



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC PARISH

DEXTER, MICHIGAN



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Parish Ministry Edition
September 2024

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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

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| 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 | Director for Faith Formation—Youth |
| Marinell High | Director of Faith Formation—Adults |
| Katie Webber | Director of Faith Formation—Children |
| Liz Neil | Cemetery |

Grounds and Maintenance Team

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| Erich McElroy | Village Campus Maintenance |
| Chris Hollis | Country Campus Maintenance |
| Gary Fradette | Cemetery Grounds |
| Anthony Fradette | Cemetery Grounds |

2023-2023 PASTORAL COUNCIL

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| Fr. Brendan Walsh | Pastor |
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| Larry Deford | Deacon |
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Commission Liaison

Chair
Vice Chair
Finance
Spiritual Life & Worship
Parish Life
New Parishioner Contact
Caritas/Secretary
Properties
Children & Youth Faith Formation
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

Activity

Bulletin and *Chips* Editor
Growing in God
Building the
Brotherhood of Christ
St. Francis Retreat Center
Men's Retreat
Women's Retreat
Faith Formation (Pre-K7-8)
Festival
Giving Garden
God Squad (Gr. 7-8)
Knights of Columbus
Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
Music Ministry
Discovering Catholicism (RCIA)
Scouting (Troop 456)

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Marinell High
Cindy Hunter
Katie Webber
Don Dalgleish
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Joe Prochaska
Ann Smart
Don Dalgleish
Kurt Assenmacher

Rodger & Linda Cook
Don Dalgleish
Paul Tavana
Marilyn Dehring
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 Fr. Brendan



Parish Town Hall **September 15 at 2pm** **AND** **September 18 at 7pm**

We will hold two town hall meetings in the Country Church.

This gathering is an opportunity for me and members of our planning committee to give an update on the following:

- Current state of construction
- Moving plan from Village Campus to Country Campus
- Landscape plan for around the new building
- Village Campus dream/vision
- Disposition of village buildings
- *Saint and Scholars Campaign* for the Diocese of Lansing
- Finish the Vision

In the year 2000, we began the *Stairway to the Future*. We are now in the midst of several significant steps. We are now planning some of the final steps of this 21st century vision of a united campus. Your presence to hear and to learn will be appreciated. To come share thoughts and ideas will be helpful. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Fall Events

Parish Picnic

Our annual picnic after Masses will be held on the weekend of September 21 & 22. Come win a door prize, a 50/50 raffle, or a flatscreen TV.

New Director of Children's Faith Formation

Katie Webber

With the start of August our new Director of Children's Faith Formation, Katie Webber, has started her ministry here at St. Joseph. Please come to the picnic and meet her. Please consider supporting our faith formation programs.

Parent Information Meetings

Our Confirmation Parent and Candidate meetings are September 17 & 19 in the Country Church

Our First Reconciliation Parent meetings are September 23 & 25 in the Country Church.

Our First Eucharist Parent meetings are scheduled for January 21 & 23, 2025 in the Country Church.

Fr. Bill Promesso

My friend, Rev. Dr. William Promesso will be here to speak on the Intersection of Reconciliation and Eucharist. He will speak at 7pm on September 26 in the Country Church. This event will be hosted by our Partnership Council with St. Mary, Chelsea.

Anniversary Dinner

To celebrate the gift of marriage, all couples celebrating five years of marriage up to 50 years and every year after 50 are invited to Mass and dinner on September 28 at the 5pm Mass. At Mass we will renew vows and bless all our married couples. A dinner will be held in the Parish Center.

