



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC PARISH

DEXTER, MICHIGAN



Chips & Sawdust

October / November 2024

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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WEEKEND LITURGIES

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

WEEKDAYS in Village Church

Liturgy: Monday through Friday at 8:15am

Communion Service: First Monday of the month at 8:15am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00–4:30pm or by appointment

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Brendan Walsh	Pastor
Romolo Leone	Senior Deacon
Randy Desrochers	Deacon
Larry Deford	Deacon
John Goff	Deacon
Laura McKenzie	Administrative Assistant
Gail Assenmacher	Capital Campaign/Office Assistant
Darlene Cresson	Faith Formation Secretary
Lisa Dobis	Finance
Steve Hinz	Director of Music & Liturgy
Don Dalgleish	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

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

2023-2023 PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

Member

Bob Deacon
Tim Kuzma
Clay Cramer
Kelly Kubicki
Gary Hunter
Gwen Evich
Ann Smart
Ed Harden
Paul Ledwidge
Jim Davis
Ted Bucy
Brian Haeussler

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)

Chair

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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



Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish,

Enclosed is the annual report of the financial status of St. Joseph Parish for the fiscal year 2023-2024. It shares where your generous gifts and sacrifices have been used for the following:

- † Faith formation and education programs for adults, youth, and children.
- † The celebration of the sacraments and the liturgical spiritual activities of our faith.
- † For the care and maintenance of our two campuses, this includes 2 churches, parish office, 2 houses, parish center, pavilion, festival barn, 4 maintenance barns, and festival building.
- † The salaries and benefits of the 13 employees who work for our parish helping us to live, grow, and to practice our Catholic faith.

Our Construction Status

Our construction project continues to work toward a mid-January completion date. This could be earlier or later. It is too early for a specific date, but it will be done for our Blessing and Dedication on March 15, 2025.

Kitchen & Technology Shower & Silent Auction

Our Kitchen and Technology Shower was an outstanding success. We raised enough to outfit our new kitchen completely. We are thankful for all who contributed.

Our Silent Auction funds from last year were added into the Kitchen & Technology Shower funds.

Plant Sale Funds

We have made a point to save our plant sale monies for the last several years. These monies will pay for the landscaping around the new building. We will have a planting day this fall.

Festival Funds

This year's Festival raised \$39,543.54. This was \$8,902 less than last year. Funds will be used for the new phones, and IT equipment needed in the new offices and classrooms. This year a generous donor returned the grand prize as a gift and we are grateful. We will continue our practice of tithing \$4,000 to four different local charities.

Significant Repairs

The Village Campus had boiler repairs, and a water heater replaced totaling \$5,100. At the Country Campus we had septic tank issues of \$7,557 covered by insurance. We had parking lot repairs of \$16,350. The boiler needed to be replaced costing nearly \$40,000 and lawn mower and tractor repairs and service cost \$4,331.

New Director of Faith Formation

This year we welcome Katie Webber as our new leader of Children's Faith Formation. She was raised in Troy and her husband Felix is from China. We welcome them to our parish and support Katie as she leads our children in faith formation.

New Sunday Goal

Our new Sunday goal moved from \$23,300 per week to \$25,000 per week. A significant increase and I am grateful for your generous response 17 weeks into the fiscal year.

As we look with excitement to the completion of our new building, we are grateful for all the sacrifices of time, talent, and treasure toward the good works and ministries of St. Joseph Parish.

In Appreciation

I thank all parishioners who faithfully make financial gifts of sacrifice for the work of our faith here at St. Joseph Parish. Last year we had to increase our goal twice and your generous giving helped us stay in the black.

*Shalom,
Fr. Brendan J. Walsh*

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
State of the Parish
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024


