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DEXTER, MICHIGAN



FROM OUR PRESENT TO OUR FUTURE

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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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Larry Deford	Deacon
John Goff	Deacon
Laura McKenzie	Administrative Assistant
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Don Dalglish	Director for Faith Formation—Youth
Marinell High	Director of Faith Formation—Adults
Katie Webber	Director of Faith Formation—Children
Liz Neil	Cemetery

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Chris Hollis	Country Campus Maintenance
Gary Fradette	Cemetery Grounds
Anthony Fradette	Cemetery Grounds

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COMMISSIONS and ACTIVITIES

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Building the
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St. Francis Retreat Center
Men's Retreat
Women's Retreat
Faith Formation (Pre-K7-8)
Festival
Festival
Giving Garden
God Squad (Gr. 7-8)
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Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
Music Ministry
Discovering Catholicism (RCIA)
Scouting (Troop 456)

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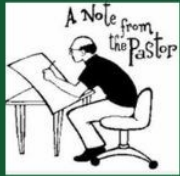
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Don Dalglish
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Marilyn Dehring
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Our Mission

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



Fr. Brendan's Billboard



February A Month of Transition

The month of February we will make the move to our new office, hall, kitchen and classroom space. It will take some time to discover how to use these new rooms and spaces. It will take time for us all to adjust, both staff and parishioners. It will be new, different, and wonderful. We will have a brand-new kitchen and a return to monthly parish breakfasts. Our children will have more space for faith formation. We will have a hall for events, meals, and sports activities. We will have new meeting rooms for faith sharing, planning funerals and parish leadership gatherings. It will be different, but it will help us extend our warm and welcoming spirit.

Prayer of Dedication

Our plan to bless and dedicate our new building is scheduled for March 15 at 10am. Bishop Earl Boyea will be here to help us celebrate and bless our new space. Mark your calendar. Plan now to attend.

A New Lenten Journey

March 5 is Ash Wednesday, and we begin the sacred days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a time to give up, to give to God, by giving to others.

We will once again hold our Lenten Food Collection to give to those who need a helping hand through the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. We will spend extra time in prayer at our Lenten Mission, with Friday night Stations of the Cross, by attending daily Mass, or by praying the Rosary. We will make our Lenten Fast by giving up chocolate, soda, or sweets.

Our Lenten journey will also include the call from Bishop Earl Boyea to support the work of our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our DSA goal is the same as last year, \$121,176.71. Our DSA collection will begin the weekend of March 1 and 2.

Our Lenten Mission with St. Mary, Chelsea will be held here at St. Joseph will welcome Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio to our parish. March 23, 24 and 25 at 7pm each night with a reception each night in our new hall.

This year at our Easter Vigil, we will welcome 18 people into our Catholic faith. We will celebrate 19 First Communions in the spring.

A complete schedule of Lenten events and the Holy Week schedule can be found in this newsletter.

As we complete the first part of the new year of 2025, let us look forward with joy and excitement as we move, as we pray, and as we welcome new members to our Catholic community.

*Shalom,
Fr. Brendan J. Walsh*



The Stairway to the Future Journey
The Vision, the Task, the Hope
2000-2025

*“A vision without a task is but a dream.
 A task without a vision is drudgery.
 A vision and a task are the hope of the world.”*
Inscription on a church wall in Sussex England 1730



As we ready for the opening of our new parish center, parish offices and faith formation classrooms, we honor and give thanks to those in the past and present who made it possible for us to worship and thrive as a parish community. We thank them for their faithful vision, their unyielding dedication to the task and for the everlasting hope they shared.

The VISION. The Stairway to the Future project was conceived 25 years ago, when discussions began in regard to the need for more space for the faithful of St. Joseph Parish. In April 2002, Parishioners gathered in focus groups to explore options with parish leadership. After prayerful discernment and upon approval of the diocese, the decision was made to build a new church. The parish purchased forty-six acres of land at the southwest corner of North Territorial and Mast Roads to become the site of the new St. Joseph Church. The Stairway to the Future Committee was established, with twelve members who studied the document recommended by the Diocese: *Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture, and Worship*. In the winter of 2002, the Committee was expanded to include thirty parishioners who developed a master plan for the new parish property. The plan was shared with an advisory group comprised of one hundred parishioners who provided input. Architect David Swanson was hired to help the parish design the new church and Liturgical Consultant Christine Reinhard was retained to guide the committee. The Committee researched, discussed, and worked many hours on the design of the new church. And they prayed for God’s guidance. After much discernment, prayer and collaboration, the Committee envisioned that the new church should represent the parish’s commitment to its future while also embracing its tradition. The vision was to build a new church where all would sense the presence of God -- a church that expressed warmth, reverence, simple elegance and beauty, and the unity of St. Joseph Parish, a community that worships as a single body, united in faith.