Parish Ministries

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

Shalom, Fr. Brendan Walsh

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Pastoral Council

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

Finance Council

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

Caritas Community Committee

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

FAITH FORMATION

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

Faith Formation Commission Responsibilities

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Catechist for Children's Faith Formation

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

High School Confirmation Program:

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

FAITH FORMATION (continued)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

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

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

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

Discovering Catholicism for Children (RCIA)

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

Volunteer requirements for working with the youth of our parish:

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Discovering Catholicism: A Journey to the Faith (formerly RCIA)

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

Parish Mission

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

Building the Brotherhood of Christ

This one day renewal experience for men is held each February on the parish grounds. The day is facilitated by men from our parish. Volunteers are needed to help with the cooking and serving of three meals during the day.

Growing in God

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

FAITH FORMATION

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Scripture Studies at our Parish

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

Marriage Preparation Seminar

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

Sponsor Couples for those Engaged for Marriage

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

Infant Baptism Preparation

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

Spiritual Direction

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

St. Francis Retreat Center

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

SPIRITUAL LIFE and WORSHIP

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

Anointing Mass & Lunch

In the fall an Anointing Mass of the Sick is celebrated at the Parish Center in the village campus. This is for anyone who is in need of physical, emotional, mental or spiritual healing. Mass at 11am is followed by lunch. Help is needed for providing transportation, setting up for the Mass and lunch, cooking the meal and cleaning up. We also offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick after all Masses twice a year—Advent and Lent.

Holiday Environment

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

Banner Changes

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

Ministers of Praise

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

SPIRITUAL LIFE & WORSHIP (continued)

Launder & Press Purificators

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

Women of the Cloth

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Captains

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

Altar Servers

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

Hospitality Ministers

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

Lectors

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

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

Sing

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

Instruments

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

Tech Station Operator

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

PARISH OFFICE SUPPORT

Parish Office Support

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

Charitable Activities and Social Justice

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

Bereavement Ministry

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

Environmental Stewardship Ministry

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

Giving Garden

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

Health Ministry

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

Ministers to the Sick and Homebound

Parishioners visit and take communion to the sick and homebound.

Moms in Need

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

Prayer Shawl/Quilting Ministry and Prayer Team

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

Recycle Brigade

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

Respect Life Commission

Focuses on and coordinates St. Joseph Parish efforts to support the sanctity and dignity of life at all stages. All are welcome.

Seasonal Outreach

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

Serving the Face of Jesus

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

Social Outreach

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

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES & SOCIAL JUSTICE (continued)**FUNERAL MINISTRY****Funeral Ministry**

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

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

Hospitality

Hospitality volunteers welcome guests at funerals and wake services.

Adult Altar Servers

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

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Funeral Lunches

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nurses Honor Guard

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

PARISH LIFE

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

Anniversary Dinner

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

Coffee & Donuts/Pizza & Pop

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

Fairway to Heaven Golf Outing

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

Ladies Advent Evening of Reflection

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

PARISH LIFE (continued)

Parish Picnic

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

Family Event Committee

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

Silent Auction and Dinner

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

Parish Life Activities

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

FESTIVAL

Summer Festival

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

Properties Commission

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

Church Cleaning

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

Grounds Upkeep

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

Plant Sale

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

Spring/Fall Cleaning of Grounds

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

Cemetery Grounds

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

Spring /Fall Cleaning Inside Churches

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

St. Joseph Parish Ministries Sign-Up 2024-2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

