

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Chips & Sawdust



OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2023

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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

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

Member

Gary Hunter
 Renye Meah
 Clay Cramer
 Kelly Kubicki
 Terry McCreight
 Haley Baur
 Ann Smart
 Gwen Evich
 Tim Kuzma
 Jim Davis
 Bob Deacon
 Dan Roycroft

Commission Liaison

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

COMMISSIONS and ACTIVITIES

Commission

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

Chair

Lisa Dobis
 Fr. Brendan Walsh
 Randy Desrochers
 Marinell High
 Sally Telfer & Brian Barna
 Don Dalgleish
 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

Laura McKenzie
 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.



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In Gratitude

In this Chips and Sawdust you will see our annual State of the Parish for fiscal year 2022-2023. First, thank you to all the parishioners of St. Joseph for your generous financial support of our parish. Your weekly gifts of sacrifice help us in the following important ways:

- Our Faith Formation program for our adults, youth, and children.
- Our sacramental celebrations to be nourished and guided by God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.
- The care of our buildings and grounds of our two campuses – two churches, 2 houses, office, parish center, pavilion, warming kitchen, and four maintenance buildings.
- The salaries and benefits of our pastoral staff, support staff, and maintenance staff.

Repairs and Improvements

Last year with funds from the government Employee Retention Credit, we upgraded our parking lot lights at both parishes, resealed the country church parking lot, replaced lights in the country church, replaced a lawn mower, and did brick work on the rectory garage.

Monies Saved & Raised

Half of the government Employee Retention Credit monies were placed in savings. Our Silent Auction, Flea market, and Festival monies were placed in parish savings and added to our campaign monies for our phase II project.

The Generous Giving of Our Current Campaign Status

Our Together in Faith and Fellowship received gifts and pledges totaling \$6,227,471, to date we have received \$3,629,916 with a balance of \$2,364,555 as of September 17, 2023.

New Employees

With the addition of new maintenance men, Erich McElroy and Chris Hollis, and the new staffing additions of Tyler Hochrein, Laurie Miller, Jim Burns, Jeanette Westermann, and April Clark to our Faith Formation program plus the ongoing expected increase of cost of materials, supplies, utilities, and snow removal our projected weekly need is higher.

New Weekly Goal

Last year our goal was \$20,600, we thankfully averaged \$21,748. This year our goal is \$22,700, a \$1,000 per week increase over last year's average. Currently as of September 17, we are \$26,678 behind goal.

In years past we have had to ask for a year end special gift to help balance the budget before the winter months of snow removal and natural gas bills for heat. Please watch the bulletin on the status of our budget. We will be asking again for a **"Back to Black"** in *Thanks and Giving* year end gift.

Construction Status

In September we finalized the legal development agreement with the township Planning Commission. In October we expect it will be accepted by the Webster Township Board. Then we must receive final approval from the Diocese of Lansing Finance Council. This will allow us to begin to move dirt before the snow flies.

Strategic Planning

Beginning in late September the Diocese of Lansing will be holding three strategic planning sessions for the future of our Diocese. I, members of the staff, the parish partnership committee and pastoral council will be attending these gatherings in September, October, and November. From these meetings we will be forming a 3-5 year parish plan. Our work will be to vision how we want to respond to the changing face of our Catholic Church. We will engage our parish leadership bodies to begin our work of visioning for our parish future.

Shalom,
Fr. Brendan J. Walsh

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
State of the Parish
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