Financial realities led to the discussion and decision to build in two phases; the Worship Space and Gathering Space would be Phase I and the parish center, parish offices and faith formation classrooms would be built in Phase 2.

The TASK. On March 19, 2005, the parish celebrated a ceremonial groundbreaking. Bishop Carl Mengeling spoke these words at the groundbreaking ceremony for our worship space, “‘We drink from wells we did not dig. We warm ourselves by fires we did not build.’ You parishioners now, like generations before you, keep the fires of faith and love burning now and for those generations to come.”

Construction began in August of 2006. And on March 15, 2008, the Feast of St. Joseph, the Parish joyfully gathered to celebrate the dedication liturgy of the New St. Joseph Church.

Over the course of the last 15 years, we have paid off our church construction debt and began to save funds for phase II. After Festivals, Silent Auctions, and Capital Campaigns, in 2023, we were able to obtain final approval from the Diocese to commence construction of Phase 2 of the Stairway to the Future project. Once again, St. Joseph Parishioners came forth with generous sacrifices to make this possible. We were to become one unified campus with the additions of the parish hall, parish offices and faith formation classrooms. The ground breaking ceremony for Phase 2 was held on November 12, 2023. The new building took shape before our very eyes. It was exciting for parishioners to see the quick progress of Phase 2 every Sunday when we attended Mass.

The HOPE. Hope is a tiny word but it carries much meaning – expectation, optimism, aspirations, dreams, wishes, good outcomes, to name a few. God grants us this Hope. When we walk with God, the desires of the heart and our resulting actions are of Him. Faith’s definition in itself is substantiated in hope.

Hope for future generations of faith is the belief that despite current challenges, future generations will continue to embrace and practice religious faith, based on the idea of actively passing down spiritual values and teachings to younger people, providing them with a strong foundation for their own faith journey.

The Stairway to the Future journey has completed its next step. We pray knowing that the celebration of the sacraments in our new church and campus will bless and grace believers for generations to come. In the future, we will vision and plan the transformation of the our Village Campus.

Submitted by Eileen Slank



Reconciliation will be available at 3:30pm on all Saturdays during Lent

Ash Wednesday, March 5	Mass and distribution of Ashes 8:15am Village Church and 7:00pm Country Church Service with Ashes at 12:15pm in the Village Church
Friday, March 7	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
March 8/9	Lenten Collection - Paper Products
March 8/9	Anointing of the Sick after all Masses
Friday, March 14	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
Saturday, March 15	Blessings of New Building, Parish Hall 10am
March 15/16	Lenten Collection - Personal Care Products
Wednesday, March 19	Feast of St. Joseph, Village Church, 8:15am, Country Church, 7:00pm
Friday, March 21	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
Saturday, March 22	Spaghetti Dinner, Parish Hall 6pm
March 22/23	Lenten Collection—Dry Goods

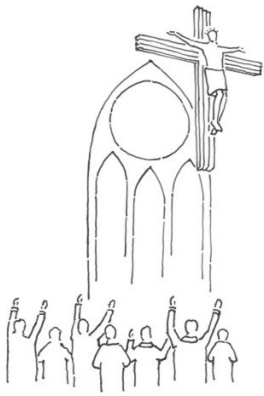
Joint Mission with St. Mary, Chelsea, *"The Virtues: 7 Habits of Champions"* presented by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio
March 23 Mission with Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio at St. Joseph, 7:00pm
March 24 Mission with Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio at St. Joseph, 7:00pm
March 25 Mission with Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio at St. Joseph, 7:00pm

Friday, March 28	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
March 29/30	Lenten Collection - Canned Goods
Monday, March 31	Communal Reconciliation Service, St. Andrew, Saline, 7:00pm
Tuesday, April 1	Communal Reconciliation Service, St. Joseph Country Church, 7:00pm
Wednesday, April 2	Communal Reconciliation Service, St. Mary, Chelsea, 7:00pm
Thursday, April 3	Communal Reconciliation Service, St. Mary, Manchester, 7:00pm
Friday, April 4	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
April 5/6	Lenten Collection - Cleaning Products
Friday, April 11	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
Saturday, April 12	Individual Reconciliation, Village Church, 10-11am
April 12/13	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Country Church, 5:00pm, 9:00am & 11:00am
Tuesday, April 15	Individual Reconciliation, Village Church, 12noon—1:00pm
Wednesday, April 16	Individual Reconciliation, Village Church, 7:00-8:00pm