I N C O M E			
Source of Income	2023-2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 BUDGET
Donations	3,000.00	2,696.86	2,000.00
Silent Auction	-	33,855.96	-
DSA Over Goal Revenue Share	16,246.00	20,710.00	17,000.00
Holy Days	9,500.00	11,314.31	11,000.00
Christmas	60,000.00	78,552.99	70,000.00
Sunday Collections (including Year End Special)	1,225,300.00	1,213,557.85	1,300,000.00
<i>Weekly Goal/Actual Average/next FY goal</i>	<i>\$23,300.00</i>	<i>\$22,897.32</i>	<i>\$25,000.00</i>
Miscellaneous	15,500.00	23,047.53	13,000.00
Facility Rental	5,000.00	8,980.00	5,000.00
Mass Stipends	3,650.00	3,670.00	3,650.00
Tuition K - 8	11,500.00	10,874.00	11,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,327,496.00	1,407,259.50	1,433,150.00
E X P E N S E			
Salaries & Fringes	2023-2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 BUDGET
Salaries	563,021.38	547,804.46	591,439.66
Fringe Benefits & Payroll Taxes	226,235.86	224,751.98	268,273.25
Staff Development & Travel	6,500.00	1,667.07	5,500.00
Total Salaries & Fringes	795,757.24	774,223.51	865,212.91
Administration			
Sunday Envelopes	5,400.00	4,700.90	5,000.00
Sacramental Assistance	5,000.00	4,466.70	5,000.00
Copy Machine	10,000.00	13,075.70	11,000.00
Computer Systems Support	2,000.00	3,785.82	3,000.00
Diocesan Assessment	50,885.00	50,885.04	55,000.00
Priest Retirement Assessment	9,662.00	9,661.71	10,500.00
Catholic Schools Assessment	51,529.00	51,229.14	69,500.00
Catholic School Tuition Support to Parishioners	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Miscellaneous	16,700.00	22,424.13	18,500.00
Postage & Shipping	7,500.00	12,124.82	9,500.00
Office Supplies	6,000.00	9,329.87	7,000.00
Internet/Cable/Telephone	5,500.00	5,126.05	4,100.00
Total Administration Expenses	154,950.00	192,809.88	204,100.00
Worship			
Music Expenses	16,282.00	17,807.84	16,750.00
Liturgy & Environment	13,304.00	19,465.14	16,002.00
Total Worship Expenses	29,586.00	37,272.98	32,752.00
Children/Youth/Adult Faith Formation			
RCIA	3,330.00	3,942.81	5,280.00
Adult Education	11,925.00	3,874.61	10,425.00
Adult Retreats	2,100.00	1,582.60	2,100.00
(Building the Brotherhood of Christ; Growing in God)			
Parish Mission	5,000.00	208.00	5,000.00
Evangelization (FAITH magazine)	6,150.00	7,037.88	8,300.00
Religious Education P-6	10,050.00	12,135.84	13,500.00
Religious Education 7-8	2,950.00	1,215.88	2,300.00
Youth Ministry	6,650.00	4,749.99	7,600.00
Total Faith Formation Expenses	48,155.00	34,747.61	54,505.00

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Christian Service	2023-2024 BUDGET	2023-2024 ACTUAL	2024-2025 BUDGET
Christian Service	100.00	0.00	50.00
Services for Parishioners	350.00	0.00	50.00
Total Christian Service Expenses	450.00	-	100.00
Parish Life			
Hospitality, Coffee & Donuts, Pizza & Pop	-	6,045.61	-
Parish Life Events	4,900.00	(1,584.45)	6,200.00
Sunday Nursery Attendant	-	-	1,500.00
Total Parish Life Expenses	4,900.00	4,461.16	7,700.00
Plant Operation & Maintenance			
<i>VILLAGE CAMPUS</i>			
Snow Removal	20,000.00	14,723.00	20,000.00
*Repairs & Maintenance	10,000.00	11,760.23	12,000.00
Supplies	9,000.00	8,097.65	7,000.00
Natural Gas	22,000.00	18,688.45	22,000.00
Electricity	9,000.00	8,166.96	9,000.00
Water, Sewage, Trash Removal	6,500.00	5,379.22	4,500.00
<i>COUNTRY CAMPUS</i>			
Snow Removal	28,000.00	20,485.00	28,000.00
*Repairs & Maintenance	35,000.00	76,766.74	36,000.00
Supplies	10,500.00	13,966.13	13,000.00
Natural Gas	15,900.00	13,863.03	15,900.00
Electricity	28,700.00	28,424.99	28,800.00
Trash Removal	2,500.00	3,486.82	4,500.00
Telephone + Internet	7,100.00	6,715.61	7,100.00
<i>GENERAL PARISH</i>			
Contracted Services	8,000.00	10,000.87	8,000.00
Capital Expenditures	5,000.00	-	-
Insurance	54,733.00	58,581.00	56,400.00
Vehicle	1,000.00	389.54	1,000.00
Total Plant Expenses	272,933.00	299,495.24	273,200.00
*Plant: Significant Repair and Maintenance Expenses			
Village Campus		Country Campus	
Boiler Repairs	1,740.00	Boiler Repairs (\$22k pd FY25)	39,457.37
HVAC Repair PC	1,561.30	Parking Lot	16,350.00
Water Heater VC	1,800.00	(Curb/Ramp/Millings)	7,557.88
	5,101.30	Septic	4,459.29
		Closet Fire	4,331.00
		Mower Repair (all locs)	3,803.18
		Chiller	75,958.72
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	1,327,496.00	1,407,259.50	1,433,150.00
TOTAL PROGRAM & OPERATING EXPENSES	1,336,317.24	1,343,010.38	1,437,569.91
Total Revenue over Expenses	(8,821.24)	64,249.12	(4,419.91)

