

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Chips & Sawdust



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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.

## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

### In Thanksgiving

The month of November is when we as a nation take a day (really 2 days) to count our blessings., to give thanks for all of the good of the past year. We know as Catholics, every time we come to Mass and receive the Eucharist, we give thanks. Eucharist is the Greek word for thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving Day we will have Mass at 9am in the Country Church. Come give thanks in prayer for all your blessings.

### O Come O Come Emmanuel

The season of anticipation for the coming of Jesus is nearly upon us. This year the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve so we only have three weeks of Advent. In means our time of preparation for the birth of Jesus – Emmanuel, who is “God with us” will be fast. So as we look ahead let us use the time of Advent to pray, to prepare, to anticipate with excitement the birth of our Savior.

### Silent Auction

Thank you to all who contributed to making our Silent Auction, “All You Need Is Love”, a wonderful success. We are grateful for those who attended, those who made baskets, those who prayed for its success. We thank the committee members: Tina Rehm, Sharron Ingersoll, Becky Dunlavy, Reyne Meah, Graciela Demerath, Jeanette Barna, Bob Deacon, Leslie Shannon, Katrina Murell, Ray and Judy Faitel under the leadership of Marinell High and Liz Neil. All funds will be used towards the cost of our phase II construction.

### Advent Calendar

Please keep the Advent schedule in this newsletter. It reminds us of the Holy Day, The Feast of Immaculate Conception, on December 8. We will have a 7pm Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 7 in the Country Church and morning Mass on December 8 at 8:15am in the Village Church. It also list the dates for both communal and individual Reconciliation. It lists all our Masses for Christmas and New Years.

Shalom,  
Fr. Brendan Walsh



## PASTORAL COUNCIL NOTES

### Embracing the Light of Advent: A Season of Hope

As the Advent season dawns, we are called to welcome the light of Christ with renewed hope and joy. Beyond the holiday rush, Advent is an opportunity for inner reflection. Lighting the Advent wreath, we symbolize the increasing light of Christ's love. Let's also share this hope by extending kindness to those in need, reaching out to the lonely, and engaging in acts of charity. This Advent, let us prepare our hearts to welcome Christ and shine His light in our world. Wishing you a blessed Advent and a joyous Christmas season.

In His love,  
Haley Baur  
St. Joseph's Pastoral Council

# Advent Schedule

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

**Light Parade & Cookies & Cocoa**  
Saturday, December 2 at 4pm

**Giving Tree Gifts**  
due Sunday, December 3

**Ladies Advent Tea**

Tuesday, December 5 at 7pm — Country Church

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**

Vigil Mass - Thursday, December 7 at 7pm in the Country Church

Friday, December 8 at 8:15am in the Village Church



## Advent Reconciliation Communal Reconciliation

Monday, December 11, 7pm — St. Andrew, Saline

Tuesday, December 12, 7pm — St. Joseph, Dexter

Wednesday, December 13, 7pm — St. Mary, Chelsea

Thursday, December 14, 7pm — St. Mary, Manchester

**Anointing of the Sick**  
December 16 & 17 after each Mass

## Individual Reconciliation

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

Saturday, December 16, 12-1pm, Village Church

Tuesday, December 19, 7 — 8pm, Village Church

Wednesday, December 20, 12 — 1pm, Village Church

# Christmas Liturgies

**Christmas Eve - December 24**

(music a half hour before each Mass)

4:30pm — Mass — Country Church

7:30pm — Mass — Country Church

11pm — Mass — Country Church

**Christmas Day - December 25**

10am — Mass — Country Church

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

January 1— 9am Country Church

## Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 22,  
Monday, December 25, Tuesday, December 26, Friday,  
December 29, and Monday, January 1.





## CARITAS

The Caritas Committee would like to thank the parishioners of St Joseph Parish for your generous donations to our October Focus Charity, Guadalupe Workers. Your generosity to our October Focus Charity, Guadalupe Workers, provided life-affirming funds in support of mothers in pregnancy and after. Because of your generosity we were also able to donate to our regular recipients: Dexter Family Services, St Joseph Parish Service Fund, Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Social Services Food Pantry, and St Luke N.E.W. Life Center.

