

ST. JOSEPH PARISH MINISTRIES

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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	Senior Deacon
Randy Desrochers	Deacon
Larry Deford	Deacon
John Goff	Deacon
Laura McKenzie	Administrative Assistant
Gail Assenmacher	Capital Campaign/Office Assistant
Darlene Cresson	Faith Formation Secretary
Lisa Dobis	Finance
Steve Hinz	Director of Music & Liturgy
Don Dalgleish	Co-Director for Faith Formation
Marinell High	Co-Director of Faith Formation
Tyler Hochrein	Youth Minister
Laurie Miller	Sunday & Tuesday Faith Formation Coordinator
Jim Burns	Wednesday Faith Formation Coordinator
Jeanette Westermann	Sacramental Prep Coordinator
April Clark	Catechesis for the Good Shepherd
Liz Neil	Cemetery
Erich McElroy	Village Campus Maintenance
Chris Hollis	Country Campus Maintenance
Gary Fradette	Cemetery Grounds
Anthony Fradette	Cemetery Grounds

2023-2023 PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Parish Life
New Parishioner Contact
Spiritual Life & Worship
Properties
Caritas
Festival
Adult Faith Formation
Charitable Activities & Social Justice

COMMISSIONS and ACTIVITIES

Commission

Finance
Worship
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& Social Justice
Parish Life
Caritas
Education— Children & Youth
Adult Faith Formation

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Marinell High

Activity

Bulletin and *Chips* Editor
Growing in God
Building the
Brotherhood of Christ
DeWitt Retreat
Men's Retreat
Women's Retreat
Faith Formation (Pre-K7-8)
Festival
Festival
Giving Garden
God Squad (Gr. 7-8)
Knights of Columbus
Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
Life Teen Youth Group (Gr.9-12)
Music Ministry
RCIA
Scouting (Troop 456)

Chair

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Marinell High

Marinell High

Joe Prochaska
Ann Smart
Don Dalgleish
Kurt Assenmacher
Ken Sample
Rodger & Linda Cook
Tyler Hochrein
Bert Wagner
Marilyn Dehring
Tyler Hochrein
Steve Hinz
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.

A New Year of Faith Formation

When September begins, we know the days are shorter and school is starting. It is time to put the summer toys away and to pick up the backpack of schoolbooks and return to our studies. Here at St. Joseph, we too return to our studies. The joy of the Festival is over and now we turn to our missionary work of teaching, modeling, and sharing our Catholic faith.

This year we have new leadership for our Faith Formation Program. Tyler Hochrein will be working with our middle school and high school youth. Laurie Miller and Jim Burns will be onsite Faith Formation coordinators. Jeanette Westermann will be leading our First Reconciliation and First Eucharist sacramental preparations. April Clark will be leading Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Don Dagleish and Marinell High will be our Formation Directors. With this new format we will continue to need parents and adults to teach, to witness, to guide our children as they learn our Catholic faith, as they prepare for the sacraments.

Liturgical Ministers

Now is also the time when we ask all liturgical ministers to recommit or to sign up as new ministers of hospitality, lecturing, Eucharistic ministry, or as altar servers. All old and new ministers will receive an opportunity to be trained for service.

Training Dates

Altar Servers

Saturday, October 21 either 9-10:30 or 10:30 – 12

AND

Saturday, October 28 either 9-10:30 or 10:30-12

Lectors

Wednesday, October 11 at 7pm

OR

Tuesday, October 24 at 7pm

Hospitality

Wednesday, October 11 at 7pm

OR

Tuesday, October 24 at 7pm

Eucharist Ministers

Thursday, October 12 at 7pm

OR

Tuesday, October 17 at 7pm

All trainings are at the Country Church

I ask and invite all parishioners to consider helping at our weekend Masses. It is a beautiful way to witness our faith, to welcome guests, to model to our children our love for Jesus.

Service to Help Others

Our Christian Outreach touches lives from our Christmas Giving Tree to our Lenten Food Collections. Our services for the grieving range from funeral luncheons to helping at funeral Masses. Our presence, prayers, and acts of kindness make a difference. Prayerfully consider how or where you can share your gifts and talents to help others. **This month we will have a friendly competition with St. Mary, Chelsea. We will collect hot and cold cereal for Catholic Social Services Food Pantry from September 16/17 to September 30/October 1.**

Parish Ministries

On the pages that follow, you will find a description of all the commissions and ministries we offer at St. Joseph to help in your discernment of where you might consider using your gifts and talents within our parish and community.

Strategic Planning for Our Diocese of Lansing

This September, October, and November the Diocese of Lansing will be holding strategic planning meetings. These meetings will look at statistics in relation to parish size, sacraments, and parish finances. From our parish we will take staff, pastoral council, and partnership council representatives to listen, learn, discuss, and vision. In the coming months I will share the results of these discussions and visions. Our parish staff and councils will be involved as we adjust to the changing landscape of our Catholic Church.

Shalom,
Fr. Brendan Walsh

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Pastoral Council

This leadership body serves as a consultative body to the pastor and parish staff on the direction and vision of our parish. They assist in bringing the parish mission statement to life for the benefit of the St. Joseph Catholic Community in Dexter. The Council meets on the first Tuesday of the month, year-round. New members are nominated during the Easter Season. On Pentecost we invoke the Holy Spirit and select four members by lot for a three-year term.

Finance Council

This body of parishioners is selected by the pastor, in accordance with canon law and the policies of the Diocese of Lansing. Members are invited according to their expertise in the areas of business and finance. They serve a three-year term and help monitor the financial gifts of parishioners which are used to maintain the programs and activities of the parish. Each spring they review and set the budget for the coming fiscal year which runs from July 1 to June 30.

Caritas Community Committee

A second collection for the benefit of primarily local charitable organizations is taken on the last weekend of those months with five Sundays. Throughout the year the Committee, a subcommittee of the Finance Council, meets to select recipient organizations to recommend to the Finance Council for approval prior to presenting the appeal to the parish community. Each collection is split into quarters; one quarter each to Dexter Family Services, the parish Christian Service fund and a featured recipient, and the final quarter is split between Water for Flint and Washtenaw Catholic Social Services Food Pantry. The selection process is the same as the Pastoral Council process. .