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STAIRWAY TO THE FUTURE	
FUNDRAISING INCOME, as of September 16, 2024	
	AMOUNT
Together in Faith & Fellowship	1,140,554.54
Interest Income	261,258.27
Memorial Fund Donations	9,911.06
TOTAL FUNDRAISING INCOME	1,411,723.87
Together in Faith & Fellowship (pledges still owed)	1,328,425.00



PHASE II CONSTRUCTION	
Construction Budget -	9,357,175.00
Construction Paid to Date -	5,005,697.00
Construction Balance -	4,754,364.00

TOTAL PARISH SAVINGS	
General Parish Savings	333,460.74
Phase II Savings	4,194,145.32
TOTAL	4,527,606.06

CARITAS COLLECTIONS	
STANDARD RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT
CSS Food Pantry	4,214.66
Dexter Family Services	7,024.43
St. Joseph Christian Svc Fund	2,808.77
St. Luke NEW Life Ctr-Flint	2,809.77
Catholic Habitat House	2,809.77
FEATURED RECIPIENTS	
House by the Side of the Road	2,093.31
Guadalupe Workers	2,329.50
Delonis Center	1,714.50
Michigan Foster Care Closet	2,292.00
Caritas Total	28,096.71

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Catholic Charities (Bi-Monthly)	11,415.00
Faith in Action (Bi-Monthly)	13,464.00
Help Spread the Faith	926.00
Catholic Social Teaching	779.00
Catholic Relief Svcs	1,092.00
Other Diocesan Collections	4,984.00
Mission Co-Op Appeal	14,988.99
TOTAL	47,648.99

PARISH STATISTICS	FY2021-2022	FY2022-2023	FY2023-2024
Total Registered Households:	1141	1168	1182
Total Children in Households:	734	681	737
Total Individuals Registered:	3223	3312	3352

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ENROLLMENT	FY2021-2022	FY2022-2023	FY2023-2024
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (pre + K)	23	29	30
1st - 8th Grade	115	135	111
Mustard Seed + Confirmation	23	24	25
Adult Volunteers in Religious Ed	15	24	36

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS FY2024			
Baptisms	44	Funerals	35
Confirmations (St Mary, St Joseph & Easter)	49	Weddings	12
First Communions	37		

Pastoral Council Notes



Summary recent Town Hall Meetings:

The Move to Mast Transition Committee, supported by your Parish Council, held Town Hall meetings on September 15th and 18th to communicate the status of the recent and future campus efforts.

Construction Status – You’ve noticed the progress on the exterior of our Country Church campus. There is similar progress on the interior of the building, with drywall, duct work, and electrical all being well over 70% complete. Our goal is for construction to be finished by year end, allowing the staff to occupy the new space in early January. We are currently within our budget for the project. There is still a lot of work to be done and a lot of variables to deal with in a construction project of this size, so these estimates may be adjusted slightly. We are persevering in our efforts, so please be patient. We hope to announce a firmer completion and moving timeline to you in November.

We also need to implement our landscape plan to add beauty around the new building and along the paths leading to it. Fall is an excellent time to plant trees and shrubs, so please watch the bulletins for a call for volunteers to help with this effort. Proceeds from our plant sales (~\$38000) will be used, but that money goes a lot further with volunteers doing as much of the planting as feasible.