| MINISTRY | #1 | #2 | #3 | #4 | #5 | #6 | (circle) |
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| FAITH FORMATION | | | | | | | |
| Faith Formation Commission Member Adult/ Youth/Children | | | | | | | Adult Youth Children |
| Catechist for Children's Faith Formation | | | | | | | Sun 10:30 Tues 3:45 Wed 6:15 |
| Catechist Middle School Faith Formation | | | | | | | Sun 10:30 Tues 3:45 Wed 6:15 |
| Faith Formation Volunteer-Assistant/Office Support/Hall Monitor | | | | | | | Sun 10:30 Tues 3:45 Wed 6:15 |
| Catechists High School Confirmation | | | | | | | Sunday 10:30 Wednesday 6:15 |
| Vacation Bible School Volunteer | | | | | | | |
| Discovering Catholicism (formerly RCIA) | | | | | | | |
| Hospitality for Discovering Catholicism—provide snacks for Sunday classes | | | | | | | |
| SPIRITUAL LIFE AND WORSHIP | | | | | | | |
| Spiritual Life & Worship Commission Member | | | | | | | |
| Anointing Mass and Lunch - Fall | | | | | | | |
| Holiday Environment - decorate for liturgical seasons | | | | | | | |
| Banner Changes - change banners for liturgical calendar | | | | | | | |
| Launder & Press Purificators—1 weekend every 8-10 weeks | | | | | | | |
| Ministers of Praise (pray at home for parish intentions) | | | | | | | |
| Women of the Cloth: make baptismal bibs | | | | | | | |
| LITURGICAL MINISTERS (Please mark N for New or R for Returning) | | | | | | | |
| Altar Server (youth—4th grade & up) Training October 12 & 26 | | | | | | | 5 9 11 |
| Hospitality Minister - Training October 2 or October 8 @ 7PM | | | | | | | 5 9 11 |
| Lector - Training October 2 or October 8 @ 7PM | | | | | | | 5 9 11 |
| Eucharistic Minister—Training October 17 or October 22 @ 7PM | | | | | | | 5 9 11 |
| MUSIC MINISTRY | | | | | | | |
| Sing (weekend Masses) Rehearsal Wednesday or Thursday | | | | | | | |
| Handbell Choir (Monday 7pm Rehearsal) | | | | | | | |
| Play an Instrument (weekend Masses) | | | | | | | Instrument _____ |
| Tech Station Operator— Masses and other events | | | | | | | |
| COFFEE & DONUTS / PIZZA & POP | | | | | | | |
| Coffee & Donut Sunday Set up in the gathering space—8am | | | | | | | |
| Donut Pick Up Sunday Morning 7:30am | | | | | | | |
| Coffee & Donuts—serve and clean up | | | | | | | After 9AM Mass OR After 11AM Mass |
| Pizza & Pop—serve & clean up - Saturday evenings after 5pm Mass | | | | | | | |

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

Pastoral Council Notes



Our 45th Festival was a spiritual event for many and a resounding success for our St. Joseph Catholic Parish! We witnessed so many people involved in planning, preparation, and execution of all aspects of the Festival. There were hundreds of volunteers, workers, entertainers, providers, participants, hosts, and guests. So many people were heartened and accepted a call to experience the Festival.

I had the opportunity to fill a shift under the Arts & Crafts tent at the Catholic Presence Table. This post lent a vantage point to observe the movement, mood, energy, and interaction of guests and those participating in the Festival experience. There was an overwhelming presence of togetherness and good spirit. This presence was compounded in me while witnessing and engaging with those under the tent, conversing and browsing religious books at the table. Staffing this post was a new Festival experience for me. And as often is the result from new experiences, thoughts, and feelings surfaced for sharing with others.

The totality of the Catholic experience at the Festival sounded out the phrase: “life has meaning”! Is not the Festival then evidence supporting **truth** in the statement - “life has meaning.” Conversely, is the proverbial “searching for the meaning of life” a form of living in exile rather than in homecoming with God? Please join in answering this question, here, together..... YES. As holy Catholic people we resist living in exile and fear the resignation of ease coming over us if we were to experience exile.

And is exile an unnecessary human choice where it is an accepted truth that LIFE HAS MEANING? Humans are capable of love. Where there is love, LIFE HAS MEANING. For human love, the soul and the spirit exist; and LIFE HAS MEANING. Because there is human soul and spirit over the physical body, the existence, and the presence of our God is the truth.

Our 45th Festival is behind us now yet exist in our spirit and prayers for continued homecoming with God’s word, sacraments, and Catholic community. From this Festival to the next, and always, please pray for each other that we remain in this homecoming.