FAITH FORMATION

Our mission: As intentional disciples of Jesus, committed to the needs of St. Joseph Parish, we will develop, sponsor and support a wide range of opportunities and resources for parishioners of all ages. With a friendly and welcoming approach, we will welcome and invite all members of the community to join us in nurturing and developing a lifelong relationship with Jesus through the Sacraments, our worship and the traditions of our Catholic faith.

Faith Formation Commission Responsibilities

To achieve the goals of the mission statement the members of the Faith Formation Commission oversee the quality of the parish's faith formation by supporting and advising the Directors of Faith Formation, Youth Ministry and Adult Formation. Members serve a three-year term and meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Membership is open to all interested parishioners. Responsibilities include: reviewing the spiritual and educational needs of our parish, researching and reviewing materials used in faith formation, assisting in the recruitment of volunteers and assisting in the planning and facilitating of formation opportunities.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Catechist for Children's Faith Formation

Catechist are needed for ages preschool to 8th grade. Two adults per class are needed each week to guide children in the ways of Christ and the Church. Their formation is a critical component of their youth and will help them to become contributing teens and adults who will shape the future of the Church. If you feel called to serve in this ministry, there are three ways you can help: •Become a catechist or co-catechist. •Become a classroom assistant. •Become an office assistant. These adults need not be parents! Those who volunteer to catechize our children will be guided by the Directors of Children's Faith Formation and Youth Ministry. Materials and curriculum are provided. Contact Don Dalglish at don_dalglish@stjos.com or at 734-426-2674 with any questions or to join our team! A great year of religious education begins with your prayerful discernment.

High School Confirmation Program:

The Confirmation Program is open to all high school students. It is a one year program that candidates can start in the beginning of their 9th, 10th, or 11th grade year. We are using Matthew Kelly's Confirmation program, *Decision Point*, for regular classes and Ascension Press *Altaration* for the large gatherings. Two catechists are needed to run the program each session and adult leaders for the small table discussions during regular class. Small group leaders can either sign up for the whole year or for specific classes. For information or questions about this program please contact Don Dalglish at don_dalglish@stjos.com or at 734-426-2674.

FAITH FORMATION (continued)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

God Squad Youth Group (Grades 6-8) activities include community-building activities, prayer, service projects and the Diocese of Lansing Youth Rally. God Squad runs from October to June and meetings are led by the God Squad Leadership team made up of 6th, 7th and 8th grade youth and adult volunteers.

Life Teen Youth Group (Grades 9-12) meets on Sundays 6-8pm in the Parish Center Loft. The Life Teen Group has retreats, trips and service projects throughout the year with Sunday meetings from September - June. In the summer we meet on Wednesdays from 6-8pm at the Pavilion. There are also diocesan-sponsored events such as the Diocesan Youth Conference and the Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp (DYLC). The Leadership Team is made up of teens and adults who meet from 4:30 to 5:45pm on the first Sunday of every month; they are responsible for planning the upcoming meetings and events.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Vacation Bible School is a one-week, half-day event held each summer. It is a themed week of scripture-learning, faith-building, friend-making fun! It is available for children ages 4 years through those entering 6th grade. We seek volunteers, both youth (7th grade or older) and adult, to be group leaders and assistants, to help with games and snacks, and to provide childcare for our volunteers.

RCIA for Children

Volunteers assist unbaptized and un-catechized children over the age of 7 through a process of initiation into the Catholic faith. We pair a family from the parish with the family of the unbaptized child who work with the whole family toward the formation of a basic understanding of the Catholic faith and preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). These families also work with older children (3rd grade and above) who are baptized but need preparation for Reconciliation and/or Eucharist.

Volunteer requirements for working with the youth of our parish:

- **Must complete an online Protecting God's Children session.**
- **Must sign a waiver for a criminal background check.**
- **Catechists and Co-Catechists must attend at least one formation session during 2023 – 2024 to show work toward Diocesan Certification.**
- **Must attend an organizational meeting.**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

As Catholic Christians we are called to be attentive and involved with those interested in learning about the Catholic faith. Parishioners are encouraged to share their faith, offer their support and accompany those interested in the Catholic Church. These volunteers can serve in the capacity of sponsors, catechists (teachers/presenters,) coordinators, and assistants serving in various aspects of the initiation process. The Hospitality Team hosts social events and those wishing to share their baking talents for weekly sessions are most welcome. As members of the parish please invite, pray for, support and encourage those seeking to join our faith community. Volunteers can contact Marinell High at 734-426-8483 or marinell_high@stjos.com, or sign up on the ministry form

Parish Mission

We offer a Parish Mission during Lent for the spiritual renewal of our parish community. Volunteers are needed to help with hospitality and refreshments, and to set up the church environment.

Building the Brotherhood of Christ

This one day renewal experience for men is held each February on the parish grounds. The day is facilitated by men from our parish. All those who have taken part in a Christ Renews His Parish or Building the Brotherhood of Christ experience are welcome to join the presenting team. Volunteers are needed to help with the cooking and serving of three meals during the day.

Growing in God

We offer a one day spiritual opportunity in early March for women to experience faith, fellowship and a renewed commitment to Christ. This faith-enriching experience is led by parishioners for parishioners. Volunteers are needed to serve on the presenting team (with only the requirement to have taken part in a Christ Renews His Parish or Growing in God experience) and the cooking team for the three meals of the day (just a love of cooking and serving needed.)

FAITH FORMATION

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Scripture Studies at our Parish

For men and women of the parish, we hold scripture studies from September through May. These studies are held in the Parish Center on both Wednesdays and Thursdays with a morning and evening option. These topical studies take place throughout the year and are intended to help our parishioners understand the teachings of our Catholic Faith and how those teachings apply to our lives. Volunteers are needed to facilitate sessions, serve as hospitality and assist with signups and recruitment.

