## ST. JOSEPH PARISH Chips & Sawdust

## APRIL/MAY 2024



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734-426-2674 (Religious Education) www.stjos.com (website) info@stjos.com (email) St. Joseph Catholic Parish, Dexter Michigan (facebook) 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**

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#### **Our Mission**

As members of the family of God, we of St. Joseph Parish, Dexter, in the Diocese of Lansing, believe 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

#### 50 Days of Rejoicing

From Easter to Pentecost is 50 Days; 50 Days when we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus. The first 40 days Jesus is found with his closest followers. His friends who embraced his life, his mission, and were changed forever by his resurrection. We now embrace his resurrection, we shout "Happy Easter", we sing with joy our Easter Alleluia, "*He is Risen*". He is truly risen. Yes, our sins are forgiven, our new life with Jesus is restored.

Let us use these 50 days well as we anticipate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

#### Our Easter Call to Action

- † Nominate yourself or others for the Pastoral Council.
- † Volunteer at Feed My Starving Children food packing event.
- † Help with Spring Grounds Clean Up at the Village Church or Cemetery.
- † Contribute to the Moms in Need Baby Shower.
- † Consider volunteering for the Flea Market or Festival.

#### A May of Celebration

In May, we will hold two First Communion Liturgies for our 25 children receiving their first Eucharist. Please pray for them and their families.

We also honor our mothers who brought us into the world. We give thanks for how they taught us the ways of faith and love.

We rejoice with the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost who energizes us to witness our faith in and love for Jesus.

The month ends with the celebration of the Holy Trinity. We give thanks for God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us to live holy lives.

#### **Festival Raffle**

Our Summer Festival begins with our annual request for you to purchase and sell your raffle tickets. These ticket sales are the highest source of income for the Festival. As we watch the walls go up, please remember each dollar we raise goes to our new building.

#### Kitchen and Technology Shower

As we watch the building take shape, we are beginning to plan how we are going to move from old buildings to the new. We also recognize we need to upgrade our new kitchen, new office, and new classrooms with new technology and some new kitchen equipment and utensils. As we continue to plan, we have recognized a need for a kitchen and technology shower. A chance for all parishioners to help outfit our new building with kitchen equipment and utensils and our classrooms with TVs, and office equipment. Our shower of opportunity will begin April 13 and run until May 5. See details inside this edition of Chips and Sawdust.

Shalom, Fr. Brendan J. Walsh

#### **PASTORAL COUNCIL NOTES**



As Peter wrote, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." Peter made it clear, that we received our gifts from God for two purposes, to praise Him and serve others. How better to serve others than through leadership on the Pastoral Council? It involves not only a new relationship with the Church, but it also involves a new responsibility for ministerial relationships that serve the St. Joseph community and far beyond.

In brief, the Pastoral Council is composed of Fr. Brendan, Dcn. Randy Desrochers and Dcn. Larry Deford, parish staff, youth, and 12 selected parishioners. New member nominations will occur on May 4 & 5 and can be self or someone else. Nominees are asked to attend an evening of discernment (**Thursday, May 16**), and for those parishioners that accept the nomination, we as a parish invoke the Holy Spirit, and four members are chosen on Pentecost (**Saturday, May 18**). Council members serve a three-year term and are part of the consultative body to the Pastor and parish staff in addition to council members role as a liaison with their assigned ministries. Ministries assignments rotate annually, and newly selected members have the first choice in choosing their ministry.

Servant leadership puts serving others a priority. As Apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor, not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord". Please consider more deeply this opportunity to use your gifts from God to serve St. Joseph Parish, the local community and beyond...

#### Pastoral Council Nominations

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

We are asking all parishioners to seriously reflect upon serving on our Parish Pastoral Council. This year four members will be selected to serve for three years, one member to serve one year, and two alternates will be chosen to serve on the Council if needed. The selection process for Council candidates begins the weekend of May 4/5 when nomination ballots will be distributed at each Mass. Parishioners will be asked to submit nominations – either themselves or someone else.

Nominees will be contacted and asked to attend an evening of discernment on Thursday, May 16. Council members will share the roles and duties of the Council. Those parishioners who accept the nomination will be included in a "selection by lot" to be held at the 5pm Mass during the Vigil Mass of Pentecost on Saturday, May 18.