Moving Plan – The Transition Team and Parish Staff have done an incredible job of identifying which of the articles in the current Parish Office and Center needed to be moved to the new building, discarded or sold at the Flea Market. The team has also solicited bids for professional cost-effective transport of the heavy, large, bulky and hard-to-move articles to the new facility. These items will be placed in the new facility by the movers, based on the floor plan of the new spaces and staff guidance. The cost for this well coordinated 2-3 day moving effort will be paid for using funds from the Festival and Flea Market.

We will need your help in packing some of the smaller items, especially dinner ware, silverware, glasses and smaller kitchen items from the Parish Center, as well as some smaller items from the Disciple House, into our new facility. Please watch the bulletin for those opportunities to serve your Parish.

Village Campus Dream and Vision – The direction for dealing with the current Parish Office (built as a convent in 1951), Parish Center (built as a school in 1925) and Rectory (built in 1904) was reviewed. Earlier this year the options of 1) selling two or all three of the buildings, 2) continuing to own and use the Center and/or Rectory, or 3) to raze all three buildings and create a Sacred green space were identified. The Parish Council, Finance Council and Transition Committee jointly determined Option 3 best met the needs of the Parish. Total cost for removing the three buildings from the Village Campus, including asbestos abatement, is approximately \$400,000. (The buildings ARE currently safe for use but contain some enclosed asbestos that must be properly dealt with during demolition.)

The first phase of this plan requires renovation, starting late 2025, of the current Disciple House on the Country Church property so it can then serve as the rectory. The costs for this renovation are not yet known and are not included in the Village Campus estimates discussed above. Once this step is complete, removal of the old Parish Office, Parish Center and Rectory buildings can proceed, with a target of having the site cleared and basic landscaping done by Q4 of 2027. The Transition Team also shared a preliminary vision of what the Village Campus could look like, including enhanced parking and the sacred green space for prayer.

We are asking for volunteers to help flesh out the Village Campus Dream and Vision into a plan to be implemented once the current village site is prepared. We need to define specific parking enhancements, configuration of the outside Sacred space, and any enhancements needed for the Village Church to facilitate its continued use and our presence in the community.

Funding – All the effort described above requires prayer, planning and funding. Summing the anticipated costs for removing the current Village Campus Parish Center, Parish Office and old rectory, performing required renovation of the Disciple House to serve as the new rectory, providing enhanced parking, landscaping and creation of the Sacred space at the Village Campus, and contingency for changes needed to the Village Church leaves a need for us to create a \$1,000,000 “Finish the Vision” campaign. Our plan is to combine this effort with the Diocese of Lansing’s ‘Saints and Scholars’ funding initiative and start the combined campaign at St. Joseph in early fall of 2025. We anticipate the combined campaign goal over three years for St. Joseph Parish to be \$2,757,000 (\$919,000/year) comprised of \$1,000,000 ‘Finish the Vision’ and \$1,575,000 DoL Saints & Scholars.

Other News:

2024 Festival – Both the Flea Market and Festival were great successes in our efforts to actively engage St. Joseph parishioners and the surrounding community. Thanks be to God and to all the volunteers and participants that make this event the annual success it is. Please plan to help out and attend next year’s events and bring friends!

Gary Hunter, Pastoral Council



Respect Life Month

Each October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday.

October is also Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Please join Catholics nationwide become aware and enlightened in the protection of all human life, as we honor and remember those who have lost a child during pregnancy or in infancy.

Pope John Paul II wrote, "we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil...the 'the culture of death' and the 'culture of life', ...we are all involved and share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life."

Please join us in our nine day Respect Life Novena. It can be accessed at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/respect-life-novena>.



Respect all life includes those who have experienced a miscarriage, stillborn or infant deaths. Both born and unborn need our love and support. For more information: <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/> and their video: <https://youtu.be/3FZ5W0ncpBo>.



Please follow us in the Parish bulletin for regular updates on how together we can embrace our faith in respecting the lives of all.

Please direct any inquiries about the Respect Life Commission to: Keith Gallagher at 313 530-3599 or Michelle Wright at 517 375-2634

*The ultimate test of
your greatness is the
way you treat every
human being*

POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II



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.





Confirmation Schedule 2024-2025

If you are in High School and you missed the Candidate and Parent(s) meeting in September and you would like to be confirmed next year please contact Don at don_dalgleish@stjos.com and we will set up a time to get together to get started.