Marriage Preparation Seminar

This Friday night/Saturday seminar is held in the Parish Center and provides engaged couples with information on several topics relevant to a successful marriage. It offers couples the opportunity to focus on the life, happiness and holiness of each other. The seminar concludes at the 5pm Mass in the Country Church on Saturday.

Sponsor Couples for those Engaged for Marriage

Each engaged couple from our parish takes part in a pre-marriage process, meeting with a married couple from our parish who have been trained in marriage preparation. Sponsor Couples lead the engaged couples through a personality inventory. This inventory helps the couple see their strengths and recognize areas for growth and understanding. The Sponsor Couples are recommended to the pastor and then invited by the pastor to be a part of the team.

Infant Baptism Preparation

Workshops are held in January, March, May, July, September, and November on the second Thursday at 7pm at the Country Church. At the workshop we share the teachings of the Church about the life of faith, the Church, and the sacrament of Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled after attending the class.

Spiritual Direction

If you are looking for an individual Spiritual Director, please contact the parish office for a list of names and contact information.

St. Francis Retreat Center

Annual men's and women's retreats are held at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt for parishioners. Sign ups are held for these throughout the year.

SPIRITUAL LIFE and WORSHIP

Our mission: We, the members of the Spiritual Life and Worship Commission, are called to promote the faith development of all members of St. Joseph Parish through liturgical celebrations, prayer experiences and opportunities for spiritual growth. Members of the commission coordinate the environments of both the Village and Country Churches. The Commission meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

Anointing Mass & Lunch

In the fall an Anointing Mass of the Sick is celebrated at the Parish Center in the village campus. This is for anyone who is in need of physical, emotional, mental or spiritual healing. Mass is followed by lunch. Help is needed for providing transportation, setting up for the Mass and lunch, cooking the meal and cleaning up. We also offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick after all Masses twice a year—Advent and Lent.

Holiday Environment

These are volunteers who help the Worship Commission prepare, decorate, and transition the Church for the liturgical seasons. This includes setting up, watering plants, carrying flowers, arranging flowers, etc.

Banner Changes

Each banner change 3 volunteers are needed for about 45 minutes, usually after 11am Mass. No ladders needed.

Ministers of Praise

These parishioners volunteer pray daily in private for the needs of the parish. Each month these ministers receive a letter with a pertinent prayer and a list of requested intentions. These intentions are taken from the prayer intention boxes located in the back of both the Village and Country Churches. The prayer box is brought forward at the Presentation of the Gifts at the weekend liturgies. All parishioners are invited to join this ministry.

SPIRITUAL LIFE & WORSHIP (continued)

Launder & Press Purificators

Launder and press linens used during Mass. This includes purificators used to wipe the cups during communion and towels and washcloths used to clean them. Commitment is usually 1 weekend every 8-10 weeks.

Women of the Cloth

The Women of the Cloth cut and sew together the machine-embroidered fabric used to make the baptismal bibs. These are given to all the babies and young children baptized here at St. Joseph Parish.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Captains

Mass Captains serve in teams of two and assist at weekend and Holy Day Masses, overseeing all areas of liturgical ministry. They are active before, during, and after Mass, coordinating the lectors, Eucharistic ministers and hospitality ministers. They invite a family to present the offertory gifts. They ensure that all the needs for worship are met before Mass and that the church is neat, clean, locked, and secured when Mass and fellowship/coffee and donuts/pizza and pop time in the Gathering Space have concluded.

Altar Servers

These are boys and girls who assist the priest at the altar at weekend and Holy Day Masses. This includes holding the Roman Missal for prayers, setting the altar, lighting and extinguishing candles before and after Mass. Servers must be in at least the 4th grade. Trainings are held on two Saturdays in October.

Hospitality Ministers

Hospitality Ministers greet and welcome everyone attending Mass. They help people find seats, they take up the offering of the people, organize those taking the gifts to the altar, monitor the procession to communion, hand out bulletins after Mass, straighten pews following Mass, and have an awareness of facilities for emergency purposes (restrooms, first aid, etc.) Trainings are held in October.

Lectors

Lectors assist at weekend and Holy Day Masses by introducing the Mass, proclaiming the Word of God, and leading the Prayers of the Faithful. Trainings are held in October.

Eucharistic Ministers Eucharistic Ministers assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at weekend and Holy Day Masses. After Mass they purify and wash the vessels. Some ministers may also take communion to the sick and homebound. Trainings are held in October.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Music Ministry exists to help all who worship at St. Joseph grow as disciples of Christ, especially through music.

Sing

We continue to invite parishioners to share their gift of music at our weekend Masses. If you are interested in joining either a weekend Mass or for the funeral ministry, please contact the parish office for information.

Instruments

If you play an instrument and would like to join us for weekend Masses, please contact the parish office.

Tech Station Operator

At Mass and other special events at the Country Church, we train parishioners to run the sound board and operate the video and projection equipment. No prior experience necessary. This is a great fit for anybody good with video games or cell phone and other personal devices or others with theater background.

PARISH OFFICE SUPPORT

Parish Office Support

General office help with mailings, stuffings, or other projects as needed.

Charitable Activities and Social Justice

Our mission: Confident that the Spirit of God abides with us, our Charitable and Social Justice Commission aims to follow Jesus' mandate that we be salt for our communities in family, work, and citizenship. We strive to inform and offer the challenge of living in justice and charity. Particularly, we aim to be in solidarity with those on the margins of our society.

Bereavement Ministry

This facilitated peer group support program is for adult grief recovery in the Catholic tradition. Training is provided. The Bereavement Ministry is not an immediate response program.

Environmental Stewardship Ministry

Our goal is to embrace Pope Francis' call for action to steward and care for God's wonder and natural creation.

Giving Garden

Plant, cultivate, and harvest fresh produce to share with Faith In Action to help those in need. Volunteers work as their schedules allow; as little as once a season and as much as every week a season.

Health Ministry

The mission of the St. Joseph Health Ministry is to assist members of the St. Joseph Parish community with their physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being through health counseling, education, referral, and support services.

Ministers to the Sick and Homebound

Parishioners visit and take communion to the sick and homebound.