I N C O M E			
Source of Income	2022-2023 BUDGET	2022-2023 ACTUAL	2023-2024 BUDGET
Donations	2,000.00	3,319.04	3,000.00
Silent Auction	20,000.00	30,757.98	-
DSA Over Goal Revenue Share	-	2,523.00	16,246.00
Holy Days	9,000.00	9,722.33	9,500.00
Christmas	65,000.00	58,277.69	60,000.00
Sunday Collections (including Year End Special)	1,055,600.00	1,136,796.69	1,203,100.00
<i>Weekly Goal/Actual Average/next FY goal</i>	<i>\$20,600.00</i>	<i>\$21,748.27</i>	<i>\$22,700.00</i>
Miscellaneous	15,000.00	15,691.77	15,500.00
Facility Rental	7,000.00	6,765.00	5,000.00
Mass Stipends	3,650.00	3,970.00	3,650.00
Tuition K - 8	11,000.00	11,829.50	11,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,188,250.00	1,279,653.00	1,327,496.00
E X P E N S E			
Salaries & Fringes	2022-2023 BUDGET	2022-2023 ACTUAL	2023-2024 BUDGET
Salaries	493,870.00	535,907.12	563,021.38
Fringe Benefits & Payroll Taxes	215,322.00	218,301.98	226,235.86
Staff Development & Travel	7,600.00	2,873.58	6,500.00
Total Salaries & Fringes	716,792.00	757,082.68	795,757.24
Administration			
Sunday Envelopes	5,400.00	5,228.48	5,400.00
Sacramental Assistance	3,000.00	4,489.81	5,000.00
Copy Machine	10,000.00	12,023.92	10,000.00
Computer Systems Support	2,000.00	4,613.73	2,000.00
Diocesan Assessment	46,600.00	46,063.20	46,600.00
Priest Retirement Assessment	8,850.00	8,746.20	8,850.00
Catholic Schools Assessment	35,400.00	33,725.99	35,400.00
<i>Catholic School Tuition Support to Parishioners</i>	<i>9,500.00</i>	<i>5,500.00</i>	<i>6,000.00</i>
Miscellaneous	14,150.00	21,070.43	16,700.00
Postage & Shipping	6,500.00	9,430.77	7,500.00
Office Supplies	6,000.00	6,288.36	6,000.00
Internet/Cable/Telephone	6,000.00	4,857.09	5,500.00
Total Administration Expenses	153,400.00	162,037.98	154,950.00
Worship			
Music Expenses	11,850.00	19,533.62	16,282.00
Liturgy & Environment	6,905.00	24,200.14	13,304.00
Total Worship Expenses	18,755.00	43,733.76	29,586.00
Children/Youth/Adult Faith Formation			
RCIA	2,900.00	3,291.39	3,330.00
Adult Education	9,300.00	2,261.33	11,925.00
Adult Retreats (Building the Brotherhood of Christ; Growing in God)	2,100.00	1,869.82	2,100.00
Parish Mission	5,000.00	790.48	5,000.00
Evangelization (FAITH magazine)	7,370.00	6,729.51	6,150.00
Religious Education P-6	9,965.00	7,883.37	10,050.00
Religious Education 7-8	2,350.00	1,735.72	2,950.00
Youth Ministry	8,200.00	4,716.65	6,650.00
Total Faith Formation Expenses	47,185.00	29,278.27	48,155.00

