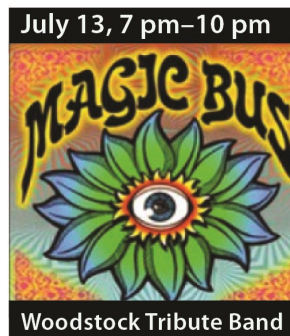


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Saturday: 5:00pm; Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am

WEEKDAYS in Village Church

Liturgy: Monday through Friday at 8:15am

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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

New Fiscal Year

The month of June brings to a close the fiscal year of 2023-24. With a mild winter we were able to save on snow removal funds and gas and electric bills. This savings was offset by the need to replace the boiler heating element of the country church. We also had significant septic tank issues in need to replace a controller, pump, and to have four holding tanks pumped empty. (After 16 years it was time.)

As we plan the budget for the new year we also have been informed that medical insurance costs have climbed nearly 10%. These unplanned and unexpected repair expenses, insurance increases, and small raises will mean a significant increase to our weekly budget. Please know we will need the help of all parishioners to help us have a weekly balanced budget to pay salaries, benefits and to have funds to operate our new building on our country campus.

Blessings to Tyler Hochrein

At the end of June, we will bless and thank Tyler Hochrein for his year of service to St. Joseph. We will ask God to bless Tyler as he prepares to attend Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio in the fall. Please keep Tyler in your prayers as he seeks to grow in his knowledge and understanding of our Catholic faith as he plans to study theology.

Welcome to Katherine Webber

This August we will welcome Katie Webber as our new Director of Religious Education for our children pre-K through 6th grade. She will be responsible for 1st Reconciliation, First Communion, Vacation Bible School, and will work with our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd team. Katie comes to us from working in China in education. She has an education in Human Services and early childhood education. We are excited to add her to our parish faith formation team.

Flea Market and Festival Fun

Our summer Flea Market and Festival are around the corner. Start your summer cleaning and bring your extra home treasures to our Flea Market starting June 13.

We have moved the Festival forward a week in July. This will allow parishioners to attend the Eucharistic Congress being held July 17-21 in downtown Indianapolis. Our Festival will be July 12, 13, and 14. A time to come together to host our families and friends. A time to witness our love for our Catholic faith and our Catholic community. A time to contribute to our new building where we will minister, serve and form our community in the teachings of our Catholic faith.

Townhall

There will be town hall meetings on Sunday, September 15 at 2pm and Wednesday, September 18 at 7pm to allow all church parishioners to participate in discussions around our plans for the future of St. Joseph's village campus.

Shalom,
Fr. Brendan J. Walsh

Caritas



Our Caritas Focus Charity for June's fifth Sunday collection is **The Michigan Foster Care Closet.**

In Michigan there are approximately 10,000 children in foster care. Foster care is an essential service that provides a temporary home for children who are unable to live with their biological parents due to a variety of reasons, including abuse and neglect. Children are placed in foster care 365 days a year, many arriving at their foster homes wearing only the clothes on their back or with all their belongings stuffed into a plastic garbage bag. The Michigan Foster Care Closet makes this transition easier and helps provide a sense of normalcy for the children and their foster families by providing clothing, shoes, toys, linens, nursery furniture, strollers, car seats, school supplies, hygiene products and more free of charge.

The Michigan Foster Care Closet is a 100-percent volunteer run organization located in a 3600 sq ft commercial building on Jackson Road in Washtenaw County. The shelves are always stocked with clothing and other necessary items and are available at a moment's notice to help any foster children and their families. Although located in Washtenaw County, the Michigan Foster Care Closet serves children throughout the state of Michigan by providing a professional, yet personalized shopping experience for quality items for daily living, for children of all ages, who are in foster care. Clothing children with confidence and self-esteem is what The Michigan Foster Care Closet strives for with every child that walks through the door.

Foster care is a vital safety net for vulnerable children who need care, support and love. The Michigan Foster Care Closet needs our support so they may continue to fund various programs and services and provide necessities for children in foster care.

In Matthew 19, Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." As we prepare for the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus, please consider a generous contribution for the children who need it most.

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOTES



As we reflect on Pentecost and the end of the Easter season, the following verses about the earliest Christians bring hope of what we have to look forward to at St. Joseph Parish as a close-knit Catholic community filled with the Holy Spirit:

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common.”