Moms in Need

Basic items needed for a baby are donated by parishioners and collected during May and then taken to Family Life Services and Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County. Help is needed to deliver these gifts.

Prayer Shawl/Quilting Ministry and Prayer Team

Parishioners craft lap robes, shawls, or afghan blankets of comfort for those who are suffering physically or emotionally. The prayer shawls are prayed over when being crafted and when the shawl is finished. When each prayer shawl is delivered the person receiving it is prayed with and left with a prayer they can use at any time. We need knitters, crocheters, and quilters to keep the prayer shawl ministry supplied. The prayer team needs people who are willing to go with those who deliver the prayer shawls and pray with the recipient.

Recycle Brigade

Three times a year we host a parish-wide recycle collection. The material collected are sold and the proceeds used for charitable activities. We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is our requirement of our faith.

Seasonal Outreach

Parish-wide donations are collected for the Lenten Food Drive (food and paper products for the Catholic Social Services food pantry) and Christmas Giving Tree and Mitten Basket (gifts and new mittens are given to various service organizations such as Catholic Social Services, Riverview Nursing Home, S.O.S., Problem Pregnancy and the Homeless Shelter.) Help is needed to deliver these gifts.

Serving the Face of Jesus

An outreach ministry available to all parishioners, this ministry provides meals and/or housecleaning, yardwork, and rides for those recovering from illness or injury. It connects drivers for those who need transportation to Mass or appointments.

Social Outreach

The parish Social Outreach programs help those in need in Washtenaw County and beyond by sponsoring trips to the Delonis Center in Ann Arbor, serving families in transition at Alpha House, and Food Gatherers. Work with fellow parishioners at these offsite organizations.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES & SOCIAL JUSTICE (continued)

FUNERAL MINISTRY

Funeral Ministry

Just being present for those who grieve is the manifestation of some corporal and spiritual works of mercy: to comfort the afflicted, to pray for the dead, to pray for the grieving.

St. Joseph Parish volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Hospitality

Hospitality volunteers welcome guests at funerals and wake services.

Adult Altar Servers

These volunteers serve at parish funerals both in the Village and Country Church.

Eucharistic Ministers

Fill in at those times when family or friends of the deceased are not able to assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at the funeral Mass.

Funeral Lunches

Team Leaders are needed to be on site to coordinate the luncheon. Training provided!

Cooks are needed to prepare the potatoes, green beans and help prep the salad. Training is provided!

Setup volunteers are needed to set the tables, set the buffet table, and help plate desserts.

Cleanup volunteers are needed to help set the food out, clear tables, wash the dishes, and pack up leftover food.

Food Donations are needed to provide a variety of non-leafy salads and desserts.

Shoppers are needed to take on a rotation of shopping for funeral lunch supplies that are kept on hand in the parish center.

Nurses Honor Guard

We recognize and honor the everyday heroes who dedicated their lives to the nursing profession. Upon request, a short nursing tribute is offered for the deceased nurse at their funeral or memorial service.

PARISH LIFE

Our mission: *The Parish Life Commission is dedicated to providing and promoting fellowship and community within St. Joseph Parish. Members of the Parish Life Commission meet once a month to direct the social activities of the parish. These activities are meant to foster a feeling of community among our parishioners. Membership is open to all interested parishioners. Volunteers are needed for each event.*

Anniversary Dinner

Our Anniversary Mass and Dinner is for parishioners celebrating five year milestones of marriage, or 50+ years of marriage. This Mass and dinner celebration includes a renewal of vows during the 5pm Mass and a parish-hosted dinner for couples and their immediate families in the Parish Center. It is held each year in the fall.

Coffee & Donuts/Pizza & Pop

Coffee & Donuts is held each weekend - except on holidays - after the 9am and 11am Masses in the Gathering Space. We serve coffee, juice, and donuts (freewill donations are accepted.) Volunteers are needed to pick up the donuts on Sunday morning, and to set up, serve, and clean up. Pizza & Pop is served once a month after the 5pm Mass. Volunteers help to set up, serve, and clean up. These are great family service opportunities!

Fairway to Heaven Golf Outing

This new addition to our roster of parish life activities is held in June. The committee organizes and promotes the event. Volunteers are needed to help plan the outing, procure sponsors and door prizes, register participants at the sign up table in the Gathering Space, set up the morning of the event, and pray for good weather!

Ladies Advent Evening of Reflection

This social and spiritual activity gives us an opportunity to stop for an evening and enjoy one another's company and spend some time reflecting on the meaning of Advent Time. Held on a weekday evening in early December we gather with prayer and then enjoy tea, dessert, and conversation at our tables, followed by a guest speaker. This event is held in the Gathering Space of our Country Church. Each table for eight has a hostess who agrees to provide the decorations and the desserts for seven other women. The hostess may choose to fill the table through personal invitation or allow others to sign up to be at the table. The Parish Life Commission provides white tablecloths, tea, and punch for each table. There is no cost for this event but we ask each woman attending to bring one personal hygiene product to be donated to Faith in Action.

PARISH LIFE (continued)

Parish Picnic

In late summer, parishioners gather at the Festival Pavilion and grounds at the country campus after each weekend Mass for fellowship, food, and fun in the sun with your St. Joseph Parish family. Each family gets a chance to win the Grand Prize and each person attending gets a ticket to win one of our fun door prizes.

Family Event Committee

This committee works with a staff liaison to plan and carry out activities and events that whole families can enjoy. Trunk or Treat, the Holiday Light Parade, Winter Wonderland and the Easter Egg Hunt are four of the events planned for this year. This committee is not just for the parents of young children but would be great for empty nesters as well!

Silent Auction and Dinner

The Silent Auction is an annual, elegant fall event. Attendees enjoy fine dining and stroll through auction rooms filled with a wide variety of items on which to place bids. A live auction showcasing things such as vacation destinations, sports memorabilia, and more is held at the end of the evening. Volunteers are needed to assist in procuring and/or picking up donations, selling tickets, signing out basket kits, set up the day, record keeping of all donations.

