a large loss of unrestricted revenue, challenges with accessing public funding and significantly increased expenses for our programs. The buying power of Habitat homeowners has not increased while the cost of the homes has increased dramatically. Habitat now provides additional down payment assistance to make up the gap to keep our homes affordable. The support of the Catholic Build partners is critical as Habitat continues to provide affordable home ownership. St. Joseph Parish has pledged \$5,000.00 to this project. All of the Caritas collection on April 29/30 will go to this pledge.

Habitat also seeks volunteers to help with renovations at the Catholic Build on Saturday, April 15 and April 22, 9 AM - 4 PM. No construction experience is necessary, all that's needed is your willingness to learn and to help in those ways which your physical stamina allows – and your desire to work with others to provide a home for a Habitat partner family.

To learn more about the Catholic Build or sign up to volunteer, use the QR code - use the code Catholic.



(Video) Follow the Sowe Family's journey with Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley and learn how becoming a homeowner created stability for the entire family: <https://youtu.be/IRyCriadzoz>

(Blog) Read about Keith Curry, the 2022 Catholic Build homeowner, who has a true connection with his Catholic Build supporters: <https://www.h4h.org/blog/meetkeith>. Keith closed on his Habitat home in December 2022. This project not only offers us an opportunity to share our treasure but our time and talent as well.

Thank you and God bless you.





# EASTER EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

**TIME 12:30PM**

**COUNTRY CHURCH CAMPUS**

**AGE GROUP HUNTS | GAMES | PHOTOS WITH THE BUNNY**

**SPONSORED BY  
FAMILY EVENT COMMITTEE  
& DEXTER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2959**





# YOUTH MINISTRY



## High School Youth Group

Text – STJOSMUSTARDSEED TO 84576 OR  
CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:  
STJOSEPHPARISH14.FLOCKNOTE.COM [https://  
stjos.com/youth-faith-formation/high](https://stjos.com/youth-faith-formation/high)

Mustard Seed meets from 6-8PM in the Parish Center Loft

- \* April 9 No Mustard Seed meeting (Easter Sunday)
- \* April 16 Leadership Team meeting
- \* April 16 Mustard Seed meeting
- \* April 23 Mustard Seed meeting
- \* April 30 Mustard Seed meeting
- \* May 7 Leadership Team meeting
- \* May 7 Mustard Seed meeting
- \* May 14 No Mustard Seed meeting (Mother's Day)
- \* May 21 Mustard Seed meeting
- \* May 28 No Mustard Seed meeting (Memorial Day Weekend)
- \* June 4 Mustard Seed meeting



# GOD SQUAD

## Middle School Youth Group

### 6-8 Grade

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  
734.426.2674 | [don\\_dalgleish@stjos.com](mailto:don_dalgleish@stjos.com)



## Confirmation Retreat: Camping Theme

You Need S'mores Jesus in your Life! It's going to be IN Tents!





*Save the Date*  
**CONCERT  
OF PRAYER  
TO THE  
HOLY SPIRIT**

PRESENTED BY THE ST. JOSEPH MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM

**SATURDAY, MAY 27  
4:30 PM**

PRIOR TO THE PENTECOST VIGIL MASS



## **Daniel's Courage in Captivity VBS 2023**

**June 26-30th, 9am-12pm, Country Church Campus**

Please plan to join us in June as we travel back in time to Babylon and meet up with Daniel! Children entering grades Preschool (4 years) through 6th grade in the Fall of 2023 are welcome to participate and will be a part of a Tribe for the entire week! Each day the Tribes will meet with Daniel to hear of his situation, learn new songs, play amazing games at the Palace Playground, eat incredible snacks and visit the Marketplace where there will be all sorts of activities and goods available for purchase with the Darics (Babylonian coins) the children are given. We hope to see you in Babylon this summer! For more information or to register and/or volunteer, please visit [www.stjos.com](http://www.stjos.com)



# St. Joseph's Parish Perennial Plant Sale!

## May 20, 2023

Mark your calendars now for **SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 from 9 AM-5 PM**

Proceeds from this year's sales will be used to support the current irrigation system and irrigation/landscaping around our future church expansion. Please join with us to make this event a success.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Donate plants from your own/friend's garden. **THIS IS HOW WE MAKE THE MONEY!** Let us know if someone needs help splitting.
- Publicity: pass out fliers and tell friends/relatives/co-workers about the sale, share on Facebook
- Digging in gardens of those who are unable to do so
- Re-potting all the plants we dig (see "potting parties" schedule below)
- Label or price plants at the potting parties
- Watering re-potted plants to keep them alive until the sale
- Set-up/take-down or work the sale
- Loan us your wagons/wheelbarrows for the sale
- Donate empty pots (most needed are 1 gallon and 1 quart size pots)
- Tell your family and friends!! Come and shop for great plants at great prices!