Confirmation 2024-2025 Schedule for October -November

Sunday 10:30am-12:00pm in the Basement of the Disciple House

Candidate and Sponsor/Mentor meetings are at 1:30pm in the Parish Center

- ♦ October 6 Confirmation class (Chapter 1, Life is a Choice)
- ♦ October 13 Confirmation class (Chapter 2, What's Holding you Back?)
- ♦ October 20 Confirmation class (Chapter 3, The Jesus Question)
- ♦ October 27 Confirmation class (Chapter 4, The Prayer Process)
- ♦ November 2 Rite of Enrollment at 5:00pm Mass on Saturday
(sponsor/mentor form due with interview questions)
- ♦ November 3 No Class
- ♦ November 10 Confirmation Class (Chapter 5, The Bible)
- ♦ November 17 Confirmation Candidate and sponsor/mentor Meeting (The Mass part I)
- ♦ November 24 Confirmation Class (Chapter 6, Relationships)

Confirmation 2024-2025 Schedule for October-November

Wednesday 4:45-6:15pm in the Basement of the Disciple House

Candidate and Sponsor/Mentor meetings are at 1:30pm in the Disciple House

- ♦ October 9 Confirmation class (Chapter 1, Life is a Choice)
- ♦ October 16 Confirmation class (Chapter 2, What's Holding you Back?)
- ♦ October 23 Confirmation class (Chapter 3, The Jesus Question) (Parish Center)
- ♦ October 30 Confirmation class (Chapter 4, The Prayer Process)
- ♦ November 2 Rite of Enrollment at 5:00pm Mass on Saturday or 11am Mass on Sunday
(sponsor/mentor form due with interview questions)
- ♦ November 6 No Class
- ♦ November 13 Confirmation Class (Chapter 5, The Bible)
- ♦ November 17 Confirmation class with sponsor/mentor (The Mass part I)
- ♦ November 20 No Class
- ♦ November 27 No Class (Thanksgiving)



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!



GOD SQUAD 2024-2025 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 BLAST CORN MAZE 6-8PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 FROM 2-3:30PM IN THE LOFT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 FROM 2-3:30PM IN THE LOFT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 AIRBORNE TRAMPOLINE, TIME TBA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 FROM 2-3:30 IN THE YOUTH ROOM

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 FROM 2-3:30PM IN THE YOUTH ROOM

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 FROM 2-3:30PM IN THE YOUTH ROOM

FRIDAY, MAY 16 FROM 5:45-8:30PM BOWLING

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH
MIDDLE SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP**

GRADES 6-8

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 ServerSaturday October 12 **AND** Saturday October 26

Time to be determined

*All training at the Country Church***CHURCH CLEANING BEES****Country Church Grounds**

Saturday, September 28

8am

(rain date October 5)

Village Church Grounds

Saturday, October 12

8am

(rain date October 19)

Country Church Interior Cleaning

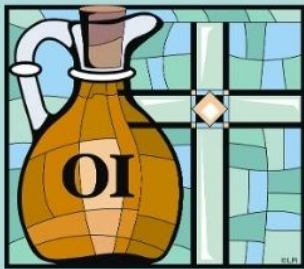
Saturday, October 5

9am—noon

Village Church Interior Cleaning

Saturday, November 9

9am—noon

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK****MASS & LUNCHEON****THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 @ 11AM****Mass with Lunch following in the PARISH CENTER**

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

All Saints**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION****Feast of All Saints**

Friday, November 1

Mass Times

8:15AM - Village Church

7:00PM—Country Church

**ALL SOULS MASS****ALL SOULS DAY**

Saturday, November 2

10AM

Country Church

All are welcome to attend our All Souls Mass.

If you have a loved one that passed away October 31, 2023 or after, and would like to remember them by attending Mass and lighting a candle, please contact Darlene Cresson in the Parish Office, 734-426-2674 or darlene_cresson@stjos.com.

Please submit a 4x6 photo of your loved one to the parish office for our Wall of Remembrance that will remain in church for the month of November. Drop off photos by October 25 and include name, dates of birth and death and who to return the photo to.



Volunteer!