Parish Life Activities

These are the social events for the parish and community that are put on by the Parish Life Commission. The Ladies Advent Tea, the parish picnic, the Christmas Cookie Market, a variety of social evenings in the winter, spring or summer.

FESTIVAL

Summer Festival

Festival is fun! This community-building event, held annually the third full weekend in July, is an opportunity to witness our faith and serve our friends, neighbors, and the Dexter area in a spirit of hospitality. Ten percent of Festival proceeds are tithed to local charities. Planning starts in January, when area chairs begin to meet monthly to plan and coordinate the activities of the coming Festival. To be successful, the Festival needs the help and hands of everyone! Volunteer sign ups are held in the weeks leading up to the Festival. Those interested in chairing/coordinating an activity at the Festival can sign up on the stewardship form.

Properties Commission

These men and women assist with the care and maintenance of our grounds and buildings. They work together on remodeling projects, light bulb changing in the church and Festival grounds preparations. This commission is open to all men and women of the parish who like to work with their hands.

Church Cleaning

A dedicated crew of people comes once a week to clean the Country Church and the Village Church. This includes dusting, washing inside windows, straightening book racks and making our worship space ready for weekend Masses. Volunteers are scheduled on a rotating basis. A thorough annual church cleaning is done in the fall just before the season of Advent.

Grounds Upkeep

This group of parishioners, young and old, help maintain the landscaping at both church sites. Work days are scheduled during the spring and fall. Some volunteers are needed to water the plantings during the summer.

Plant Sale

Our annual spring plant sale helps generate funds for landscaping needs on the country grounds. Help is needed preparing, donating, setting up, selling and cleaning up the day of the sale.

Spring/Fall Cleaning of Grounds

Scheduled on Saturdays, anyone is invited to join in caring for the church grounds after the long winter, and to help put the landscaping to bed before another long winter.

Cemetery Grounds

One Saturday in the spring we gather to clean the cemetery before the Memorial Day liturgy.

Spring /Fall Cleaning Inside Churches

Help maintain the interior of our beautiful churches at our spring and fall cleaning bees.

St. Joseph Parish Ministries Sign-Up 2023-2024

Family Last Name: _____ Family Phone Number: _____ Family Address: _____

Family Member #1: Name _____ Cell # _____ Email _____

Family Member #2: Name _____ Cell # _____ Email _____

Family Member #3: Name _____ Cell # _____ Email _____

Family Member #4: Name _____ Cell # _____ Email _____

Family Member #5: Name _____ Cell # _____ Email _____

Family Member #6: Name _____ Cell # _____ Email _____

This form is to volunteer for a ministry or program —this is not a sign-up for participation in events.

MINISTRY	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	(circle)
FAITH FORMATION							
Faith Formation Commission Member Adult/ Youth/Children							Adult Youth Children
Catechist for Children’s Faith Formation							Sun 10:30 Tues 3:45 Wed 6:15
Catechist Middle School Faith Formation							Sun 10:30 Tues 3:45 Wed 6:15
Faith Formation Volunteer-Assistant/Office Support/Hall Monitor							Sun 10:30 Tues 3:45 Wed 6:15
Catechists High School Confirmation							Sunday 10:30 Wednesday 6:15
Vacation Bible School Volunteer							
Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)							
RCIA—provide snacks for Sunday classes							
SPIRITUAL LIFE AND WORSHIP							
Spiritual Life & Worship Commission Member							
Anointing Mass and Lunch - Fall							
Holiday Environment - decorate for liturgical seasons							
Banner Changes - change banners for liturgical calendar							
Launder & Press Purificators—1 weekend every 8-10 weeks							
Ministers of Praise (pray at home for parish intentions)							
Women of the Cloth							
LITURGICAL MINISTERS (Please mark N for New or R for Returning)							
Altar Server (youth—4th grade & up) Training October 21 & 28							5 9 11
Hospitality Minister - Training October 11 or October 24							5 9 11
Lector - Training October 11 or October 12							5 9 11
Eucharistic Minister—Training October 12 or October 17							5 9 11
MUSIC MINISTRY							
Sing (weekend Masses) Rehearsal Wednesday or Thursday							
Handbell Choir (Monday 7pm Rehearsal)							
Play an Instrument (weekend Masses)							Instrument _____
Tech Station Operator— Masses and other events							
COFFEE & DONUTS / PIZZA & POP							
Coffee & Donut Sunday Set up in the gathering space—8am							
Donut Pick Up Sunday Morning 7:30am							
Coffee & Donuts—serve and clean up							After 9AM Mass OR After 11AM Mass
Pizza & Pop—serve & clean up - Saturday evenings after 5pm Mass							

MINISTRY	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	(circle)
PARISH OFFICE SUPPORT — General office help: mailings, stuffing inserts							
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES & SOCIAL MINISTRIES							
Social Ministries Commission Member							
Bereavement Ministry							
Environmental Stewardship Ministry							
Giving Garden - produce for local food pantries							
Health Ministry							
Ministers to the Homebound - take communion to homebound parishioners							
Moms in Need - deliver donations							
Prayer Shawl/Quilting Ministry							
Recycle Brigade							
Seasonal Outreach Advent & Lent - deliver food, gifts to needy							
Serving the Face of Jesus - errands/meals/transportation for those in need							
Offsite ministries							Alpha House Delonis Center
Offsite ministries							Food Gatherers'
FUNERAL MINISTRY							
Funeral Altar Server (adults)							
Funeral Ministers							Hospitality EME
Funeral Lunch Food Donation							Donate Salad or Dessert
Funeral Lunch Help							Help with setup OR serving & cleanup
Funeral Lunch Team							Team Leader and/or Cook
Funeral Lunch Support (pre-luncheon)							Shopper
Nurses Honor Guard							
PARISH LIFE							
Parish Life Commission Member							
Anniversary Dinner - Fall							
Fairway to Heaven Golf Outing							
Ladies Advent Evening of Reflection							
Parish Picnic - Fall							
Family Life Events							
Silent Auction & Dinner- Fall							
Parish Life Activities							
SUMMER FESTIVAL — Area Chairperson							
PROPERTIES							
Country Church Cleaning — 2 hours Wednesday, no vacuuming or bathrooms							
Village Church Cleaning — bi-weekly 1 hour commitment, no heavy cleaning							
Grounds Upkeep - weed & water/prune & trim							
Plant Sale							Set up/donations/sale help/tear down
Spring/Fall Grounds Cleanup - Country—Village—Cemetery							
Interior Church Cleaning - Country and Village							



Pastoral Council Notes

Longer days. Lake time. Trips up north. No homework. Flea Market and Parish Festival. All are signs of summer. As Michiganders, we love our summers. As summer starts winding down we look to the fall. As our activities and commitments increase, we are surrounded by the beautiful colors of God's handiwork.