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Christian Service	2022-2023 BUDGET	2022-2023 ACTUAL	2023-2024 BUDGET
Christian Service	150.00	0.00	100.00
Services for Parishioners	350.00	4,134.85	350.00
Total Christian Service Expenses	500.00	4,134.85	450.00
Parish Life			
Hospitality, Coffee & Donuts, Pizza & Pop	900.00	3,857.38	-
Parish Life Events	11,750.00	6,882.58	4,900.00
Sunday Nursery Attendant	2,500.00	-	-
Total Parish Life Expenses	15,150.00	10,739.96	4,900.00
Plant Operation & Maintenance			
<i>VILLAGE CAMPUS</i>			
Snow Removal	20,000.00	15,350.00	20,000.00
*Repairs & Maintenance	13,000.00	32,577.44	10,000.00
Supplies	7,000.00	13,563.48	9,000.00
Natural Gas	21,000.00	23,374.09	22,000.00
Electricity	9,000.00	8,847.92	9,000.00
Water, Sewage, Trash Removal	6,000.00	6,602.87	6,500.00
<i>COUNTRY CAMPUS</i>			
Snow Removal	28,000.00	25,465.25	28,000.00
*Repairs & Maintenance	31,500.00	103,012.38	35,000.00
Supplies	8,000.00	16,992.75	10,500.00
Natural Gas	14,900.00	16,465.54	15,900.00
Electricity	29,400.00	29,887.35	28,700.00
Trash Removal	2,500.00	2,977.92	2,500.00
Telephone + Internet	6,400.00	7,424.16	7,100.00
<i>GENERAL PARISH</i>			
Contracted Services	9,000.00	8,907.61	8,000.00
Capital Expenditures	5,000.00	17,840.00	5,000.00
Insurance	51,635.00	51,634.68	54,733.00
Vehicle	1,000.00	182.00	1,000.00
Total Plant Expenses	263,335.00	381,105.44	272,933.00
*Plant: Significant Repair and Maintenance Expenses			
Village Campus		Country Campus	
Parking Lot Lights	10,855.58	Zero Turn	12,799.00
Brick Work Rectory Garage	17,800.00	Parking Lot Lights	30,370.17
	28,655.58	Asphalt/Stripe Parking Lot	31,160.00
		Interior Lights	21,530.51
Employee Retention Credit '20-21 (ERC)	244,004.18	Floor Scrubber	1,900.00
ERC Transferred to PII Savings	100,000.00	DVD/Recorder/Streamer	2,460.00
ERC used for projects/general parish	144,004.18		100,219.68
TOTAL PARISH INCOME			
	1,188,250.00	1,279,653.00	1,327,496.00
TOTAL PROGRAM & OPERATING EXPENSES			
	1,215,117.00	1,388,112.94	1,306,731.24
Total Revenue over Expenses			
	(26,867.00)	(108,459.94)	20,764.76

Pastoral Council Notes

What does it take to be a vibrant faith community? A grateful response to God's call. We are all called to know, love and serve the Lord. God is fully aware of how hectic our daily lives are and our limited talents. The Lord calls us to serve in love not only our immediate family but also our community – the neighbors' kids across the street, the disabled veteran in Detroit, the families who lost everything in the fires in Hawaii and Greece.

Our individual response is as unique as our self, for God calls us individually. Yet it is our combined response that builds the body of Christ. It is our yes, our sacrificial yes, giving back to God the gifts He graciously supplies: our time, talent and treasure. This giving builds fellowship and community; it strengthens our faith and deepens our love.

Our Blessed Mother provides an excellent example of responding with service. Mary spent time to assist a mature woman during pregnancy. Mary welcomed strangers into her home so they could honor her Son. Mary, ever observant, spoke to save a family from social embarrassment and humiliation. Fully aware that she was powerless to stop the pain and injustice, Mary with faith and hope accompanied Jesus to Calvary.

Here at St Joseph's we are blessed with many opportunities to respond to God's call. We respond in private prayer, attending Mass, confessing and repenting our sins. We respond by participating in faith formation activities. We respond by generously contributing to operating and capital needs of our parish and our diocese, to Caritas and special appeals. We respond by working and supporting our festival, flea market, and parish meals. We respond by volunteering in various outreach activities serving the needs of our community's lonely, unemployed, and mentally/physically challenged.

Fall once again presents us with opportunities to come together as a community to pray, to share and to build. Our Children, Youth and Adult catechist programs have resumed forming consciences and building fellowship. In October we are given an opportunity to gather and pray the rosary before Sunday Masses. In November we will rejoice with the saints on All Saints Day and remember our beloved departed on All Souls Day, express our gratitude to God on Thanksgiving Day and honor our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Also on November 11 at our parish silent auction we will join our fellow parishioners to enjoy their company and financially support our parish.

If you have not yet done so, prayerfully consider actively volunteering for one of the ministries of our parish. The vibrancy of our parish is our response to God's call.

Thank you and God Bless, Dan Roycroft

Caritas Focus Charity for October: The Guadalupe Workers



The Caritas Focus Charity for October is The Guadalupe Workers. The Guadalupe Workers is a tax deductible 501(c)3 non-profit organization that offers diverse support for families with unplanned pregnancies. The Guadalupe Workers is a voluntary association based in South Lyon Michigan and has a clinic serving families in southwest Detroit.