There are so many ways you can help serve our parish community and our local community. Here are a few ideas for individuals and families:

- * Giving Garden (kids 8 and up)
- * Grounds clean up (families welcome)
- * Funeral lunch help (teens welcome during school breaks or Saturdays)
- * Serving the Face of Jesus (provide meals, rides, yard work, etc. for those recovering, elderly, homebound)
- * Charitable Activities and Social Justice Ministries events often require deliveries to be made to agencies which are family friendly service opportunities.

Contact the parish office to sign up for volunteer areas.



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.



JOIN US FOR OUR

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat! **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 6:30PM**

At the Festival Pavilion

Adults are invited to:

Decorate your car and fill the trunk with goodies to pass out to the children.

Children of all ages are invited to:

Dress up and come Trunk or Treating!

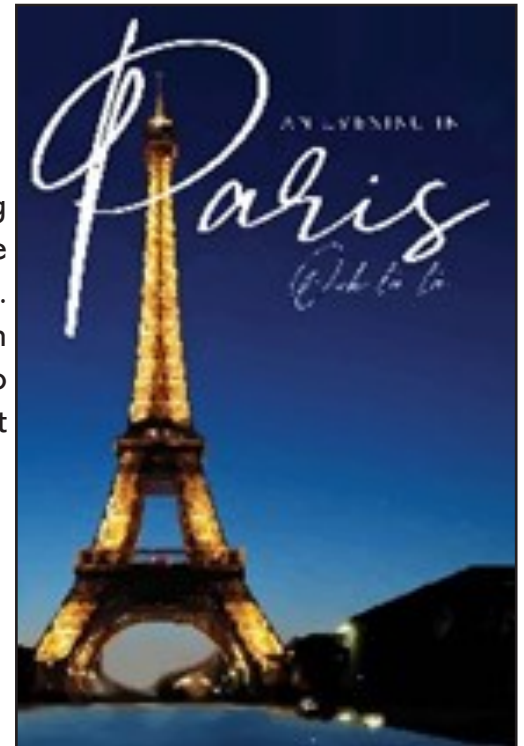
We would love to know that you are coming with a car to park, or your child will be coming to Trunk or Treat. Please go to www.stjos.com to sign up for this event.

JOIN US FOR THIS FAMILY FRIENDLY TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT!

This year we invite you to
Silent Auction...AN EVENING IN PARIS...Ooh LA LA
November 9, 2024 @ 6:30PM
Lakelands Country Club

Get out your Chanel, Givenchy, Dior, and Yves St. Laurent and join us for an elegant Evening in Paris!

The evening will start with hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and bidding on silent auction items. While we all enjoy dinner with wine, we will also enjoy good conversation and the music of Steve Hinz. During dinner you can bid on a colorful tie modeled by our own pastor, Fr. Brendan Walsh. Following dinner, we will continue to bid on silent auction items and finish out the evening with dessert our tables and a live auction.



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In order to make the Silent Auction a success, we need help in these ways:

- Parishioners who attend and/or donate:
 - Buy your tickets, donate a basket, a service, a stand alone item or become a sponsor
 - Tickets are on sale! You can get yours in the Gathering Space after all Masses, in the parish office or online at www.stjos.com.
 - See more detailed information about donations at www.stjos.com
- Workers that put it all together
 - If you are willing to help with the Auction in a small or big way please call Marinell High at the Parish Office – 734-426-8483.

When these elements come together
we are able to accomplish important contributions to our parish!
Funds raised will help with the many parts of our construction project.

Christmas Cookie Market

Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

St. Joseph Parish Center

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

Sponsored by St. Joseph Parish Life Commission

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

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

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



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

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



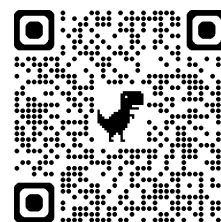
Ladies Advent Tea – It is time to mark your calendar!

Invite your friends and spend a delightful evening of conversation and reflection centered around Advent. You can host a table OR come as a guest on **Tuesday, December 3, 2024** at the Country Church.

is open to all of the community so please feel free to invite your friends who are not members of our parish. It isn't hard to be a hostess and it is a lovely way to give a little Advent gift and lift to your friends. We provide the tea, table cover and centerpiece. You provide the place settings and prepare desserts and snacks for your table. That is all! We can make it even easier for you by providing quality paper and plastic products for your table for a **small fee**. We will send you all the information you need to host a table.

Women are welcome to sign up and be placed at a table with a hostess who will take care of you for the evening.