Routines and activities help keep us connected to each other. One wonderful connection is our Parish Picnic, the weekend of September 9th and 10th. The Parish Life Committee does a wonderful job hosting this event. Family Field Day activities will be Sunday after the 11:00 Mass.

Another essential routine is Faith Formation. For parents of school-age children, Faith Formation registration is ongoing for children Preschool to Grade 8 and Confirmation. "Faith Formation" does not end at Confirmation. For our teens there is Life Teen Youth Group. For adults there are ongoing activities throughout the year that help cultivate our relationships with each other while deepening our relationship with God. Building the Brotherhood of Christ (BBOC), Growing in God (GIG), Bible Study and Bible Timeline are just a few examples.

The weekends of September 16/17 and 23/24 will be our annual Ministry Fair. During this time, we learn about the various ministries that allow us to serve each other and our community. There are activities for all parishioners of St. Joseph. For parents, this is a great opportunity to teach your children about the importance of service.

Thank you for prayerfully considering sharing your time and talent for the good of our parish. St. Joseph could not be the "warm and welcoming" community without your support.

Your Servant in Christ,
Terry McCreight

NEW CARITAS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

"He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food must do likewise."
Luke 3:11. The Caritas Committee serves the important purpose of vetting and recommending recipients to benefit from the generous donations of our parishioners on Caritas weekends. Every year we welcome new members who bring new ideas and energy to the group. This June, the Caritas Committee welcomed three new members to serve three-year terms: Brian Barna, Barbara Rutz, and Michelle Nordberg; and one-year alternate members: Jeni Naughton and Eileen Dorsey. The Committee welcomes Parish Council representative Tim Kuzma and Finance Council representative Beth Taylor. Lisa Dobis is returning as the Staff Liasson. Caritas officers selected for this year are Brian Barna, Chair; Sally Telfer, Co-Chair; and Theresa Schmidt, Secretary.

HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUTGOING MEMBERS

Every year we say goodbye to those members who have faithfully fulfilled terms. Rotating off the Committee are Patti Hanson, Becky Dunlavy, Mike Brozovic, John Lilley, Clay Cramer (Parish Council Rep), and J.R. Atiyeh (Finance Council Rep). The Committee, Parish and the community are grateful to them for their dedication and support to help those in need.

JULY 2023 CARITAS COLLECTIONS

House by the Side of the Road was the selected recipient of the July Caritas collection. The committee would like to thank the parishioners for sharing their treasure with this organization which provides clothing and small household items at no charge to children and adults with limited funds. We sent *House by the Side of the Road* \$2,093, Dexter Family Services \$1,744, St. Joseph Christian Service Fun \$698, Catholic Habitat for Humanity \$698, Catholic Social Services Food Panty \$1,046 and St. Luke N.E.W Life Center \$698.

OCTOBER 2023 FOCUS RECIPIENT

The Committee has chosen *Guadeloupe Workers*, a Detroit crisis pregnancy organization, for our focus charity for the October 28/29 collection.



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- ◆ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ◆ Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- ◆ Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- ◆ Is really searching for a solid foundation during these difficult times.

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Our sessions meet on Sundays at 12:30 pm on the Village Campus. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information, please contact Marinell High at 734-426-8483 or marinell_high@stjos.com. We hope you will join us!



The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever."

The temple of the Lord was filled with the cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God.

~2 Chronicles 5:13-14

It is time to fully launch our music ministry programs. Last year, we rebuilt our membership with many long-standing members returning and many new members added to our groups. Now that you've experienced the new versions and sounds of our choirs and music ensembles, I know that you might have a little inkling to get involved. Feel that nudge of the Holy Spirit and join us.

Please know that you are most welcome to jump in at any time and if you have had no music experience. You are also welcome to join us if you have lots of training through bands, choirs and orchestras or private lessons, have a very busy schedule with a family and can only offer a little time or you are flexible and have much time to dedicate. We need you as singers or instrumentalistsyou are all welcome!

As a long time member of many music groups, I have experienced the camaraderie and community and the real joy that comes from singing or playing in an ensemble. As a long-time teacher and director, I love the challenge of working with groups that are a blend of many different levels of perceived talent and experience, and especially bringing this joy to new people in music! As I always say, "Can't sing..... great, come hide your voice in the choir." I can help you grow as we together, create the most beautiful and spiritually uplifting sound.

Where can you participate? Try-out a group that fits you the best:

Rejoice Anew! - regularly serves at 5 pm Masses - begins on September 6
Rehearses on Wednesdays - 7 pm (typically)

St. Joseph Choir - regularly serves at 11 am Masses - begins on September 7
Rehearses on Thursdays - 7 pm (typically)

Hand Bell Choir - occasionally serves at 11 am Masses - begins on September 11
Rehearses on Mondays - 7 pm

All groups are designed for high school students and adults. We rehearse at the Country Church.

Be on the lookout for a **Youth Choir** which will start later in the fall. Details to come soon! I'm very excited to see this important part of our ministry take off!

Please consider helping us lead music at our liturgies and share the vitality and the real joy that comes to our heart through the Gospel of Jesus. It is my prayer that we leave Mass able to best live the Gospel message as better and more loving people in the world.