The Guadalupe Workers help starts on the sidewalks outside abortion clinics by encouraging mothers who may be feeling unsupported, unprepared, and uncertain. The Guadalupe Workers purpose is to help these mothers overcome any obstacles to embracing the life of her child and the life of her family. They listen to and work with mothers in order to see how they can best help them, their family, and their unborn baby. The Guadalupe Workers also provides assistance to single fathers and their families.

In order to convey their affirmation of the mother's worth, the Guadalupe Workers seek to offer personal and individually-tailored assistance to each mother the Workers encounter. The Workers provide, where appropriate, assistance tailored to each individual mother they meet. More importantly, the Guadalupe Workers attempt to create a familial bond with each mother, a bond especially important in a world hostile to motherhood. Not only is the child saved, but the entire family is saved through the generous and selfless work of Guadalupe Workers and their supporters.

The Guadalupe Workers offer true assistance for mothers and their entire families with needed items such as:

*Ultra sounds * Rent *furniture *appliances * groceries *transportation *bills
*housing * tuition *clothing for the entire family *baby items *utilities

The Workers also encourage and assist mothers with certification programs and/or with the completion of degree programs.

Only one staff member receives a small stipend, all other Workers are volunteer. All monies go to save the lives of the children and to help families move forward in a positive direction. The Guadalupe Workers is more than a pregnancy center, they are a family and lifesaving center as well.

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

Sing a new song to the Lord, he has done marvelous deeds!

Psalm 98:1



We have a new supplement, and we are very excited for our parish! Our music ministry team brings this supplement to you to add to the great music already found in the Gather Song Book. God gave us many diverse styles of music and by these beautiful means, He speaks to our hearts. We, in turn, speak to God's heart and each other, and share the vitality and the real joy that comes to our heart through the Gospel of Jesus. We will use this music often enough so it quickly becomes easy to sing and we further develop our song as a singing assembly.

You will find a collection of gathering and sending songs as well as songs that provide a diverse perspective of our encounter with the Eucharist.

I am grateful to the advisory team that helped bring this collection to you with focused work over this summer. Thank you:

Jeanette Barna	Alex Bielajew
Sue Furda	Steve Hunt
Jim Lavoie	Paula Pacholke-Dumont
Sue Skiba	and contributions from Marissa Schnurstein

Come join us, 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!



Trunk or Treat!

Saturday, October 28 After 5 pm Mass

Adults are invited to: Decorate your car and fill the trunk with goodies to pass out to the children who walk the Halloween Track behind the Country Church.

Children of all ages are invited to: Dress up and come Trunk or Treating!

We would love to know that you are coming with a car to park, or your child will be coming to Trunk or Treat. Use the QR code to let us know you are coming! .



Join us for this Family Friendly Trunk or Treat Event!



**ANOINTING OF THE SICK
MASS & LUNCHEON**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

**11AM Mass
Lunch following
PARISH CENTER**

Each year in October, the Spiritual Life and Worship Commission holds a Mass and lunch in the Parish Center. During Mass we celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. The sacrament is to bring God's healing grace, strength and peace to those who are sick or hurting. This sacrament is for those struggling physically, spiritually, mentally, or emotionally. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the office (734-426-8483) by Monday, October 9.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2
7PM | COUNTRY CHURCH



- All are welcome to join us at our All Souls Mass on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 at 7PM.
- If you wish to remember a loved one that passed away this last year by lighting a candle, please contact Darlene Cresson at the parish office, 734-426-2674 darelene_cresson@stjos.com.
- We will put together a Wall of Remembrance that will remain in church for the month of November. If your loved passed after November 1, 2022 to our current date and you would like them on the wall, please drop off or email a photo with their name, date of birth, and date of death, by October 23 to the parish office.