Acts 2:42 - 44

New Building and Future of the Village Campus

Arriving at Mass each weekend, I look forward to seeing the amazing progress in the construction of our extension to the Country Church. This new space will bring so many new and expanded opportunities for faith and fellowship in our Catholic community. We are blessed by the generosity of our Parish members that has allowed this project to come to fruition through the *Together in Faith and Fellowship* Campaign.

Although there is much excitement in the air in anticipation of the opening of the new space, we cannot forget about the many blessings and memories that the buildings of the beautiful village campus have brought us over the years. So many special events and ceremonies have been accommodated on the campus including parish conferences and retreats, pre-marriage preparation, funeral luncheons, youth events, welcome dinners, Bible studies, and so much more.

With the anticipated opening of our new country campus addition in December, difficult decisions need to be made about the ultimate use or disposition of the Parish Center, Parish Office, and Rectory that make up the village campus along with the Village Church and Grotto. This past month, the Pastoral Council, together with the Finance Council and Transition Team, met to start discussions about the potential future plans for the Parish Center, Office, and Rectory. Options brought to the table included:

- Sell the buildings
- Continue to own and use the Rectory, while demolishing the other two buildings
- Demolish all three buildings, and create a sacred green space to accompany the historic Village Church

Consideration was given to the selling of the three campus buildings and the potential income that could be brought in to invest back in our parish. However, there is too much risk that the selling of the buildings and sharing the space could create distractions and conflicts that would diminish the sanctity of our Village Church campus and church.

Continuing to use the Parish Center could also be an option, but it would come at a major cost that would require significant contributions from us as parishioners to support major maintenance required at the village campus and continued cost to maintain two substantial campuses. Plus, maintaining buildings on two campuses would take valuable time away from our Parish staff to focus on the mission of St. Joseph Parish, including building a faith filled community of Catholic believers.

Ultimately, we believe our St. Joseph Catholic Church family will be best served by having the Parish Center, Office, and pending further evaluation the Rectory removed to create sacred green space and keep our Catholic presence thriving in the community of Dexter on the village campus. The Village Church has served as the center piece of a village campus that has been sacred to the Dexter Catholic community for 150 years, and we are committed to preserving the invaluable Catholic presence of St. Joseph parish on the village campus for years to come.

There will be town hall meetings on Sunday, September 15 at 2pm and Wednesday, September 18 at 7pm to allow all church parishioners to participate in discussions around our plans for the future of St. Joseph’s village campus. We hope the parishioners of St. Joseph join us with excitement as we look forward to what lies ahead in our near future!

Parish Council and New Members

As a first-year member of the Pastoral Council, I have been privileged to work alongside many talented and faithful stewards for our church. We especially want to thank outgoing members of the Pastoral Council: Haley Baur, Terry McCreight, Reyne Meah and Dan Roycroft. Thank you for sharing your time, talents and valuable perspectives. It has been a pleasure serving with you all on the council.

The Pastoral Council would also like to welcome the new members that were selected to serve on the council over Pentecost Weekend. We look forward to serving together with you in the upcoming year.

It was also wonderful to share in a meal on April 27th with new members and families to St Joseph at the Welcome Dinner at the Parish Center. Welcome to all new members!

May the Lord bless you and your families during this exciting time in our parish!

Tim Kuzma, Pastoral Council

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.



Easter Vigil 2024! We welcomed 13 people into full initiation into our Catholic Faith! What an absolutely joyous night this was! Those who were baptized were:

Clay McKenzie, Mark Schoof, Dominique Lee, Jonathan Whitaker, Evelyn Thornton, Jonah Thornton, Adeline Thornton, Annaliese Thornton and Caleb Thornton.

Those who Professed Faith and were Confirmed:

Madeleine Barker, Jared Thornton and Ted Bucy

Those who were Confirmed: Traci Montpas and Bethany Thornton.

Also picture are the many godparents and sponsors, Fr. Brendan and Marinell High

*Congratulations and Welcome
to our newest members of the Church*



Aidan Anderson
Navy Baxter-Sanders
Jackson Becker
Caleb Bernhard
Oliver Copenhaver
Isabelle Cordova
Luca Cordova
Eliza Davenport
Genevieve De Grenier
Benjamin Hankinson
Brady Hayes
Frankie Hayes
Alexandra Hoatlin

Katherine Kewin
Samantha Knepler
Isaac Knierbein
Barnabas Lautner
Ava Love
Lily Neaton
Thatcher Nymark
Joseph O'Brien
Adrian Poisson
Amelia Roycroft
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Levi Stepanovich

**Congratulations to our young parishioners who
received the Body and Blood of Christ
for the first time.**



Let's Talk About Saints, Holy People and the Eucharist

A four week study/conversation on Saints and holy people of all ages and how the Eucharist was central to their journey. **THERE IS NO HOMEWORK!**

Wednesdays July 17 – August 7 in the Parish Center

Mornings from 9:30 – 11:00 am or Evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm

The cost will be \$20.00 per person. Contact Marinell High at marinell_high@stjos.com or 734-426-8483 with questions or to sign up. Signups will also take place after all Masses June 29/30 and July 5/6.