Paul M. Ledwidge, Pastoral Council Member



The Focus charity for the September Caritas collection is Hope Clinic located in Ypsilanti and Westland Michigan.

Hope Clinic’s mission statement says: We are a haven of help and healing.

For over 40 years, Hope Clinic has been a place where everyday people come together to serve. Hope Clinic is a haven of help and healing, with free medical care, dental care, food, and behavioral health care for people without insurance, in one seamless, whole-person health care experience.

Powered by over 1,800 volunteers, last year Hope Clinic answered over 110,000 requests for help. It costs on average \$33 to provide one service to someone in need. Together, Hope Clinic can do what none of us could do alone: provide Whole Person care—physical, mental, and spiritual—under a single umbrella.

Hope Clinic’s focus on integrated care helps ensure that each request for help is more than a band aid—with your support, they can offer patients opportunities to make sustainable changes for the better.

At Hope’s Medical Clinics, care is provided even if you are uninsured or under-insured. The Behavioral Health team provides support on site and by appointment. Food Pantry appointments allow clients to shop for their own food alongside a volunteer. Everyone deserves to have their needs met, regardless of income or insurance. Folks who might otherwise fall through the cracks can find free, dignified, and integrated support at Hope Clinic.

Hope Clinic will receive 30% of the Caritas collection with the remainder divided between our regular recipients. Our collection will take place September 28/29. Thank you for your continued support of our Caritas collection.

Matthew 25: 40 states, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for the least of my people, you did for me.”

If you know of any organizations that the Caritas committee might consider, please send your suggestions to the parish office with your contact information. Thank you for your generous help for the least of our brothers and sisters.

FALL STUDIES



Ever ask yourself these questions?

**We invite you to join us for
The Rescue Project.**

**Together we can discover The Story.
All Adults and High School Teens are welcome!**

Where: St. Joseph Parish Center
3430 Dover St., Dexter, MI

When: Wed, Sept 4 - Oct 23 6:30-8:30 p.m.
or

Thurs, Sept 5 - Oct 24 9:00-11:00 a.m.
(Childcare Provided at Morning Session)

Cost: \$45 per person
(includes book and light meals).

Video Presentations by Fr. John Riccardo
For Questions or to Register, Contact:

Maggie Hansma (313) 815-6450 maggaloots@aol.com
Denise Muir (517) 861-6390 dsmuir@chartermi.net

LIGHT MEAL - VIDEO EPISODE- DISCUSSION



The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

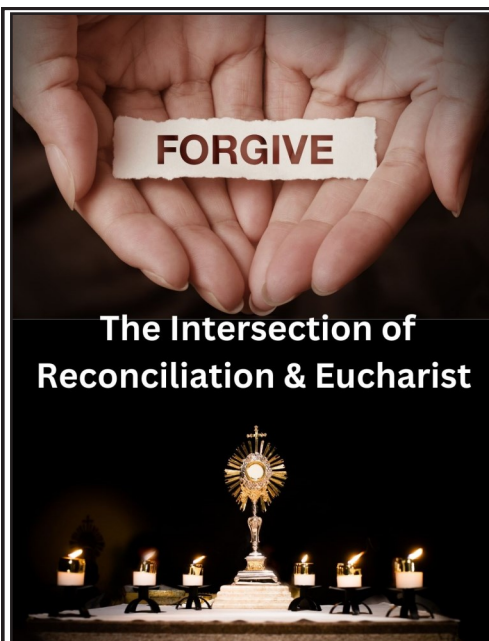
**Wednesdays from 9:30 – 11:00 AM
and
Thursdays from 7:00 -8:30 PM
In the Parish Center**

Begins on September 18/19 through April 30/May1 with appropriate breaks for the holidays.

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

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

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



Dr. Rev. William Promesso

**Thursday, September 26
7PM
Country Church**

**Presents
The Intersection of
Reconciliation &
Eucharist**

**This event is sponsored by
St. Mary & St. Joseph
Partnership Council**





NEWS

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish Faith Formation Program!!