If you are **unable to split** your perennials yourself, we may be able to help. Call or email to set up a time for us to come dig. Mary Lobeck at [flobeck@hotmail.com](mailto:flobeck@hotmail.com) or 734-255-3605 or Beth Taylor at [celctaylor@outlook.com](mailto:celctaylor@outlook.com) or 734-709-7676.

Our "**potting parties**" this year are scheduled for:

**April 27** (Thursday), **May 1** (Monday), **May 3** (Wednesday), **May 5** (Friday), **May 9** (Tuesday), **May 11** (Thursday), and **May 15** (Monday) from **3 PM to 6 PM**.

**Potting Parties are at the festival pavilion** at the country church. Please come to help us pot our treasures or bring your own plants and we will help you pot them for the sale. Pots and soil will be provided. All are welcome! You do not need any expertise. Direction will be given if needed. Bring gloves and a trowel if you have them. We also have "non-dirt" jobs such as labeling, pricing, moving and watering plants. Some of these jobs can be done sitting down. Come and enjoy the company of other parishioners.

Plants that are already potted can be dropped off in the staging area near the festival pavilion any time after April 24. If they are not potted, please drop off on one of the potting party dates or date prior. Please bag these so they don't blow around. Pots will be available in the festival pavilion if you need any or pot donations can be left in the festival pavilion after April 24.

For more information please contact:

Mary Lobeck at [flobeck@hotmail.com](mailto:flobeck@hotmail.com) or 734-255-3605

Beth Taylor at [celctaylor@outlook.com](mailto:celctaylor@outlook.com) or 734-709-7676.



## The Giving Garden

*"I was hungry and you fed me." Mt. 25:35*

It's that time of year! It's time to plan this year's Giving Garden at the country church. If you enjoy gardening and helping to feed those in need in our community, please join us on Tuesday, April 18 at 7 pm in the Parish Center. At this meeting we will plan our season's activities which include what to plant, how to care for the garden, when we will hold work bees, and more. Many hands make light work and all are welcome regardless of experience. Please join us as we plan to feed the hungry and enjoy fellowship. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, April 18 at 7 pm. You can always get more information by contacting the leadership team:

Linda and Roger Cook 734-426-4398




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### Troop 456 News

The first outing during this year was a winter sports activity at Caberfae Peaks and Eagle Village. We had 13 Scouts and 6 adults in attendance.



Caberfae Peaks is a downhill ski area located in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan near Cadillac. It gets its name from the Gaelic word for "stag's head". Caberfae Peaks' official opening was in January 1938, making it one of the oldest ski resorts in the US. The resort opened with a lodge built by the Civilian Conservation Corps and one ski trail named "Number One". The troop checked into the Eagle Village Lodge on Saturday and spent the day sledding and had a campfire that evening. On Sunday they were at Caberfae Peaks (about 45 min away) all day where they enjoyed the snow covered slopes. The Troops' next service project will be

working at the Parish Spaghetti Dinner. The Scouts will be involved with the cooking (credit for the cooking merit badge) serving the dinner and cleanup. Coupled with this, the troop will have an overnight at the Disciple House. The purpose of the overnight will be to engage in a gear shakedown for spring/summer trips. During the daytime, prior to helping with the dinner, the troop will be visiting H&H Sugarbush to learn about the production of Maple Syrup. There will also be a hike at Stinchfield Woods to gain credit for the Hiking Merit Badge.

If you are interested in joining the troop as a Scout or Adult Volunteer please contact Ron Carpinella (Charter Organization 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)



JUNE  
22-24

&

JULY  
21-23



## Planning and preparing for the 2023 St Joseph fun Festival continues!

Let's mark our calendars for July 21 through 23. Details about planned activities for this year's Festival are emerging.

- ⇒ Our **Flea Market** is back and in full force, with **new dates**.
  - ⇒ **Flea Market donations** will be accepted starting **June 14**, with **SALE DATES** on **June 22 through 24**. Look for the expansive new tent, filled with furniture.
- ⇒ **Friday Family Night** at the Festival will feature entertainment by the **Encore Theatre Company** inside the Country Church. Vignettes from some of their upcoming performances will be highlighted.
- ⇒ **Saturday** will feature the II-V-I Orchestra, Chelsea House Orchestra, Men in Black, and the 60's music tribute band Magic Bus.
- ⇒ **Sunday** entertainment wraps up the Festival with the Kielbasa Kings and Beatles tribute band Top-permost.
- ⇒ **Entertainment in the Children's Tent** will include the Kings Yomen, who will polish up our YO-YO skills; a Bieder Science hands-on demo; and everyone's favorite, Wildlife Safari. Guinness world record holder Eric the Juggler will amaze us with his skill on the Festival Midway.
- ⇒ Other Festival activities include a reimagined **Arts & Crafts Show** under their own tent, **Bingo, Classic Car Show, Inflatables, Kid's Games, Knockerball, a Cornhole tournament, Kickball, Mushball** and many more treats... along with good food and fellowship.
- ⇒ And we will **thank GOD** for our blessings by praying our **11 AM Sunday Mass under the Big Tent**.
- ⇒ As in the past, it is the **VOLUNTEER** effort of our entire parish family that makes the Festival possible.