More information - Contact Steve at: steve_hinz@stjos.com

FALL BIBLE STUDIES



First Samuel

Establishing the Throne of David

Located at St. Joseph Parish Center

Bible Study Sessions

Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m. – September 6, 2023 to January 31, 2024 OR

Thursdays 9-10:30 a.m. – September 7, 2023 to February 1, 2024

(with breaks for Thanksgiving and Christmas)

Study Book + Streaming Video Access \$35

Morning daycare provided.

Open to all ages 18 and over.

You are invited to join us in an 18-week study of the **First Samuel: Establishing the Throne of David**. This Old Testament narrative book tells the story of Hannah, a once-barren woman who miraculously gave birth to Samuel, the last judge and first prophet of Israel. Through Samuel, God transitioned Israel from a confederation of tribes to a Kingdom. Israel was first led by King Saul then by his successor, King David, the man “after God’s own heart.” Recount the stories of Saul’s rise and fall; the conflict between Saul and David; David’s defeat of Goliath, and friendship with Jonathan. Commentary and video presentation is by Fr. Jeffrey Kirby who shows how the biblical accounts in I Samuel are still relevant today and can teach us valuable lessons to apply to our everyday life.

Questions? Call/email/text:

Denise Muir 517-861-6390 dsmuir@chartermi.net or

Maggie Hansma 313-815-6450 maggaloots@aol.com



The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

Wednesdays from 9:30 – 11:00 AM

and

Thursdays from 7:00 -8:30 PM

In the Parish Center

Begins on September 13/14 through April 24/25. We will break the study into quarters with breaks between quarters and during the holidays.

Cost will be \$35.00 for the 24 sessions. This includes the study guide and online access.

The Bible Timeline® study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible’s narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and will give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. You will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our Faith.

For questions call Marinell High at 734-426-8483 or access the Bible Timeline link or sign up on our website at www.stjos.com under News and Events.

WATCH FUTURE CHIPS & SAWDUST PUBLICATIONS OR THE BULLETIN FOR THE BIBLE STUDY OFFERINGS FOR WINTER OF 2024.

THE PARISH PICNIC and MORE!



Join us at the Pavilion after all Masses on the weekend of September 9 & 10. We will have hamburgers, hot dogs and sides after 5:00 pm and the 11:00 am. Breakfast will be served after 9:00 am Mass.

As always there will be door prizes and a grand prize at the end of the last picnic on Sunday.

During the picnic after the 11:00 Mass we will have the Praise Band to provide wonderful music and songs. We will also have a Field Day of games and lots of fun for all ages provided by the Family Event Committee.

There will be games for the kids, a cotton candy machine, a chance at door prizes and a grand prize for all who attend! No need to register and no need to pay! Just come on down and join us for food, fun and fellowship!

YOUTH NEWS

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish Faith Formation Program!!



We are blessed you have chosen St. Joseph Parish as your spiritual home and are excited to work with your family as together we bring your child (ren) to know and love the Catholic faith! Each week we gather together as a large group to delve into the truths of our faith, pray together and grow as disciples of Jesus. We also gather as grade level small groups to explore more deeply all that makes us Catholic! **Please visit our Parent Pages on our website at stjos.com.** These pages can be found under the Children's Faith Formation tabs. Here you will find a description for each grade level, including what curriculum is used and who the individual catechists are (with pictures!).

High School Confirmation Program



The St. Joseph Parish Confirmation program is open to all High School students. Candidates can start the program in the beginning of their 9th, 10th, or 11th grade year and it is a one year program. We are using Matthew Kelly's video Confirmation program call Decision Point for the regular classes and the Ascension Press video program called Alteration for the large gatherings. We will need two catechists to run the program in each session (Sunday 10:30am-12:00pm and Wednesday 6:15-7:45pm) and adult leaders for the small table discussions during regular class. Small group leaders can either sign up for the whole year or for specific classes. For information or questions about this program please contact Don Dalgleish at don_dalgleish@stjos.com or at 734-426-2674 Volunteer Requirements apply to this program.



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

My name is Tyler Hochrein, and I am blessed to be the new youth minister for Junior High and High School here at St. Joseph! I was born and raised in Dexter and have attended this parish since my youth. Since the middle of high school, my faith has been a vital part of my life, and I have made it my mission to help those around me develop a deep relationship with Jesus. I have served at Damascus Catholic Youth Summer Camp during the summer of 2020 and on the leadership team with Christ the King Catholic Parish in Ann Arbor for the past three years, and I have also been involved here at the parish, helping with religious education for the past eight years. For the past two years, I have also attended Encounter School of Ministry and have completed their course, teaching about the power of the Holy Spirit, identity in Jesus Christ, and how to use charismatic spiritual gifts. I have exciting news! We are beginning a new program called Kick Start by Life Teen.

In this new quarter of the year, we will dive into the power of identity and prayer. Identity is a vital aspect of one's faith because it is the beginning of their relationship with Christ and knowing how important they are to God and his plan for their life. Identity in Christ is essential in our culture because many different sources tell us who to be and how to do it, from small things like sports and social status to affirming one to identify as the opposite gender. By establishing an identity in Christ, you become rooted in his perspective so that you can operate from it.

While knowing your identity in Christ is critical to a Christian lifestyle, attaining knowledge of it will only be possible with a consistent prayer life. Throughout our nights in large and small group settings, we will dive into how to hear the voice of God and see him. This will be done through Activations (an initial lesson that walks you through how to do a specific spiritual exercise) and quiet meditation in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Another way that we will do this is by learning how to praise our Lord through Praise and Worship. Praise and Worship is vital even outside of the Mass, for it's simply why we are created; to praise and adore the King of kings. This will be done in church and sometimes include the Blessed Sacrament.

I will also need help from adults and young adults interested in reviving our youth this year! I am looking to implement men's and women's small groups during youth group and will need volunteers to help lead them. I will also need assistance in helping the night run altogether. This will include interaction with teens and supervision of space during fellowship and group sessions to ensure everyone who comes is safe and accounted for. I would love for those interested in leading small groups or helping during youth group this year to contact me for more information! Contact me at tyler_hochrein@stjos.com or 734-426-2674.