Introducing our new curriculum for grades 1-6 – **Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts**. Covering the full and authentic teachings of the Catholic Church and rooted in Scripture, Church Tradition, and Ignatian spirituality, Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts starts children out on a life of intentional discipleship. This faith formation program helps foster a lived relationship with God through Jesus. Registration is now open for all ages. Classes start the week of September 15th. Sunday sessions are 10:30am – 12:00pm, Tuesday sessions are 3:45-5:15pm and Wednesday sessions are from 4:45-6:15pm.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for Preschool ages 3 (as of Aug.1) Age 4 or Young 5's will be offered on Sundays 10:30-12:00pm, Tuesdays 3:45-5:15pm or Wednesdays 3:45-5:15pm.



This dynamite middle school faith formation program (grades 7-8) introduces young adolescents to Jesus Christ in a new way and inspires them to follow Him.

Fostering the faith of young adolescents involves helping them to make connections between the Catholic faith and everyday life. It also means helping young people to strengthen their connection to the faith community. *Catholic Connections* aims to strengthen each participant's Catholic identity and inspire them to participate more fully in the Church's mission.

High School Confirmation Program



The St. Joseph Parish Confirmation program is open to all High School students. Candidates can start the program in the beginning of their 9th, 10th, or 11th grade year and it is a one year program. We are using Matthew Kelly's video Confirmation program call Decision Point for the

regular classes and the Ascension Press video program called Alteration for the large gatherings. We will need two catechists to run the program in each session (Sunday 10:30am-12:00pm and Wednesday 4:45-6:15pm) and adult leaders for the small table discussions during regular class. Small group leaders can either sign up for the whole year or for specific classes. For information or questions about this program please contact Don Dalglish at don_dalglish@stjos.com or at 734-426-2674 Volunteer Requirements apply to this program.

Welcome

Our New Children's Faith Formation Director



My name is Katie Webber and I am excited to join St. Joseph Parish as the new DRE for preschool-6th grade! My husband, Felix, and I are new to the Dexter area and recently moved here from Asia where I have been living as an international early years educator at various international schools. Prior to becoming a

licensed educator, I worked in several fields, including nonprofit work along with working in parishes. My Catholic faith is very important to me and is something I love to share with others. After graduating from college, I was blessed to be introduced to the Salesians and their lay missionary group VIDES, which I served in at several locations including Texas, Thailand, and Switzerland.

While Dexter is a new home for us, Michigan is not. I was raised in Troy, a few miles north of Detroit, and am very happy to be back in my home state for the next part of our journey. My hobbies include baking, hiking, and reading. I am an avid fan of sitcoms and international movies. I am already moved by the warm welcome we have received over the past few weeks from the St. Joseph community and look forward to sharing the faith with our youngest parishioners soon.

Best,
Katie

MUSIC MINISTRY



AT ST. JOSEPH

Come and be a part of our music ministry program. We serve by leading worship through music at our Masses and our dynamic parish life. You are welcome regardless of your experience. Feel that nudge of the Holy Spirit and join us. No experience is necessary!

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

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

Choirs

Regularly rehearse together on Thursday nights

The choirs will host a **Choirs Fall Open House** in the Gathering Space on Thursday, September 5. Here's your chance to experience our community and discover all that is a part of our exciting year ahead

Rejoice Anew! - regularly serves at 5 pm Masses

St. Joseph Choir - regularly serves at 11 am Masses

Hand Bell Choir

Regularly rehearses on Mondays - 7 pm

The bell choirs will host a **Fall Ring and Discover** in the Church on Monday, September 9 to give all people a chance to try out this ensemble serves at 11 am Masses

Youth Choir

For young people in 2nd Grade or older

Regularly rehearses on Sunday at 12:30 pm. **First rehearsal** - October 13.

