

St. Joseph Parish Charitable Activities and Social Justice Commission

"See how they love one another."

This Commission works to reach out and serve those in need in our Parish, our community and our world.

Please join us! Information and contact information below. All are welcome!

Parish Blood Drive: We continue to host blood drives on a regular basis, Parish Contact: Dcn. Randy, 734-646-4425, rpdesrochers@gmail.com

Bereavement Ministry: St. Joseph's Family Grief Program meets on an intermittent basis. Parish contact: Mary Kay Whitmer, 734-709-5562 marykay_whitmer@comcast.net.

Christian Services: Help those in need by donating food before Mass. Items with protein are a great help (hearty soups, tuna, macaroni & cheese.) Parish office: (734) 426-8483

Chelsea/Dexter Hunger Walk (Crop Walk): Join this community wide event as walkers strive to build a hunger-free world. Parish Contact: Doug Koepsell, (734) 260-0961 djkoepsell@gmail.com

Delonis Center: Parish volunteers assist with preparing the evening meal. This is a great opportunity to locally reach out to those in need and spend time with fellow parishioners. 312 W Huron Street from 3-5pm, Ann Arbor Parish contact: Kathy Koepsell, a2koepsell@gmail.com, (734) 604-6797

Environmental Stewardship Ministry: Our mission is to embrace Pope Francis's call to raise awareness of God's call to preserve our natural environment, educate our community on ways to best care for our world, and facilitate environmentally conscious behavior both in our church and in the wider community. Parish Contact: Theresa Schmidt, tschmidt5@mac.com, 734-734-320-6476

Faith in Action Food Pantry: Receives our church's surplus food donations. Parish contact: Susan Walsh (734) 426-2464

Flint Outreach: We have created the role of a "St. Joseph, Dexter Ambassador to Flint" who would coordinate with the various charitable outreaches to Flint. Parish Contact: Jan Clear, janfredclear@comcast.net or 734-424-0987.

Food Gatherers: We help repackage surplus food from over 300 local sources so it can be distributed to local food pantries and soup kitchens in our community. Parish contact: Jennifer Ray, 734-646-1269, jenraeray@gmail.com.

Calendar of Events 2025

Bereavement Ministry
Workshops Quarterly

Parish Blood Drive
Watch the bulletin & weekly emails.

Delonis Center
Mondays 3-5pm 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, & 12/1

Chelsea/Dexter Hunger Walk
10/2025

Food Gatherers Warehouse
5:30-7:30PM, 2/5, 4/16, 6/18, 8/20, 10/8, & 12/17

Giving Garden
Spring Meeting 4/8 7pm

Giving Tree
Advent 2025

Lenten Food Drive
Spring 2025

Moms in Need
Mother's Day Baby Shower
Spring 2025

Join us at a CASJ Meeting
3/20, 5/15, 7/17, 9/18, & 11/20
from 7-8PM
Via Zoom

Help Available

Giving Gardeners: Help us to grow, harvest and deliver fresh produce to those in need in the area. We grow both food & friendship.

Parish contact: Rodger & Linda Cook, lindascook21@gmail.com, 734-426-4398

Funeral Luncheons: This ministry provides a location, meal, and service for those attending a funeral at St. Joseph Parish. Many hands make light the work. Parish contact: Laura McKenzie, 734-426-8483, laura_mckenzie@stjos.com

Giving Tree: Help make Christmas a joyous season for those in need by taking "ornaments" from the tree and purchasing the gift listed. Gifts are collected at Mass. Parish contact: Carolyn Gansen, cagansen@yahoo.com, 734-968-5860

Lenten Food Drive: Items collected at Mass are donated to Catholic Social Services. Parish contact: Dcn Randy Desrochers, rpdesrochers@gmail.com, 734-646-4425

Ministry to Homebound Parishioners: We visit the sick and homebound, bringing the Eucharist and fellowship. Please contact the Parish Office if you need a visit or would like to visit the sick, at 734-426-8483.

Moms in Need: Each spring we collect items desperately needed by young mothers. Parish contact: Jennifer Korte, kortejj@msn.com, 517-375-2799

Prayer Shawl Ministry: If you are a knitter or crocheter or are in need of a prayer shawl contact: Marinell High, 734-426-8483, marinell_high@stjos.com

Recycle Brigade: Help us respond to Pope Francis' call to be good stewards of our environment. Go to <http://www.stjos.com/christian-outreach.html> for a list of what we are collecting. Parish contact: Kathy Pawlicki, 734-272-2570, kpawlicki1@comcast.net

Respect Life- All human life is sacred from the moment of conception to natural death. We have a number of initiatives. Parish Contact; Keith Gallagher, 313-530-3599, shamrock5@aol.com

Serving the Face of Jesus: We are encouraged daily to make sacrifices of time, talent, and treasures to benefit others who may need rides to Mass or doctor appointments, or help with shopping, meals after a surgery or new baby, light house cleaning, respite care, childcare, yard work, snow shoveling, and visits. If you are in need or want to serve contact Linda Hunt, at 734-424-9903 or gloryfaithhope@aol.com

St. Joseph Health Ministry: 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. Parish contact: Dr Mary Wisely, (734) 646-0933, sjhealthministry@gmail.com

Faith in Action
Food Pantries and More
(734)475-3305

Catholic Social Services
Washtenaw County
Cheryl Ankenbauer
734-971-9781, x540