HOLY WEEK

Thursday, April 17	Mass of the Lord's Supper, Country Church, 7:00pm Prayer in the Garden of Repose, Country Church, 8:30pm-11:00pm
Friday, April 18	Dexter Ecumenical Good Friday Service, 12:15pm, Huron River Methodist Church Catholic Prayer of the Lord's Passion, Country Church, 7:00pm
Saturday, April 19	Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Family Event Committee & the Dexter Knight of Columbus 10:30am Parish Hall and Faith Formation Wing Blessing of Easter Food Baskets, Country Church, 1:00pm Easter Vigil, Country Church, 8:00pm
Sunday, April 20	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Country Church, 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

BUILDING the BROTHERHOOD OF CHRIST



Let the New Year be a time of positive change in your life through your relationship with God. Join other men of our parish and community on Saturday, February 15, 2025 and start down the road to a better life! Our day will take place at the Parish Center where we will begin at 8:15 am with a light breakfast followed by the morning schedule, a great lunch, an afternoon of faith and finally the celebration of Mass with our community.

The name of our group, "Building the Brotherhood of Christ," says it all. We are men building relationships with each other and with Christ. The day is just the start of it all!

Throughout the day, men in the sponsoring group give witness about their struggles, successes, and growth in their relationship with God and the Church. Those men who attend the day may choose to discuss each witness, take time to pray, and celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist or they may choose to spend the day listening. Either way the day will end with new-made friends and a closer sense of God in your life!

Let February be the month when you take the time to clear your calendar for the day, join the BBOC Team and see if you don't feel a difference in your life!

Oh, just one last thing...**It's free.** Call the parish office at 734-426-8483 or contact John Goff at johnhoff52@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up.

*Where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there I am in the midst of them.*

Matthew 18:20.



Growing in God – A One-Day Women's Retreat

Are you looking for a way to deepen your spiritual connection with God? Would you like to form friendships with other women in the parish? Perhaps you would just like to be pampered both physically and spiritually for one day – a Saturday away from the chores, kids, husband, and television! On Saturday, March 1, 2025 we will be hosting the Annual Growing in God Women's Retreat at the Country Church from 8 am to 5:00 pm. We will start with breakfast – a wonderful meal prepared by women of the parish and served with love. Breakfast will be followed by spiritually enriching events such as faith sharing stories by the Presenting Team, group activities, the opportunity for Reconciliation and 5 pm Mass at the end of the day. This day of spiritual reflection and growth will result in many new friendships and a much deeper relationship with God! Please consider joining us – it may be the best spiritual decision you have ever made! If you have questions, or would like to chat about this exciting event, please contact Jeanette Westermann at jwester@charter.net or Marinell High at marinell_high@stjos.com or 734-426-8483. We hope to see you on March 1st!

St. Mary & St. Joseph Partnership Parish Mission



We are pleased that Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio is coming to us this Lent as our mission presenter on March 23, 24, & 25 at St. Joseph Parish in Dexter.

The title of this mission is **“The Virtues: 7 Habits of Champions”**. Our three nights together will cover the four moral virtues of fortitude, prudence, justice and temperance and the three theological virtues of faith, hope and charity.

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio (“Dr. Italy”) received his Ph.D. in historical theology from The Catholic University of America under the direction of Avery Cardinal Dulles and has had a prolific career as a Catholic author, internationally-respected speaker, pilgrimage leader, and university professor. He is the Co-founder and Director of *The Crossroads Initiative*, the author of five books and hundreds of articles, and a regular guest on both secular and Catholic TV and radio programs. In 2004, Dr. D'Ambrosio co-authored the *New York Times* bestseller *A Guide to the Passion: 100 Questions about The Passion of the Christ* with Ascension Founder Matt Pinto. In 2019, Dr. D'Ambrosio published the groundbreaking Bible study on the life of Jesus Christ filmed in the Holy Land, *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*, presenting alongside Jeff Cavins and Dr. Edward Sri. In 2022, he became the co-author and co-presenter of *What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith*, together with Dr. Andrew Swafford and Sarah Swafford.

Dr. D'Ambrosio is currently a Professor of Theology at the Catholic Distance University. He and his wife Susan reside in Dallas, Texas.