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

The Praise Band, which serves at our 9 am Mass, will offer an evening of powerful praise and worship music. This concert will focus on three types of prayer. First, a prayer that pleads for God's mercy to lead us through the storms of life. Second, a prayer that sings in thanksgiving and praise to Jesus the King of Heaven. Finally, a prayer that rejoices that the course of our lives are changed forever because of the gift of Jesus's life and the presence of the light of God's love in our world.

Featured music includes songs by artists Matt Maher, Lauren Daigle, Crowder, We the Kingdom, Charity Gayle, Zach Williams, Travis Cottrell, Chris Tomlin, our very own Rick Brown, and others.

Don't miss this free concert event designed for the whole family on Wednesday, October 9, 7pm, at the St. Joseph Church on Mast Road. A free-will offering will be taken to support the music ministry program and its upcoming 4-concert series.





Join us at the Pavilion after all Masses on the weekend of September 21 & 22. We will have hamburgers, hot dogs and sides after 5:00 pm and the 11:00 am. Breakfast will be served after 9:00 am Mass.

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

No need to register and no need to pay! Just come on down and join us for food, fun and fellowship!.

ANNIVERSARY MASS AND DINNER SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

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

Mass will be at 5:00 pm followed by dinner in the Parish Center on Saturday, September 28, 2024.

We will renew marriage vows after the homily.

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

Let us know:

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



Please call Marinell High at marinell_high@stjos.com or 734-426-8483 for more information.

St. Joseph Giving Garden 2024

The St. Joseph Giving Garden produced an abundance of food this summer. With the new raised beds in place, we were able to spend more time in planting and harvesting and far less time weeding! What a blessing! We especially thank all those who participated in the Bottle and Can Drive earlier this summer. The drive was very successful and helped to fund the ongoing purchases of plants, seeds, soil, and irrigation supplies. Thank you again for your donations of cash and cans! They truly help keep the garden growing.



This summer hundreds of pounds of amazing vegetables were grown and donated. Tomatoes, a variety of peppers, zucchini, cucumbers, cabbage, broccoli, kale, banana peppers, herbs, garlic, and green beans are among the produce that is grown and sent to Faith in Action here in Dexter. Many thanks to all those who helped plant, maintain, and harvest the garden for those less fortunate.

If you would like to be part of feeding the hungry, please plan to attend the next Giving Garden meeting this October 8th. The meeting will start at 7 pm and be held in the parish center.

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING DATES

Hospitality Ministers

Wednesday, October 2 at 7pm

or

Tuesday, October 8 at 7pm

Lectors

Wednesday, October 2 at 7pm

or

Tuesday, October 8 at 7pm

EME

Thursday, October 17 at 7pm

or Tuesday October 22 at 7pm

Altar Server

Saturday October 12 **AND** Saturday October 26

Time to be determined

All training at the Country Church

Troop 456 Activities

There were two major outdoor events for this period. An outing to the **New River Gorge** National Park and the summer encampment at **Camp Lakota**.



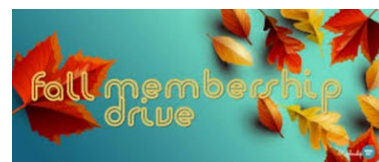
The outing involved caving at the **Lost World Caverns**, and white water rafting at the **New River Gorge**. **New River Gorge** National Park and Preserve spans 53 miles of the New River in West Virginia.

The **New River** falls 750 feet in 50 miles creating one of the finest whitewater rivers in the eastern United States. Fortunately none of the scouts ended up in the river, but we were prepared!



The Troop summer encampment took place at **Camp Lakota** in Defiance Ohio. There were 13 scouts in attendance. Principal activities were the accomplishment of key merit badges for rank advancement.

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.



Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

Join us as we serve local charities in our community!

The Columbus Ladies Auxiliary (CLA) promotes camaraderie and friendships while holding various fundraising events to support local charitable organizations. The CLA welcomes all Catholic women, as well as non-Catholic wives, daughters (18 and over), mothers, or widows of a current or deceased member of the Knights of Columbus.