Whether you host a table or come to join others you can sign up on the board in the Gathering Space or at Sign Up Genius link using the QR code, call the parish office at 734-426-8483 or email Marinell High at marinell_high@stjos.com



Troop 456 Activities



The principal event of this period was the outing at North Star Sail Club where the scouts developed a calendar of events for the up coming year. the North Star Sail Club generously allowed use of their grounds for camping/ outdoor cooking and also allowed us to share in their Friday night "Sailing Race" activities and hamburgers. The next day the scouts planned their annual goals, monthly themes, and made calendar inputs this event Thank you to Commodore Jim Rodgers for opening the NSSC to the Troop.

The outcome of the annual planning meeting is illustrated to the right. In addition to this event there was a fishing outing for the scouts. The scouts did not catch any trophy fish, but they enjoyed the time spent learning how to fish and the trip to the Bruin Lake Campground located in the Pinckney State Recreation Area

If you are interested in joining the troop as a Scout or Adult Volunteer, please contact Ron Carpinella(Charter Organization Representative) at 734-426-5734 or Pete Potsos (Scoutmaster) at 734-355-8729.

The Troop website is located at dextertroop456.org.

Dates	Location	Description
Sept 21	Willow Metropark	Rendezvous in the D
Oct 4-6	Brighton / Howell	Brighton Rec + Howell Nature Center Ropes
Nov 8-10	Kensington	Backpacking Chief Pontiac Trail
Dec 17		Court of Honor & Christmas Potluck
Jan 17-19	D-Bar-A	D-Bar-A Cabin & Klondike
Feb 14-16	TBD	Winter Sports (Snow shoeing, XC ski)
Mar 7-9	Teetonkah	Teetonkah Cabin, Archery
April 11-13	Oak Openings, Ohio	Backpacking TBD
May 16-18	Cole Canoe Base	Cole Canoe Intro
June 1	TBD	Annual Planning Meeting
June 8	TBD	Baseball Game
June 19-22	TBD	TBD Canoe Camping Trip
July 6-12	Defiance OH	Camp Lakota Summer Camp
~Aug 6-11	Munising, MI	Pictured Rocks Backpacking

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.

Andrew & Kaylie Siwicki
Ellie

Albert & Claudia Huether
Adalyn, Albert Jr.

Michael & Constance Knieper
Graylin

Andrew & Corinne Wood

Zachary Orsini & Linda Saju

Richard & Della Cieciek

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Calvin David Kehoe
Son of Reggie & Marietta (Ford) Kehoe

Joshua Jacob Schwartz
Son of Robert & Nicole (Marlow) Schwartz

Alice Sophia Ruhland
Daughter of Phillip & Lisa (Moss) Ruhland

Claire Margaret Kooser
Daughter of Ty & Rachel (Fryatt) Kooser

Elijah John McCreight
Son of Tom & Alyssa (Boote) McCreight

Layla Grace Wilcox
Daughter of Dustin & Kara (Panfil) Wilcox

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.

Barbara Jane Plotkowski Walsh Lorence

Dear St. Joseph Parish...

August 2024

Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$1,146 for the food pantry. Please know how grateful we are for your generosity. Your gift allows us to continue our mission of providing compassionate, impactful, and comprehensive services for those in our community who are in real need.

May God continue to bless you,

Sunnie Johnson-Lain

President and CEO,

Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County

August 2024

Dexter Family Services would like to thank you for the \$ 1,910 donation from the June Caritas collection. Your donation helps us as we now are providing dairy products of milk, eggs, butter, yogurt and cheese every Thursday to the Dexter pantry. This replaces the Meijer cards we used to provide. In August we filled 4 back packs with school supplies for 4 Dexter students. Your continued support in Dexter Family Services is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Susan Walsh

Dexter Family Services

August 2024

Thank you so much for the recent gift of \$2,151.

The mission of Catholic Social Services is to share the love and presence of Christ in our community through acts of compassion and mercy in a manner that represents the inherent dignity of every person. Thank you for seeing the need and being an active part of the solution. You are appreciated more than you know.

May God continue to bless you,

Sunnie Johnson-Lain

President and CEO, Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County



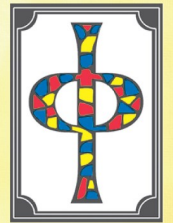
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