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

#### Caritas Committee - Nominations for Membership

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

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

On the weekend of April 27/28, we are seeking nominations for individuals to serve on the Committee. Serving on Caritas is a great way to get to know people in the parish and to become more informed about the needs and services in our community. Please consider nominating yourself or someone whom you feel would be a good candidate.

All nominees will be invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, May 9, for an evening of discernment to learn more about serving on the Committee. Three new committee members will be chosen by lot to serve 3-year terms, and two individuals will be selected to serve one-year terms as alternates. at the 5pm Mass on Pentecost eve, Saturday, May 18. Thank you for taking the time to consider this worthwhile ministry.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH Caritas committee	ST. JOSEPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL I would like to nominate: NAME: PHONE:	
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Nomination for: Self:	Nomination for: Self:	
Other:	Other:	
Candidates must be at least 18 years old,	Candidates must be at least 18 years old,	
confirmed, and a registered member of the	confirmed, and a registered member of the	
Parish.	Parish.	

# KITCHEN & TECHNOLOGY SHOWER

## APRIL 13 - MAY 5

HELP ST. JOSEPH PARISH COMPLETE OUR NEW KITCHEN, CLASSROOMS, AND OFFICES



#### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

#### **Rite of Christian Initiation**

Our Catechumen and Candidates at the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion and their sponsors and team on February 17, 2024 at St. Francis of Assisi:

Jay Erickson, Mel Erickson, Clay McKenzie, Keith Kubicki, Lynn Sample, Kayla Griffith, Dominique Lee, Madeleine Barker, Indyia Lawrence, Jonathan Whitaker, Ray Singer, Marinell High, Bishop Earl Boyea, Leslie Schoof and Mark Schoof.

Clay McKenzie, Dominique Lee, Mark Schoof and Jonathan Whitaker were Baptized, Confirmed, and received Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Madeline Barker made a Profession of Faith and came into Full Communion with the Catholic Church and received Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.



BUILDING THE BROTHERHOOD OF CHRIST MEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL



GROWING IN GOD WOMEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL



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Confirmation	2024	<b>Schedule</b>
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- April 7 Confirmation Candidate and sponsor/mentor meeting (The Mass part 5) Last session
  - Village Church Grounds Clean up 8am to noon
- May II Cemetery Clean up 8:00am to noon
- July 13-14 Festival: Sign up to help out at the festival to finish up your service hours
- August 13-15 Confirmation interviews



April 13

#### Candidate and Sponsor/Mentor meetings are at 1:30pm in the Parish Center 3430 Dover St.

#### **Confirmation Retreat 2024**





#### VBS 2024 June 24-28th, 9am-12pm Country Church Campus

Please plan to join us in June as we travel back in time to Nazareth where you will discover the Village of Nazareth where Jesus grew up. Meet Mary and hear her stories about Jesus and experience what life was like in ancient Nazareth.

Children entering grades Preschool (4 years) through 6th grade in the Fall of 2024 are welcome to participate and will be a part of a Tribe for the entire week! Each day starts off with prayer, song and celebration! Then Tribes gather together to map out the day's activities. There will be crafts, cool projects, and great snacks. Meet Mary and discover what she has to say about Jesus. Play high-energy games that reinforce the daily lesson. Connect Tribe experiences in Nazareth to modern-day lives at home! We will wrap up the day with prayer and song! For more information or and/or volunteer, register please visit to www.stjos.com



Sunday May 17 Parish Center , 3430 Dover St, from 6-8pm for activities and games - we will meet in the Loft.



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

God Squad (6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group) Airborne Trampoline Outing



#### St. Joseph's Parish Perennial Plant Sale!

#### May 18, 2024

Mark your calendars now for **SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024 from 9 AM-5 PM.** Proceeds from this year's sales will be used to support the current irrigation system and irrigation/landscaping around our future church expansion.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- \* Donate plants from your own/friend's garden. THIS IS HOW WE MAKE THE MONEY!
- \* Publicity: pass out fliers and tell friends/relatives/co-workers about the sale, share on Facebook
- Digging in gardens of those who are unable to do so
- \* Re-potting all the plants we dig (see"potting parties" schedule below)
- \* Label or price plants at the potting parties
- \* Watering re-potted plants to keep them alive until the sale
- \* Set-up/take-down or work the sale
- \* Loan us your wagons/wheelbarrows for the sale
- \* Donate empty pots (most needed are I gallon and I quart size pots)
- \* Come and shop for great plants at great prices
- \* If you are **unable to split** your perennials yourself, we may be able to help. Call or email to set up a time for us to come dig, our information is below.