Savor the Flavors
OF ITALY
Enjoy fellowship with parishioners





ST. JOSEPH PARISH
SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, March 22, 2025

6:00- 8:00PM PARISH HALL

Caritas



The March 29/30 Caritas collection will benefit the Catholic Habitat House build that St. Joseph participates in every two years. This is part of a collaborative financial and volunteer support effort with other Catholic churches in our area.

The goal of the Habitat for Humanity is to “increase housing equity, stability, and community sustainability by providing access to affordable home ownership for families and individuals in Washtenaw County.

As a part of Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley, the goal is to provide affordable home ownership for low to mid income families. It provides “below market interest mortgages to qualified partnering applicants in need of decent, safe and affordable homes. The recipients of the home must live or work in Washtenaw County and partner with Habitat to provide 250 sweat equity hours in building their new home. In addition to providing a low-down payment of around \$1000, the new homeowners must also attend free classes on home maintenance repair and family finances.

Our collection on March 29/30 as well as a percentage of each Caritas collection over a 2-year period generally provides a donation of almost \$15,000.

Thank you for considering a donation of money or time to the build. Specific dates for volunteer opportunities will be forthcoming. For any additional information about the Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley their website is www.h4h.org.

If you know any organization that the Caritas committee might consider, please send your suggestions to the parish office with your contact information.

Please Pray for Our Catechumen and Candidates



Prayers for those on the OCIA Journey, Discovering Catholicism

Please keep our Catechumen and Candidate in your prayers as they enter the last months of their preparation and formation to become full members of our Catholic Faith.

Our Catechumens (those who will be baptized, confirmed and receive Eucharist) are: Makayla Robenalt, Jaxton Barnhardt, Graciella Mazza, Adian Mazza, Lukas Massa, Isabella Richard, Harper Okoroski and Morgan Sislo.

Our Candidates (those already baptized who will be confirmed and receive Eucharist) are: Mellissa Juston, Declan and Connor Boland, Caitlin Elliott, Adrianna Yado, Carrie Bilek, Richard Urbin and Charlotte Miller.

Since late November they have been dismissed from 11:00 Mass each week to study the Scriptures more closely and discover how to make those Scriptures come alive in their lives. They have followed that time with our Discovering Catholicism session where they take part in faith conversations, form a community with each other and our parishioners who serve on the RCIA team, learn Catholic Doctrine and Tradition and how to live life as a Catholic Christian.



What a joy to welcome each other into our liturgies through music. I see and hear your participation as we journey through each season of our church year and find the true joy of the Gospel message through music. Thank you for helping us honor our traditional sounds and hymns that ring strongly in our hearts as we open ourselves to new sounds made possible by current songwriters.

Do you hear anybody's voice singing next to you? Bring them with you and come and sing or ring with us! We need you in one of our music ensembles! It's a safe and welcoming place to come learn and try something that you may not have thought possible before. We have room for many to join and we truly need your help!

Rejoice Anew! - serves at 5 pm Masses and **St. Joseph Choir** - serves at 11 am Masses
these two choirs regularly rehearse on Thursday nights

Bell Choir - occasionally serves at 11 am Masses
we need 4 more ringers to fill in our ranks
join us on Monday nights for rehearsal, no experience is needed

Youth Choir
for Children in 2nd Grade and older
we regularly rehearse on Sundays at 12:30 pm

So bring your hands, bring your voices, and help us continue to build the joyful sound of music at St. Joseph Parish.

Steve Hinz, Director of Music & Liturgy

Confirmation 2024-2025 Schedule

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

- February 2 Confirmation Class (Chapter 10, Confirmation)
- February 9 Confirmation Class (Chapter 11, Made for Mission)
- February 16 No Class
- February 23 Confirmation Candidate and sponsor/mentor meeting (The Mass part 3)
- March 2 Confirmation Class (Chapter 12, Holiness is Possible)
- March 9 No Class
- March 16 Confirmation Candidate and sponsor/mentor meeting (The Mass part 4)
(Letter to the Bishop and Confirmation name paper are due)
- March 24-30 No Class (Spring Break)

Confirmation 2024-2025 Schedule

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

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

- February 5 Confirmation Class (Chapter 10, Confirmation)
- February 12 Confirmation Class (Chapter 11, Made for Mission)
- February 19 No Class
- February 23 Confirmation Class with sponsor/mentor (The Mass part 3)
- February 26 No Class
- March 5 Confirmation Class (Chapter 12, Holiness is Possible)
- March 12 No Class
- March 16 Confirmation Class with sponsor/mentor (The Mass part 4)
(Letter to the Bishop and Confirmation name paper are due)
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GOD SQUAD

6-8th Grade Youth Group



Putting Luminaries together for Christmas Eve



Open the gift wearing oven mitts game

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.