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm (September – May), at the Columbus Hall on Dexter-Chelsea Road. Our next meetings are September 9th (potluck) and October 14th at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you at an upcoming meeting!

We would love to have you join this wonderful organization where you can build lasting friendships and have fun! For questions, please call Dianne Singer at 734-358-0519.

CLA Membership Committee

Betty Farrell Dawn Milz Kathy Wilker
Kelly Kubicki Dianne Singer



The Blessing of the Pets

Our annual blessing of pets will be held at 9:00am on **Saturday, October 5**. We will meet on the steps of the Village Church. Bring all of your pets—big or small—to have them blessed!

Dear St. Joseph Parish...

July 2024

Thank you for the gift of \$2,152, given to Faith in Action. In the year 2010, we filled food requests 1227 times, for low-income households in Dexter and Chelsea that number has grown to 3524. For many of these families, once their rent is paid and the utilities kept on, there is not enough left for a good supply of healthy food.

Thank you again for your support through these contributions. They make a world of difference, and we are deeply grateful.

In Appreciation,
Sarah Shugart

Faith in Action, Executive Director

July 2024

Thank you so much for your support of my mission with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). Your gift has a direct impact on the souls we meet on campus. I am so overwhelmed by your kindness and thankful for your support. Thank you for helping me serve students on campus and for the opportunity to introduce them to love Himself.

Rachel Matuszewski
FOCUS Ministry

August 2024

I wanted to take a moment to express my deep gratitude for the continued and significant support of the St. Joseph parishioners. As you know, for over four decades Faith in Action has remained dedicated to supporting families and your financial contributions play a pivotal role in ensuring we can sustain our efforts. With heartfelt appreciation,

Sarah Shugart
Faith in Action, Executive Director

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.

Franklin & MaKayla Robenalt
Murphy

Brian Connolly & Nicolle Gusz
Edmund

Michael Dowdy

John & Joan Hennessy

Cullen & Katherine Salada
Theodore

Christopher & Candice Stegink
Caylee and Cooper

Steven and Emily McCartt
AJ and Cole

David & Judith Richards

William & Kimberly Keller

Brandon & Allison Skira
Andrew, Brynn, Charley, Declan

Matthew & Sarah Krawczyk
Theodore

Patricia Salzwedel

Rita LaForest

Ryan Krivanek and Susie Butler

Patrick Bondar & Chelsea Krejci
Lainey

Randall & Sara Westbrook

Marc & Brittany Laduke
Landon

Felix Liu & Katie Webber Liu

Mike and Karen Denko

Marriages

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

Grant Joseph Hagen & Gemma Catherine Campbell

Anthony Joseph Pilon & Madeleine Joy Barker

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Riley Patrick Kopinski
Son of Zachary & Emily (Morris) Kopinski

Georgia Rose Selfridge
Daughter of Brian & Sara (Bonner) Selfridge

Delaney Rose Young
Daughter of Conor & Brittany (Lask) Young

Rowan Lochlynn Young
Daughter of Conor & Brittany (Lask) Young

Maeve Jameson Young
Daughter of Conor & Brittany (Lask) Young

Mara Fleur Brown
Daughter of Jordan & Kimberly (Morales) Brown

Blane Thomas Repovz
Son of Thomas & Morgan (Ward) Repovz

Elizabeth Lou Marzolf
Daughter of Anthony & Micah (Ward) Marzolf

Felicity Hazel Keeler
Daughter of Joseph & Ashleigh (Windel) Keeler

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.*

Donna Rose Schmidt

Theresa Mary Rutkowski

Delphine Miller



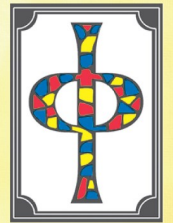
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Stewardship Prayer

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