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

April 25 (Thursday), April 30 (Tuesday), May 2 (Thursday), May 6 (Monday), May 8 (Wednesday), May 10 (Friday), and May 13 (Monday) from 3 PM to 6 PM.

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

Plants that are already potted can be dropped off in the staging area near the festival pavilion any time after April 22. If they are not potted, please drop off on one of the potting party dates or date prior. Please bag these so they don't blow around. Pots will be available in the festival pavilion if you need any or pot donations can be left in the festival pavilion after April 22.

### **St. Joseph's Perennial Sale Date: Saturday, May 18, 2024; 9 AM to 5 PM**; Location: Festival Pavilion at the Country Church. Tell your family and friends. Stop by for some great plants at great prices!

For more information please contact:

Mary Lobeck at <u>flobeck@hotmail.com</u> or734-255-3605 or Beth Taylor at <u>celctaylor@outlook.com</u> or734-709-7676.



#### Saint Joseph Giving Garden Wednesday, April 9th, 7pm Parish Center, Village Campus

The Saint Joseph Giving Garden is preparing for a new gardening season of growing and sharing. The Giving Garden, located on the grounds of the country church, grows produce every summer to supply *Faith in Action* and our neighbors in need with good, healthy vegetables. This year will be an even better growing season with new raised beds! This means far less weeding and less watering. Your time commitment will be far less too but with better result. Gardening is a wonderful opportunity to get some easy exercise and be in the fresh air a few hours a week.

If you feel called to lend a hand in this planning, growing, and harvesting, there will be a planning meeting on **Tuesday, April 9th, at 7 pm at the Parish Center, Village Campus**. Please don't worry if you have little or no gardening experience. We will happily teach you everything you need to know to produce healthy vegetable for our neighbors. You can then use that knowledge to grow your own garden at home. It's a win-win-win! **Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me food**"

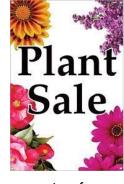


#### **Grounds Clean Up Dates**

Village Church—April 13—8am –noon

Cemetery—May II—8am—noon.









#### 2024 St. Joseph Summer Fun Festival!

Let's mark our calendars for **July 12, 13 & 14**. Details about planned activities for this year's Festival are emerging.

Our **Flea Market** is back and in full force:

Flea Market donations will be accepted June 13—June 16 with SALE DATES on JUNE 20, 21, & 22.

- Friday Family Night at the Festival will feature entertainment by the Encore Theatre Company inside the Country Church. Vignettes from some of their upcoming performances will be highlighted.
- Saturday will feature the II-V-I Orchestra, Nuclassica, Salma Gundi (Motown and Soul), and the 60's music tribute band Magic Bus.
- **Sunday** entertainment wraps up the Festival with Christian Anderson (Christian rock), The Favorites (classic rock), and the Kielbasa Kings.
- Entertainment in the Children's Tent will include Joe Bennetts Magic, Kings Yomen, who will polish up our YO-YO skills; and everyone's favorite, Wildlife Safari. Guinness world record holder Eric the Juggler will amaze us with his skill on the Festival Midway.
- Other Festival activities include a reimagined Arts & Crafts Show under their own tent, Bingo, Classic Car Show, Inflatables, Kid's Games, Knockerball, and a variety of yard games outside the main tent and many more treats... along with good food and fellowship.
- And we will thank GOD for our blessings by praying our II AM Sunday Mass under the Big Tent.

As in the past, it is the **VOLUNTEER** effort of our entire parish family that makes the Festival possible.

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

Flea Market Sale Dates | June 20, 21, & 22

Festival Dates | July 12, 13 & 14

# Building a lasting legacy at St. Joseph Church

The Catholic Foundation offers guidance on planned gifts. For assistance, contact Lisa Brown lbrown@dioceseoflansing.org 517-253-8738



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#### **Troop 456 Activities**



The major outing for this period was a Presidents day outing at Caberfae Peaks. We had 11 scouts and 6 adults attending the outing. Caberfae Peaks is a downhill ski area located in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan near Cadillac. It gets its name from the Gaelic word for "stag's head". Caberfae Peaks' official opening was in January 1938, making it one of the oldest ski resorts in the US. The resort opened with a lodge built by the Civilian Conservation Corps and one double diamond ski trail named "Number One". The troop checked into the Eagle Village Lodge on Saturday and spent the day sledding and had a campfire that evening. On Sunday they were at Caberfae Peaks all day where they enjoyed the snow covered slopes.