Our December 30/31 Caritas Focus Charity is Delonis Center. In Washtenaw County, 5000 people are experiencing homelessness, among them veterans, domestic violence survivors, and people battling substance abuse. Robert J Delonis Center, located in downtown Ann Arbor, is the primary provider of emergency shelter for 1,200 Washtenaw County homeless individuals each year. Delonis Center programs and services provide for the immediate needs of the homeless by providing food, shelter, transportation, and medical care. During the cold winter months, they offer warmth and survival in their warming centers. Delonis Center provides services for people living on the streets, designed to give them dignity, like showers, access to storage, laundry, and an address to receive mail. The long-term needs of the homeless are addressed through case management and community referrals for housing, work, substance abuse treatment, and money management.

Delonis Center has used two vans to transport clients to appointments, deliver supplies to key locations, and pick up homeless clients to bring to warming centers in the winter months. However, they recently lost use of one of the vans and urgently needs a second van. Delonis Center has asked for assistance to be able to provide transportation to the homeless this winter. As we celebrate the gift of our Lord, Jesus, and gather with family and friends in our safe homes, with food on the table and a warm bed to sleep, please consider a generous contribution to support those people who have none of these blessings.

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

# MUSIC MINISTRY



## AT ST. JOSEPH

**Music Ministry Open House**  
**Wednesday, November 29 - 6:30 pm**

Our choirs are hosting an Open House on Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Space at the Country Church. If you have been curious about your involvement and would like to check out our work, please join us! We'll begin with a reception and then move into rehearsal where you are most welcome to join us in singing!

Please contact Steve Hinz with any questions –[steve\\_hinz@stjos.com](mailto:steve_hinz@stjos.com)

### PARISH LIFE & FAMILY EVENTS



**COOKIE MARKET & HOLIDAY BAZAAR**  
**Saturday, December 2**  
**9AM-2PM**  
 Parish Center  
 (3430 Dover St)



## Winter Wonderland

Coming this winter (date to be determined)  
**6-8PM – Country Church**

- Planetary Experience under a tent
- Outdoor Games
- Hot Chocolate
- Snacks
- Fun for all

*light parade & Cookies & Cocoa*

Saturday, December 2  
 meet at the Parish Center at 4:30pm to organize and prep the float, participate in the parade and return for treats



Please use the QR code for sign up.



**ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES**

## FAMILY FUN TRIVIA NIGHT

**SATURDAY, JAN 27 @6<sup>30</sup>PM** Pizza & Soft Drinks at St. Mary Chelsea

**6PM** | \$10 FAMILIES  
 \$10 COUPLES  
 \$5 INDIVIDUALS

REGISTER WITH QR CODE  OR VISIT CHURCH WEBSITE FOR REGISTRATION LINK



## Upcoming Days of Renewal

**February  
17**

**Building the Brotherhood of Christ (BBOC)** for the men of our parish and community: February 17, 2024 from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm on the Village Campus

**March 9**

**Growing in God (GIG)** for the women of our parish and community—March 9, 2024 from 8:30 am - 8:00 pm on the Village Campus

**February  
18**

**Healing in Our Families and Our Communities**

**March 3  
March 10**

a series of talks aimed at helping each of us deal with healing in relationships with hurts that we have been done to us or we have done to others. This talks will be based on the book Harm, Healing and Human Dignity which is a Catholic Encounter with Restorative Justice. Lent is the perfect time for us to look at how we have hurt others and how they have hurt us and learn to talk about our hurts and learn to heal. These talks will be held on Sunday afternoons from 3:00–4:30 pm on February 18, March 3 and March 10 at the Parish Center.