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

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

Lectors

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

EME

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

Altar Server

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

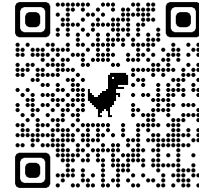
All training at the Country Church



INTERIOR CHURCH CLEANING BEE DATES

Country Church — Saturday, October 7 — 9AM

Village Church — Saturday, November 11 — 9AM



CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANING DATES

Country Church — Saturday, October 21 — 8am to noon

Village Church — Saturday, October 28 — 8am to noon

rain date—November 4



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Are you aware of St. Joseph Parish Health Ministry? Since our inception in 2018 we have been a busy group. You may have noticed our monthly health insert in the bulletin or perhaps the Festival First Aid tent or blood pressure screening.

We have offered Community CPR training as well as another lifesaving training called QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) or CPR for suicide prevention. Please seriously consider participating in future lifesaving training events.

We organized a well-received seminar on End-of-Life topics including funeral and estate planning as well as hospice and palliative care. We hope to have future follow up programs.

We would appreciate it if you participated in our survey either online or on paper. See information in an upcoming bulletin.

Lastly, we welcome anyone who feels called to our ministry regardless of expertise. The Mission of St Joseph Health Ministry is to assist the members of St. Joseph Parish community with their physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being through health counseling, education, referral, and support services.

Contact us at sjhealthministry@gmail.com



YOUTH NEWS



LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

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 as detailed in the catechism, *"God revealed himself to his people Israel by making his name known to them. A name expresses a person's essence and identity and the meaning of this person's life. God has a name; he is not an anonymous force. To disclose one's name is to make oneself known to others; in a way it is to hand oneself over by becoming accessible, capable of being known more intimately and addressed personally. CCC-203."* 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.

Food Ministry

For those interested in helping behind the scenes, I would love volunteers to help provide a home-cooked meal for the teens before the youth group. This will be a fantastic opportunity to be involved with our youth group because it allows us to break bread together and enjoy each other's company while discussing current events. If you are interested, please use the signupgenius QR code.

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!

Tyler Hochrein, Youth Minister
tyler_hochrein@stjos.com



Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. ~ 1 Timothy 4:12

18th St. Joseph Parish Auction & Dinner

Auction and Dinner on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at Lakelands Golf and Country Club

Put on your best and join us for an evening of fun!

It takes three things to make this Auction and Dinner a success:

1. Parishioners who attend and/or donate:

- Buy your tickets, donate a basket, a service, a stand alone item or become a sponsor
- Tickets are on sale! You can get yours in the Gathering Space after all Masses, in the parish office or online at www.stjos.com.
- See more detailed information about donations at www.stjos.com

2. Businesses that donate:

- Services, items and sponsorships are needed

3. Workers that put it all together

- If you are willing to help with the Auction in a small or big way please call Marinell High at the Parish Office – 734-426-8483.

When these three elements come together we are able to accomplish important contributions to our parish!



All You Need is Love

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18TH ST. JOSEPH PARISH
AUCTION & DINNER
WINE & CASH BAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023
6:30-10:00 PM

LAKELANDS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
8760 CHILSON ROAD
BRIGHTON, MI 48116
COMPLIMENTARY VALET PARKING

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
ST. JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE 734.426.8483
ONLINE AT STJOS.COM
THE GATHERING SPACE AFTER ALL MASSES

Saint Joseph's Giving Garden 2023

With the help of God's beautiful summer weather, volunteer gardeners, and the generosity of parishioners, the St. Joseph's Giving Garden had another productive growing year.

The successful bottle and can drive provided \$310 for garden supplies. The funds were used to purchase needed garden supplies such as seeds, plants, and row covers. Many thanks to all of our generous parishioners who were able to contribute!

This year's garden produced, as of September 5, over 565 pounds of food. Tomatoes, rhubarb, broccoli, beans, summer squash, kale, peppers, lettuces, herbs, carrots, onions, cabbage, cucumbers, eggplant, and more were grown and taken to the Faith in Action food pantry to provide our neighbors with healthy, fresh produce. There is a total of more than 134 volunteer hours that worked to plan, plant, weed, and harvest food for our Faith in Action friends. God is Good!

There will be a Fall Wrap-up meeting on Tuesday, October 17th at 7 pm. The meeting will be held in the parish center on the village campus. Old and new Giving Garden volunteers are welcome to attend as we discuss the success and challenges from this growing season. Even if you have no experience gardening but would like to learn, please join us.