ANNIVERSARY MASS AND DINNER SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

If you have a special anniversary coming up (1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25.....50+) please join us in celebration!

Mass will be at 5:00 pm followed by dinner in the Parish Center on Saturday, September 30, 2023.

We will renew marriage vows after the homily.

Watch your mail for your invitation! Or contact the Parish Office to RSVP.

Let us know:

- ◆ Name
- ◆ # of Years Married
- ◆ Anniversary Date and Year
- ◆ Number Attending Liturgy & Dinner — Adults & Children
- ◆ Food Allergies

Please call Marinell High at 734-426-8483 for more information.





The Blessing of the Pets

Our annual blessing of pets will be held at 9:00am on **Saturday, October 7**. We will meet on the steps of the Village Church. Bring all of your pets—big or small— to have them blessed!

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING DATES
Hospitality Ministers

Thursday, October 11 at 7pm **or**, Wednesday, October 24 at 7pm

Lectors
Thursday, October 11 at 7pm **or** Wednesday, October 24 at 7pm

EME
Thursday, October 12 at 7pm **or** Thursday October 17 at 7pm

Altar Server
Saturday October 21 **AND** Saturday October 28
9:00-10:30am **OR** 10:30am-12:00pm

All training at the Country Church

All You Need is Love



Saturday, November 11, 2023

Lakelands Golf & Country Club

Dinner, Silent and Live Auctions surrounded by the music of the Beatles.

Tickets go on sale the weekend of Sept 17/18 in the

Gathering Space, online or in the office

If you can't join us for the evening you can participate by being a sponsor or making a basket or item donation. Check the bulletin or our website at www.stjos.com for more information.

St. Joseph Parish Cemetery

Our cemetery committee has made recent updates to our guidelines and regulations. Later this fall, we will mail parish households a complete update with current pricing and information. If you are looking for information you may go to our parish website, www.stjos.com and click on the "Cemetery" button or use the QR code to take you to the Cemetery page on our website.



Scout BSA Troop 456 Activities



The service activity for this period was the Troop's participation in the last day of the Festival, assisting with the breakdown of the game area. Continuing with a tradition, the troop participated in the Dexter Memorial Day parade. The participants from the troop are shown in this photo. Hiking on the Kenosha Trail in the Brighton State Recreation area was on the list of activities for this period. The goal of the hike was to provide an opportunity to satisfy some of the requirements for rank advancement and the hiking merit badge. Attending summer camp was on the plan for this month.



Shown below is the Troop contingent leaving for Camp Lakota in Defiance Ohio. In addition to the unforgettable experiences of summer camp, the boys were able to complete the requirements for 30 Merit Badges. The outing at North Star Sail Club was a unique experience. In addition to camping and sailing, the scouts planned the Troop meetings for the upcoming year. If you are interested in joining



the troop as a scout or adult volunteer contact Ron Carpinella (Charter Organization Rep) at 734 426 5734 or Pete Potsos (Scoutmaster) at 734 355 8729.

Dear St. Joseph Parish...

May 2023

Thank you for your incredible support and partnership. Because of you, we help families and individuals build strength, stability, and independence through affordable homeownership and improved housing. Thank you for your generous donation of \$13,300 given toward the Catholic Habitat build house sponsorship.

Sincerely,

Sarah Stanton
Chief Executive Officer
Habitat for Humanity

July 2023

We received your generous \$2,783 donation, and it means the world to us. Thank you so much for your partnership. You make such a meaningful difference in the work we do at Catholic Social Services.

Warmest Regards,

Peg Bravo, RN, BSN, MA
President & CEO, Catholic Social Services

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.

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.

Kathleen McDonough

Thomas & Morgan Repovz
William

Mike & Michelle Wright
Erin

Brian Selfridge & Sarah Bonner
Maisie and Georgia

Greg & Christine Marquis
Kayla & Ana

David & Christianne Raney
Jonathan, Caroline, Thomas and Nathanael

Traci Montpas

Lola Ernest

Michael & Hannah Shares
Lucy

Dianne Poplawski

Daniel & Adriana Phelan

Theresa Uratchko

Tyler Schofield & Alex Dieck
Anna

Michael & Elizabeth Bills
David "Taavi" and Theresa "Tessa"

Justin & Lindsay Thelen

Christopher & Sherrilyn McAleer
Alexandria, Brooklynn, Colbilyn and Chandler

Jonathan & Jamie Pero
Ava, Ryan and Presley

Remedios Montalbo Young

Marriages

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

Alexander Frederick Bielajew & Kathleen Maire Mullen

Alexander Lawrence Chapp & Kristin Gayle Houhtaling

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Charles Thomas Feight
Son of Jackson Warling & Kalista Feight

George Jacob Walker
Son of Christopher & Erin (Edwards) Medeiros

James Lafoy Hughes III
Son of James & Kaitlin (Delph) Hughes Jr.

Lucas Alexander Wikaryasz
Son of Matthew & Julie (Tuckey) Wikaryasz

Adalyn Sofia Mendez
Daughter of Andres & Chanell (O'Rourke) Mendez

Nora Olivia Roskovensky
Daughter of Gregory & Sara (Haines) Roskovensky

Elena Katherine Economou
Daughter of Gregory & Mary (Cassar) Economou

Elliot George Economou
Son of Gregory & Mary (Cassar) Economou

Theo James Deford
Son of Paul & Amanda (Beyer) Deford

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.

Wanda Mantyk

Paul Steve Hibbs Sr.

Lee William Hirth

Norma Antoinette Zemke

Elizabeth Catherine Stanis

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Stewardship Prayer

*My church is composed of people like me.
 I help make it what it is.
 It will be friendly, if I am.
 Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
 It will do great work, if I work.
 It will bring other people into its worship
 and fellowship,
 if I invite them and bring them.
 It will be a church of loyalty and love,
 Of fearlessness and faith,
 and a church with noble spirit,
 if I, who make it what it is,
 am filled with these many things.
 Therefore, with the help of God,
 I shall dedicate myself to the task
 of being all the things
 that I want my church to be.
 Amen.*