## Advent Prayers

*Week 1, Hope*

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

*Week 2, Peace*

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

*Week 3, Joy*

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

*Week 4, Love*

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

## WINE & CHEESE TASTING

**FEBRUARY 3 FROM 6-9 PM**

JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENING OF FRIENDS AND FUN ON A COLD WINTER NIGHT. THE PARISH LIFE COMMISSION WILL HOST OUR ANNUAL WINE & CHEESE EVENT

**THE PARISH CENTER (3430 DOVER ST)  
\$30/ PERSON OR A TABLE OF 6 FOR \$150**

EACH WINE FOR TASTING WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HORS D'OEUVRE OR DESSERT.

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE IN THE GATHERING SPACE BEGINNING JANUARY 27 OR YOU CAN PURCHASE THEM ONLINE BEGINNING JANUARY 15.

PLEASE CONTACT MARINELL HIGH AT THE PARISH OFFICE 734-426-8483 OR MARINELL\_HIGH@STJOS.COM FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION



## GOD BLESS THE NEWLY CONFIRMED



### Confirmation 2024 Sunday Session Schedule

December 3	Confirmation Class (Chapter 7, The Eucharist)
December 10	Bake and decorate Christmas Cookies service project (Parish Center 6-8pm)
December 17	No Class
December 24	Luminary service project to set out bags at 5:00pm and pick up after Midnight Mass.
December 31	No Class
January 7	Confirmation Class (Chapter 8, The Holy Spirit)
January 14	Confirmation Class (Chapter 9, The Church)
January 21	Confirmation Candidate and sponsor/mentor meeting (The Mass part 2)
January 27	Confirmation Retreat at the Parish Center (all day)
January 28	No Class

### Wednesday Session Schedule

December 6	Confirmation Class (Chapter 7, The Eucharist)
December 10	Bake and decorate Christmas Cookies service project (Parish Center 6-8pm)
December 13	No Class
December 20	No Class
December 24	Luminary service project to set out bags at 5:00pm and pick up after Midnight Mass
December 27	No Class
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# LIFE TEEN

Come to Life Teen at St. Joseph Parish, where you can play games, chill with friends, and encounter your faith through small groups, times for Praise and worship, and Adoration. Invite your Friends so we can grow the community! I hope to see you there!  
- Tyler Hochrein

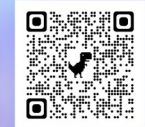


### Our Schedule

We meet every Sunday 6 - 8:30 pm  
This will be in the loft at the parish center in town.  
3430 Dover St,  
Dexter Mi, 48130



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"I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." John 16:33



Food Ministry: provide meal for youth gathering



# ALL ARE WELCOME

LEARN ABOUT THE GROUP



## SCOUT BSA TROOP 456 ACTIVITIES



This month Troop 456 participated in the **Ann Arbor Trout Unlimited's** annual trout survey. They waded through Mill Creek pulling a barge with a generator that powered an electrical system that would temporarily stun the fish, so that we could catch them. The scouts would then weigh and measure the length of the trout before releasing them back into the creek. It was a little brisk in the morning, however, with the right gear, it was definitely comfortable, unless you fell in the water, like one of the Scouts! Another great time with Troop 456. Troop 456 worked with Troop 3456 to help the fall cleanup

around the country church. The results achieved were commendable. After the cleanup activity, both troops participated in the Scout Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby amateur radio operators setup. Scouts of any age can participate, from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts.. Once at the ham radio station, the communication typically involves talking on a microphone and listening on the station speakers. However, many forms of specialized communication may also be taking place, such as video communication, digital communication (much like sending a message on your smartphone but transmitted by radio), or communication through a satellite relay or an earth-based relay (called a repeater). The exchanges include such information as name, location (called QTH in ham speak), Scout rank, age, and hobbies. 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. 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.



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

# God Squad (6-8 grade Youth Group) Schedule and Activities 2023/2024

**Friday  
October  
27**

Blast Corn Maze Trip  
Daly Rd Dexter, MI  
6-8pm Meet at Maze



In line for the Hayride



Playing on the hay and tubes

**Sunday  
November  
19**

Parish Center , 3430  
Dover St, from 2-3:30pm  
for activities and games -  
we will meet in the Loft.