The Troop is planning for the election of members (scouts and scouters), who qualify, to the Order of the Arrow. For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters that have excelled at living the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. The Order of the Arrow (OA) essentially functions as **Scouting's National Honor Society**.

Troop 456 hosted the service for Scout Sunday this year. In doing so it invited both Girl Scouts and Scout BSA organizations to participate in the Mass on 4 February.

If you are interested in joining the troop as a Scout or Adult Volunteer please contact Ron Carpinella (Charter Organization Representative) 734 426 5734 or Pete Potsos (Scoutmaster) 734 355 8729. Information about the troop and upcoming events can be found at the troop website **url: dextertroop456.org** 



#### COME IN FAITH. LEAVE WITH HOPE.



God hears our prayers for the renewal of our Church. He will Eucharistic answer them through a lifechanging transformation of our own hearts. The 10th National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to experience

profound personal revival so we can be sent out to share Christ's love with a world that so desperately needs it.

For more information use the QR code. Indianapolis, IN—July 17-21, 2024.



#### Moms In Need Baby Shower



Our annual Moms in Need Collection supporting Catholic Social Services and Family Life Services begins April 27. Donations can be made in one of three ways.

- Pick a tag from the crib. Then purchase and return the item by the 11am Mass on May 21.
- Monetary donations can be placed in the box.
- Online donations at www.stjos.com.

The following items cannot be donated. Anything recalled, defective, incomplete, or unclean items, adult clothing, infant bathtubs, premature baby formula, sanitized water, electric breast pumps, cradle swings, or USED car seats.

Thank you.

The Charitable Activities & Social Justice Commission

#### April / May 2024

#### 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.

Robert & Judith Goetz

Robert & Karen Murphy

Susan Ochs

Robert & Mary Ann Stewart

#### In Loving Memory

Vay 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.

Paul Michael Manhart

Catherine Ann Carmack

Judith Ann Mehler

John Fredrick Rehm

#### Baptized into the Family of God You are God's work of art, created in Jesus the Christ.

Clara Ann Kosel Daughter of Aaron & Laural (Twist) Kosel

Louis Stanley Chene Son of Sean & Emily (Darrow) Chene

Wells Patrick Guminik Son of Derek & Julie (Fielder) Guminik



Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you: Pray that | may have the grace to let me be your servant, too.

Dear St. Joseph Parísh...

February 2024

We received your generous \$857.25 donation. Thank you so much! Your gift allows 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

Lori Barbera, Major Gifts Officer

Shelter Association of Washtenaw County

President and CEO of Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County

#### February 2024

On behalf of the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County, we want to express our deep gratitude for your recent gift of \$1,714. Your gift will go a long way in helping us provide transportation services to those in need. Thank you for embodying the spirit of compassion and community service. We are honored to have your support. Sincerely, Sarah Paspal-Jasinski, Director of Development February 2024

Thank you so much for your recent donation to St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center from your Caritas Collection. We appreciate your generosity and are honored that you think of the Center in your decision to donate.

We are most grateful for you donation and thank you for helping us to live the mission of Jesus of compassion, healing and non-judgement in the north end of Flint. Know that you are in our prayer daily here at the center.

With deep gratitude,

Sr. Carol Weber

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

First, let me thank you again for your hospitality during the Joint Parish Mission. The collection took in \$3,310 for our work in the Catholic Community of Flint. We deeply appreciate your sacrifice. I also appreciate your participation in the mission and your warm welcome to me. The Lord was obviously at work in all of us. I pray that He will continue to make His Holi Sprit and power felt in your lives especially in our celebration of the Eucharist. Know that I will remember your community in my prayers, please remember me in yours. Fr. Mathew S. Bonk

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#### In This Issue of Chips & Sawdust

"See! The winter is past;

the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has

come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land." Song of Songs 2: 11–12

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