We look forward to welcoming the Dexter community to our front yard this summer and making new friends with fellow parishioners!

## 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.

Ryan and Erin Knierbein  
Josef, Isaac, Jacob and Quinn

Pamela Zeller

Cole and Jeen Richards  
Stevie and Rhythm

Terry and Jackie Grabinski  
Ashley

Ty and Rachel Kooser

Maria Gallegos  
Alex, Derrin, Sofia, Axel

Leana Becker  
Jackson and Henry

Diane Henry

David Evan Miller

David and Karen Burnell

Ashley Deford

Ken and Carol Sefton  
Adam

Miles & Elizabeth Macik  
Braydon

### Marriages

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

Vincent Gabriel Tudorache & Jill Margery Larder

Jacob Edmond Zettel & Phoenix Renee Sunstrum

### 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.*


Raymond Dale Denoyer

Nancy Ann Muir

Joseph Zabinsky

Carolyn Bevans

Sally Ann Wines



*If we have no peace, it is  
because we have forgotten  
that we belong to each  
other.*

MOTHER TERESA

### Do We Have Your Correct Contact Information ?



If you haven't been receiving emails from the Parish Office and find you are missing out on some parish news, ministry schedule announcements, etc., or have you given up your landline, please contact Laura McKenzie at the Parish Office [laura\\_mckenzie@stjos.com](mailto:laura_mckenzie@stjos.com) to confirm that we have your correct email address and phone contact on file.

### Homilies and Bulletins Online

Go to the parish website, [www.stjos.com](http://www.stjos.com), click on the button on the Home page for Bulletins - Chips - Homilies, and click on the weekend homily you'd like to hear! While you are there check out all the upcoming events at St. Joseph! You can also like us on Facebook.

### Parish Emails

Do you receive our weekly Wednesday email? Call or email the parish office to be added to the list. .



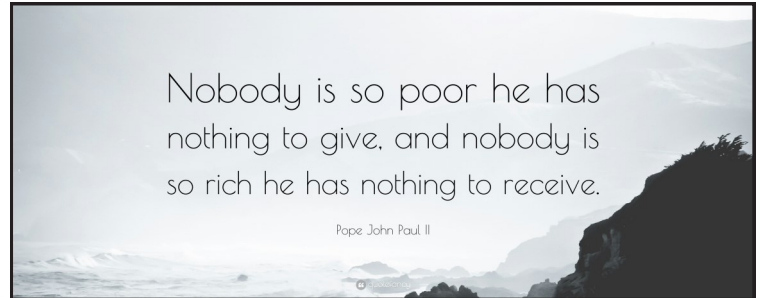
## *Dear St. Joseph Parish...*

March 2023

Thank you for supporting our SafeHouse Center.  
Your kindness is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bill Holmes, Board of Directors, SafeHouse Center



March 2023

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$685.40 on 2/17/2023 to the General Fund at St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center. We are so grateful for your generosity.

Your donations will be used to further our employment preparation program. We are excited to share that our programs continue to expand here at the Center. We are about to launch a dedicated focus on a workforce development track to focus on the trades. Those who have spent their lives in a specific trade are offering their time to train our participants in whatever trade seems to draw their attention. These partnerships help us to stretch our participants and move them in a direction that will provide for them and their family and grow the needed work force.

Our class participation of both women and men is growing. Our graduations are small in number because we graduate the women and men when they have fulfilled all the graduation requirements: sixteen classes, budget class, computer skills achieved, sixty to ninety days of paid on the job training here at the Center in one of our four businesses, continue to pass drug tests, progressing on their life plan, GED if needed, picture ID, SS Card and birth certificate in hand. During their time here in Paid on the Job Training, we are able to get to know each individual and evaluate their work ethic.

In the past fiscal year, we helped ninety-seven women and men attain employment and 87% of these women and men are still in their job.

Thank you for your donation. All donations help our women and men get their life on track so they can move forward with pride and hope. Thank you for helping us provide hope in Flint.

Blessings of gratitude,

Sr. Carol Weber  
Director of St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center



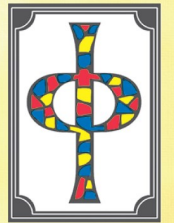
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