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 to register and/or volunteer, please use the QR code or go to our parish website.



MUSIC MINISTRY



AT ST. JOSEPH

Thank you for your continued support through your own participation in singing and music as part of our liturgical celebrations. We welcomed each other into each of our seasons over this past year, as we lifted our voices together in praise through song.

Thank you to the many people who came to join us for our first annual Concert in Praise of our Risen Lord and Savior as part of our partnership with St. Mary Chelsea. I appreciate the incredible work that the musicians put in to make this event so successful. We'll certainly present this concert again..... and, be on the lookout for two more concerts this next year!

First, the Praise Band is really excited to present a full concert of praise and worship music on Wednesday, October 9, at 7 pm. This concert will focus on prayer that pleads for mercy to call us out of the storms of life, singing praise to Jesus the King of Heaven, singing thankfulness for the gift of his life, and rejoicing that the course of our lives are changed forever because of the light of Jesus's love in our world.

In addition, our choirs will join forces with singers and an orchestra from the communities of Dexter and Chelsea on Sunday, December 8, as we present our first Hometown Holidays Concerts. We are expanding a highly successful multi-generational collaboration that has experienced an incredible following in Chelsea. The 2 pm concert, featuring *The Sunrise Mass* by Ol Gjeilo, will be presented here at the Country Church, and the 7 pm concert will occur at the Chelsea First United Methodist Church.

As you look toward the fall, please feel welcome to find a home in one of our choirs or ensembles. Our music will continue to reflect our unique prayer and community life here at St. Joseph Parish. Our music should heal our sorrows and anxieties, and should share the vitality and the real joy that comes to our heart through the Gospel of Jesus. Alongside receiving the sacraments, hearing God's sacred Word, and offering all of our prayers, we leave each experience to bring this joy to others. We leave, able to best live the Gospel message in the world. We leave as better and more loving people in the world.





The Flea Market Returns this Summer!!

Save those treasures you no longer need.

Donation drop off dates: June 13 - June 16 (10am-5pm)

Location: St. Joseph Parish Center (3430 Dover St.)

Flea Market Sale Dates: June 20 & June 21, 9AM –6PM
June 22, 9AM—2PM

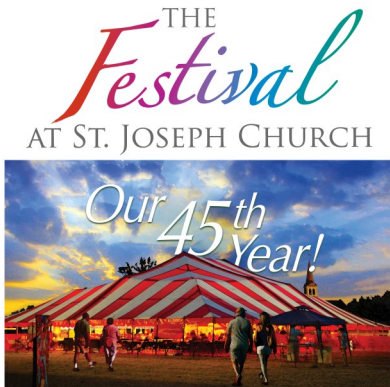
ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

BOOKS/DVDs/CDs/RECORDs: Hardcover, Paperbacks, Cookbooks	FURNITURE: Tables, Chairs, Desks, Chests, Bookcases, Bedroom Sets, Upholstered Items, Lawn	HOUSEWARES Glassware, Dishes, Cookware, Utensils
ELECTRONICS: Radio, Small Kitchen, Clocks	LINENS: Bedding, Rugs, Window Treatments, Pillows	GAMES/TOYS/PUZZLES/ STUFFED ANIMALS/ DOLLS
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2024 St. Joseph 45th Summer Fun Festival!



St Joseph Parish is hosting our 45th summer Festival beginning at **7PM Friday evening, July 12** with a performance by the Encore Theater group. **July 13 and 14th** will be packed with entertainment and activities beginning at 12PM on Saturday, and with Mass in the Big Tent at 11AM on Sunday.

Back in January, more than 50 fellow parishioners took on leadership roles in planning this year's Festival events, and now it's time to enjoy their hard work in preparing to invite guests from our community to a wonderful Festival of fun!

Only with your help, of course, will this gathering be a success. Please look for Festival volunteer sign-up opportunities, which will be posted in the Country Church gathering space beginning on June 8.