**Sunday  
December  
10**

Parish Center , 3430  
Dover St, from 2-3:30pm  
for activities and games -  
we will meet in the Loft.



**Friday  
January  
19**

Airborne Trampoline  
outing - time to be  
determined



**Sunday  
February  
25**

Parish Center , 3430  
Dover St, from 2-3:30pm  
for activities and games -  
we will meet in the Loft.



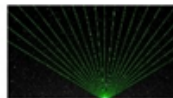
**Friday  
March  
15**

Parish Center , 3430  
Dover St, from 6-8pm for  
activities and games - we  
will meet in the Loft.



**Sunday  
April  
21**

Parish Center , 3430 Dover St,  
from 2-3:30pm for activities and  
games - we will meet in the Loft.




**Sunday  
May  
17**

Parish Center , 3430  
Dover St, from 6-8pm for  
activities and games - we  
will meet in the Loft.



**My dear precious Jesus,**  
I did not mean to take your place,  
I only bring toys and things and you bring love and grace.  
People give me lists of wishes and hope that they come true;  
But you hear prayers of the heart and promise your will to do.  
Children try to be good and not to cry when I am coming to town;  
But you love them unconditionally and that love will abound.  
I leave only a bag of toys and temporary joy for a season;  
But you leave a heart of love, full of purpose and reasons.  
I have a lot of believers and what one might call fame;  
But I never healed the blind or tried to help the lame.  
I have rosy cheeks and a voice full of laughter;  
But no nail—scarred hands or a promise of the hereafter.  
You may find several of me in town or at a mall;  
But there is only one omnipotent you, to answer a sinner's call.  
And so, my dear precious Jesus, I kneel here to pray;  
To worship and adore you on this, your holy birthday.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tyler Hochrein  
734.426.2674 | tyler\_hochrein@stjos.com

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.*

Luke Simon & Abby Coogan

Joshua & Anjelica Konell  
Patrick

Kyle & Nicole Marsh  
Alexandra and Harrison

Conor & Brittany Young  
Delaney, Rowan and Mauve

Sean and Emily Chene  
Charles, Molly and Louis

Regis & Jean Miller

Nathan & Lindsey Roelant  
Sloane

Linda Morris

Bill & Angela Muir

Kathleen Summers

**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.*

Virginia Betty Reed

**Marriages**

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

Ryan Thomas Burkard & Paige Elizabeth O’Piela

Matthew Peter D’Agostino & Gina Elizabeth Diciuccio

Evan Kenneth Teed & Katheryn Louise Erber

Nicholas Jordan Tolbert & Halle Marie Chiarelli

**Baptized into the Family of God**

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

Miles Thomas Barras

Son of Matthew & Corynne (Gregory) Barras

Daniel Alejandro Sanchez

Son of Juan Osvaldo & Andrea Rosalie (Carpenter) Sanchez

Sabastian Dev Joseph

Son of Jacob & Megan (Shetty) Joseph

Michael Matthew Therrian

Son of Johnathan & Yang (Meng) Therrian

Alexandra Jane Marsh

Daughter of Kyle & Nicole Marsh

Harrison Howard Marsh

Son of Kyle & Nicole Marsh

Elanor Rose Tolbert

Daughter of Nicholas & Halle (Chiarelli) Tolbert

Noah Brooks Cameron

Son of Gavin & Mary (Cebula) Cameron

*Dear St. Joseph Parish...*

October 2023

Thank you so much for your October donation for the Catholic Social Services Food Pantry, the gift of \$2,821 in October and the gift of \$1,000 to Washtenaw Child Advocacy Center. Your gifts allow us to partner together to continue our mission of providing compassionate and comprehensive services for those in our community who are in real need.

Warmest Regards,

Peg Bravo, RN, BSN, MA

Catholic Social Services, President and CEO

*grateful  
thankful  
blessed*



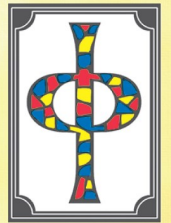
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