Everyone is welcome!



Scout BSA Troop 456 Activities



Recently the troop held a court of honor to present the awards that the scouts had achieved at summer camp. There were 11 rank advancements and 29 merit badges that were awarded.

The planning meeting that was held on the last campout, that involved our annual the sailing trip, considered the possible outings for the next year..

Given the annual planning meeting outputs (campouts, monthly themes, goals) from the scouts, here is the Troop Campout Calendar that was developed :



- Sept 29-Oct 1: Crossroads Ranch Bonanza (Kensington Group Camp)
- Oct 13-15: Hudson Mills Campout (Hudson Mills Group Camp)
- Nov 10-12: Hiking or Mountain Biking (Brighton Rec Area)
- Dec 9: Henry Ford Museum (Dearborn, MI)
- Jan 19-21: Winter Camping (Camp Teetonkah, Jackson, MI)
- Feb 17-19: Skiing / Eagle Village (Caberfae Peaks, Cadillac, MI)
- Mar 16-17: Local Overnighter & Movie (Dexter, MI)
- April 12-14: Shooting Sports Campout (D-Bar-A Ranch, Metamora, MI)
- May 10-12: Hiking / Caving Campout (Hocking Hills State Park, OH)
- mid-June: High Adventure Trip (New River Gorge National River, WV)
- July 7-13: Summer Camp (Camp Lakota, Defiance, OH)

If any of this is of interest to you, please get in contact with the individuals listed below and join in on the adventures of our Scout BSA Troop.

You can follow us on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/dextertroop456>

The contacts for joining the troop as an adult or scout are: Ron Carpinella (Charter Organization Rep) at 734 426 5734 or Pete Potsos (Scoutmaster) at 734 355 8729

Christmas Cookie Market

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

St. Joseph Parish Center

3430 Dover (at the corner of 3rd & Dover)

Sponsored by St. Joseph Parish Life Commission

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

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

Email us at healrevel@gmail.com or go to our website www.stjos.com and clicking on the link provided to register your donation.



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

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

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.

Kevin & Luanne Lampman

Megan Wilcoxon

Dan & Anne Cover
Harrison, James and Riley

Abbi Lane
Isabelle and Luca

Tom & Claudia Kucab

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.

Robert John Goniwicha

Harry Arthur Dion Sr.

John William "Bill" Pierce

Gloria Brooks

Chrissie Cox

Marriages

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

Bradford John Carvalho & Bailey Jean Wandyg

Dalton Christopher Korczyk & Alyssa Lynn Grabinski

Tyler Douglas Lovell & Emily Erin Assenmacher

Conrad Joseph Bush & Abigail Maureen Murphy

Bailey Garrett Wilson & Megan Elizabeth Dobis

I loved all those people, that they were mine and / theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers.

Thomas Merton

Dear St. Joseph Parish...

August 2023

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$697 to the St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center. We appreciate your generous gift because of your July Caritas collection. We are so, so grateful to you and for your gift.

Blessings of Gratitude,

Sr. Carol Weber

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

August 2023

We received your generous \$2,862 donation, and it means the world to us. Thank you so much! As is often the case, St. Joseph comes to our aid with prayers and resources, and we are truly grateful.

Warmest regards,

Peg Bravo, RN, BSN, MA

President & CEO, Catholic Social Services

September 2023

Thank you for the \$3,920 and \$1,716 gifts to Faith in Action, dated July 14 and August 17, 2023.

As we head into the Fall and all the back-to-school backpacks have been distributed to sponsored families, we are grateful for the support of folks like you in our community. Without your generosity we would not be able to continue our programs and assist those needed a little help.

In appreciation,

Sarah Shugart

Executive Director, Faith in Action

I recognized that there is nothing better than to be glad and to do well during life.

For every man, moreover, to eat and drink and enjoy the fruit of all his labor is a gift from God.

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13



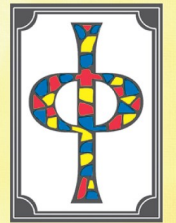
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