Joe & Amy Junttila
Allison and Joey

Denise McCarty

Rhonda Wille

Michael and Laura Hand, Jr.

Michael Machnik

Brihannon Arment
Harper

Kyle Krzyzanski & Monica Meger

Rebecca Burns

Robert & Sarah Yeager
Robby and Joey

Jessica Freij

Nathan & Allison Loyer
Charlotte and Max

Thomas & Donna Sidelko

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.

James Edward Orson

Katherine Elaine Ulrich Orson

Matthew Victorio Gonzales

Margaret Peggy Ann Reichardt

Robert Earl Couture

Katherine Joyce Couture

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Isla Rose McEvoy
Daughter of Timothy & Emily (Boring) McEvoy

Emery McDaniel James Heike
Daughter of Christopher & Melissa (DeLong) Heike

Birdi Rose Meah
Daughter of Andre & Kristen (Forster) Meah

Brody John Baird
Son of Morgen & Victoria (Taylor) Baird

Kazimiera Mae Goff
Daughter of McKenzie Goff

Ellie Rae Siwicki
Daughter of Andrew & Kaylie (Roberts) Siwicki



To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake
it is necessary to stand out in the cold

ARISTOTLE

Dear St. Joseph Parish . . .

December 2024

Your gift of \$2,221.00 supports real changes: sick neighbors will access the medicines that will return them to health, people in pain will experience relief, and families who rear running out of food before their next paycheck are fed. Your support brings behavioral health into every appointment, ensuring that every part of a patient's story is welcome in their health care visit.

We thank you for believing in a strong, compassionate community. We thank you for joining us in the work of creating it.

With Gratitude,
 Ross Weener
 Hope Clinic, CEO

December 2024

Please let me take this opportunity to thank you for your generous in-kind contribution of \$1,775 worth of Christmas gift cards to support our clients. It takes the commitment of many to help families in poverty looking to enhance their quality of life. Your support is what makes this possible.

Sincerely,
 Sunnie Johnson-Lain
 President & CEO, Catholic Charities of Washtenaw County

December 2024

Thank you for thinking of me at Christmas. I loved living in Dexter and St. Joseph Church. I found much happiness there. I miss Dexter and all the wonderful parishioners and friends I made.

Much love and respect,
 Virginia Dyke

December 2024

Thank you for donating to SOS's Sponsor an Apartment Program. Your donation of housewares will bring so much joy and relief to families who are struggling this holiday season.

Sincerely,
 Barbara Cecil
 Development Director, SOS Community Services

December 2024

On behalf of SafeHouse Center, I would like to thank you for the generous in-kind donations of gift cards, cooking equipment, tvs, appliances and other items. Your donation will make an immediate impact on the survivors we serve through emergency shelter, crisis support, legal advocacy, and support groups.

Sincerely,
 Christine Watson
 Executive Director, SafeHouse Center

December 2024

Thank you for all the amazing baby gifts from your Giving Tree. Your support helps us continue our mission in providing quality life affirming care for everyone who enters our doors.

Arborwoan Health

January 2025

Thank you for your generous tithing gift of \$1,000 from October 2024 and 25% of the Crop Walk gift amounting to \$383.75.

Your steady support empowers us to keep serving families in need, ensuring they receive the help and care they deserve. Once again, thank you for making such a meaningful difference. We genuinely appreciate your partnership.

With deep gratitude,
 Sarah Shugart
 Executive Director, Faith In Action

Troop 456 Activities

The service project for this period consisted of assisting in the set up of the Christmas decorations in the church. There were 7 boys and 3 adults in attendance. As you can see, the adult leaders had the responsibilities to deal with the more hazardous elements of the task. Scouting rules insure that no boy is placed in a dangerous situation. While this was going on, the boys engaged in an important element of the project...eating donuts. They did engage but it was mainly on activities which were at the ground level.

During the month of December the troop held a combined Court of Honor and Potluck dinner. The activity was well attended, and there were 9 rank advancements and 22 merit badges awarded. The rank advancements require the scout to place a pin reflecting the rank achieved on his mothers' scout ribbon. 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.





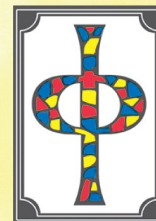
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