Here are some of the activities that will be planned for the Festival:

- **Featured Festival activities** include the: **Arts & Crafts Show** under their own tent, with many new crafters. **Bingo, Classic Car Show, Inflatables, Kid's Games, Knockerball, Kickball, Dodgeball, Soccer and Free Throw** competitions, and lawn games along with good food and fellowship.
- **Friday Family Theatre Night** at the Festival will feature entertainment by the **Encore Theatre Company** in the Country Church. Vignettes from some of their upcoming performances will be highlighted.
- **Saturday entertainment under the Big Tent** will feature the II-V-I Orchestra, new groups Nuclassica followed by Salmagundi, and returning again this year -the Magic Bus.
- **Sunday morning** at 11am we will celebrate Mass under the Big Tent.
- **Sunday Big Tent entertainment** includes a praise group new to the festival, the Christian Anderson Band followed by The Kielbasa Kings, and closing with another new group, The Favorites.
- **Children's Tent Entertainment** will include the King's Yomen, who will polish up our YO -YO skills and Joe Bennetts Magic on Saturday; and everyone's favorite, Wildlife Safari on Sunday. Also on Sunday, Guinness world record holder Eric the Juggler will amaze us with his skill on the Festival Midway.

We offer praise and thanks to **GOD** for all the blessings of time and talent shared to make our Festival a success! As in the past, it is the **VOLUNTEER** effort of our entire parish family that makes the Festival possible.

Let's get together to welcome the Dexter community to our summer festival and flea market for an opportunity to make new friends and enjoy time with fellow our parishioners!

Giving Garden



If you have a moment, take the opportunity to check out the great work being done at our parish Giving Garden. The garden is located along the N. Territorial entrance of the church. Volunteers have put in many hours cultivating the land and adding new raised beds. The harvest from the Giving Garden is given to local food pantries so they can pass along fresh produce to those in need. If you are interested in helping with the Giving Garden, please contact Linda Cook at 734-426-4398.





2024 Mission Appeal

This year our Parish Mission Appeal recipient is The Lingap Center in the Philippines. We will welcome, John Drake, the weekend of August 24/25 to speak on The Lingap Center. The Center is a licensed, residential child-care facility that has the capacity to handle 132 children ranging in age from five to college level. We typically have approximately 100 children in residence at any point in time. To handle this large family, we have a full-time staff of 25. They consist of Jojin Ladroma, a licensed, registered social worker, as the General Manager. Assisting her, we have four other social workers, nine house parents, a combination houseparent/driver, an educational coordinator, a registered nurse, two cooks, an administrative clerk, a bookkeeper, three watchmen, and a maintenance worker. Together, they provide 24-hour coverage, 365 days a year, in eight-hour shifts, *(except during COVID when they all worked 24-hour, week-long shifts)*. We also have four part-time employees: a CPA, a guidance counselor and two tutors.

All of these individuals do everything that you would do for your own family. They help the kids with their homework, they attend parent-teacher conferences at seven different schools, they feed them three meals a day and make sure that they are all safe, especially during the horrific typhoons that often hit the islands. They help the kids to perform all of the other chores that are required to keep the Lingap Center safe and clean. Everyone pitches in. On Sundays, they get the kids ready for church and transport all of them to and from. On school days, they ensure that the kids have their lunches, snacks and school supplies ready and then transport them to the various schools in town. During the summer, they plan and take the kids for a 'summer camp' experience on the beach *(something that most would never experience without the Lingap Center)* which is the most highly anticipated event of the year by the kids, in addition to planning fiestas and other special events.

Keep in mind that the kids come from very challenging backgrounds and they often arrive at the Lingap Center without any documentation whatsoever. So the social workers conduct intake assessments and evaluations to determine why the kids need to be at the Center or what special needs they may have. Then they begin to develop documentation for them, by interviewing barangay captains *(somewhat like a township supervisor)*, relatives or others in the community. With this information, they can construct such things as birth certificates, and baptismal certificates, so that in the future, the kids will be able to attend school and college, find jobs or obtain passports as needed. This is no small undertaking especially considering that some of the kids come from the most remote villages and were seldom born in hospitals.

The staff also teaches them life skills, including baking and cooking *(the kids love to cook)* and gardening. Our maintenance worker teaches them welding, electrical and other mechanical skills. Several of the kids have gone on to become licensed welders and one is now a baker at a Sheraton resort hotel. These are skills they learned right at the Lingap Center, under the guidance and watchful eye of our staff. Our counselor helps the kids to deal with some of the difficult life challenges that they may have faced. Our registered nurse monitors their health and takes them to doctors or hospital visits as needed and if they are hospitalized, she stays with them during their confinement. Our tutors work with them on their homework every evening and we are now in the process of implementing English classes, since English is the international business language and all college board exams are given in English. Speaking of college, the staff also works with our six current college students, at six different colleges or universities.



Thank you for your consideration of supporting the Lingap Center the weekend of August 24/25.

COME IN FAITH. LEAVE WITH HOPE.



NATIONAL
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Revival**

God hears our prayers for the renewal of our Church. He will answer them through a life-changing 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.**





Thank You from Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County!

As the new President and CEO of Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County, I would like to personally thank you for everything you do to support and enliven our ministry, as well as sharing a bit about myself and my hopes for our shared work.

I have served our Church in a variety of roles; most recently, I served as the Chief Services and Strategy Officer for St. Vincent de Paul-Cincinnati. It has been my life's work to walk alongside those experiencing poverty and systemic barriers and to support and encourage others who share in this work as they grow in their faith through service.

I am so grateful for all that the Catholic community here in Washtenaw County does to support our mission to share the love and presence of Christ in our community through acts of compassion and mercy in a manner that respects the inherent dignity of every person. Your contributions, whether they take the form of donations of needed items for our Foster Care, Adoption, or Food Assistance programs, financial gifts, the gift of your time as a volunteer, or the gift of your prayers, are essential to our mission. ***Thank you!***

I look forward to meeting you and learning about how we can help you to grow in your faith as we work together to serve our brothers and sisters in need with Christ's love. It is my goal that every Catholic in this community will see the work of CSSW as a shared ministry of our Church, and one that we are all part of.

Please be in touch! My email address is slain@csswashtenaw.org; my direct line is 734-971-9781. I look forward to serving with you!

May God continue to bless you;

Sunnie Johnson-Lain

President and CEO

Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County

Troop 456 Activities

The service project for this period was the participation in the Country Church cleanup in April. There were 13 scouts and three adult leaders that participated in the project. Coupled with the cleanup activity, the Troop had an overnigher at Disciple House. The following day, the Scouts went to the "Launch Trampoline" Park in Ann Arbor, where the scouts were able to enjoy using the trampoline, and cliff hanger climbing,

Currently the Troop is planning a camping and hiking trip, in May, to the Hockings Hills State Park. Hocking Hills State park, which is located in Southeastern Ohio, features beautiful towering cliffs, thrilling waterfalls, and deep, hemlock-shaded gorges. Coupled with the camping and hiking at the park, the plan is to visit to the John Glenn Astronomy Park where its observatory provides a venue for visitors to experience the night sky through a large telescope and with their eyes.



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 dextertroop456.org

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.

Christopher & Allison Singer
Celia

Jefrey and Dana Barnhardt
Jaxton

Clay McKenzie

Ted & Theresa Bucy

Gary Greiner

Madeleine Barker and Tony Pilon

Dominique Lee

Jared & Bethany Thornton
Evelyn, Jonah, Adeline, Annaliese, Caleb

Felipe Gonzales-Paul & Kimberly Paul
Lawrence, Carmen

Nicole LaBram

Patrick and Kimberly Riley

James and Charlotte Mather

Don and Jean Baldwin



Baptized into the Family of God

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

Hudson Peter Graffagnino
Son of Jesse & Alyssa (Krolewski) Graffagnino

Theodore Kenneth Watson
John & Mairin (McDonald) Watson

Owen Edward Scheidel
Son of Caleb James & Kristen Lynn (Malloure) Scheidel

Life Grace Inch
Daughter of Matthew & Courtney (Kilbourn) Inch

Liliana Marie Stewart
Daughter of Ryan & Claire (Hoagland) Stewart

Larken Alexander Stewart
Son of Ryan & Claire (Hoagland) Stewart

Saphira Joyce Zettel
Daughter of Jacob & Phoenix (Sunstrum) Zettel

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.*

Lucille Theresa Kovacik

Margaret Rosemary Tambe

Alan Aaly Tambe

Joanna Dolores Hamilton

Esther Mae Hannah

John Atkinson Lamb

Alice L. Hill

Dear St. Joseph Parish...

April 2024

We received your generous \$3,556 donation for Catholic Social Services and \$600 donation for our food pantry, and it means the world to us. 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

Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw, President and CEO

March 2024

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*As you do not know the path of the wind,
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 so you cannot understand the work of God,
 the maker of all things.*

-Ecclesiastes 11:5

