



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC PARISH

DEXTER, MICHIGAN

A United Campus



Chips & Sawdust

April / May 2025

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
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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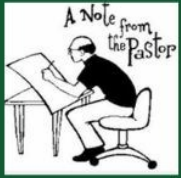
Marinell High

Joe Prochaska
Ann Smart
Don Dalgleish
Kurt Assenmacher
Tom O'Brien
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.



Fr. Brendan's Billboard



The Resurrection and the Life

This year the joy of Easter comes three weeks into the month of April. This is the time of year when the days are longer, the sun is making the world warm and the breaking of spring is very much alive.

As we settle into these months, fresh and alive, we also embrace the new life we have with Jesus. The passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus take us through the cold, hard pain of his suffering and death. Then we embrace the new life which comes with his resurrection. Our sins are forgiven, our life with God is restored. We know once again the warm love of Jesus, our Savior and Friend. As we journey to Easter, let us look and long for our new life with Jesus when He rises from the dead.

The Completion

The blessing of spring brings us a chance to plant trees and bushes around our new building to help it look warm and welcoming. The plant sales and parishioners' gifts have allowed us to help make our new building be as beautiful on the outside as it is on the inside. Thank you to all who have contributed to our landscaping. A date and time of planting has yet to be determined.

New Catholics

This year we will Baptize 8 new members into our faith. We celebrate 19 First Communions and 21 Confirmations at the Easter Vigil on April 20. We are delighted to have so many people wanting to be part of our Catholic Community.

New Pastoral Council

Each spring we seek four new people to serve on the Pastoral Council. They will help us continue our Stairway to the Future vision. We are now a united campus so now decisions must be made on what to do with the Village Campus: rectory, office and parish center.

Caritas Committee

In the spring we also seek three new members to serve on the Caritas Committee. The Caritas Committee works to select charities for our Caritas collections which take place on the months with 5 Sundays.

New Members for the St. Mary, Chelsea & St. Joseph, Dexter Partnership Council

This council brings together parish leadership and parish members from both parishes to plan events, activities to help our parishes to form a relationship. Our activities include fun events and spiritual events. This year we once again held a joint Lenten Misson. It was a grand event with Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio. During the Easter Time we will invite parishioners to nominate themselves or others to serve on this council.

Flea Market & Summer Festival

In a few short weeks we will be seeking your support of our Flea Market and Festival. These community building events open our front yard to welcome friends and family of all ages to experience our community spirit.

This year we will bring the Flea Market to our new social hall on June 26, 27 and 28. Our Festival in July is back to the third weekend. July 18, 19 and 20. Please plan now to share your time and talent. These are grand events of faith, fun and friendship.

Saints and Scholars

This year our Diocese of Lansing is holding a capital campaign to support Catholic education and parish faith formation. Our participation in this campaign will not be until September. We will, however, begin our preparation after the Festival in August.

Let us rejoice in the resurrection and celebrate our new life in Christ.

Shalom,
Fr. Brendan J. Walsh

St. Joseph Pastoral Council

“Endings & Beginnings”

We are in the midst of the Lenten season, a 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving which prepares us for the Lord's resurrection at Easter. We seek a true inner conversion of the heart to follow Christ more faithfully, recalling our baptism where we began a new life in Christ.

Concurrent with our Lenten journey, all of us at St. Joseph Parish are experiencing a new beginning with the opening of our new parish center. After 17 years of prayer, work, sacrifice, and investment, the new hall creates a new beginning for us. While we remember and cherish the good works that were done in our old buildings, we now can realize the next step in our parish's Stairway to the Future vision.

The new offices will be the place where our parish staff will be the faces, voices, hands and hearts of those who will bring the warm and welcoming spirit of St. Joseph to our community. The classrooms in the Faith Formation wing will enable our youths to learn the truths of our Catholic faith, and for adults to deepen their knowledge of scripture and religion. The large hall will help build new relationships through social activities, and be a fun place for discipleship opportunities that spread the good news of Jesus throughout our community.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I wish everyone a blessed Lent and Easter season. Embrace the past and build on the faith journey that you had at our Village campus with all of the offerings at our new parish center at the Country Church campus.

Bob Deacon, St. Joseph Parish Council

Remaining Lenten Schedule

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

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 Social 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

Confirmation 2024-2025 Schedule

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

April 6	Confirmation Candidate and sponsor/mentor meeting (The Mass part 5) Last session
April 26	Confirmation Retreat at the Parish Center (all day)
May 17	Cemetery Clean up 8:00am to noon
July 19-20	Festival: Sign up to help out at the festival to finish up your service hours
August 12-14	Confirmation interviews
Sept/Oct/Nov	Confirmation rehearsal and Confirmation (Date assigned by Bishop's office)



6-8th Grade Youth Group



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 TEA~~
~~SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 FROM 2-3:30PM 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

Moms in Need Baby Shower

Our annual Moms in Need Collection supporting Catholic Charities of Washtenaw County and Family Life Services is coming.

Donations can be made in one of three ways.

1. Pick a tag from the crib. Then purchase and return the item by the 11am Mass on May 18
2. Monetary donations can be placed in the box by the crib.
3. Online donations can be purchased that will go directly to the agencies. Links coming soon to our website, bulletin and weekly email.

The following items are not acceptable for donations: anything recalled, defective, incomplete or unclean, adult clothing, infant bathtubs, premature baby formula, sanitized water, electric breast pumps, cradle swings, or USED car seats.





Discovering Catholicism: A Journey to the Faith

Our Catechumens were presented to Bishop Earl Boyea on Saturday, March 8 at Christ the King Parish. Their godparents attested to their readiness to continue their journey to full initiation at the Easter Vigil. The community present all declared their support for that journey. The Catechumens were prayed over blessed and given the new name of "Elect" because they have been "elected" by God to be a part of his church.

Our Elect are:

MaKayla Robenalt, Jaxton Barnhardt, Graciella Mazza, Aidan Mazza, Lukas Mazza, Isabella Richard, Harper Okoroski and Morgon Sislo.

Our candidates were also presented to Bishop Boyea. Their sponsors attested to their readiness to continue the journey to being fully initiated into the Catholic faith through a Profession of Faith and their reception of Confirmation and Eucharist. The community present also committed to their support for our candidates. The candidates, too, were prayed over and blessed.

Our Candidates are:

Monica Mazza, Melissa Boland, Juston Boland, Declan Boland, Connor Boland, Caitlin Elliott, Adrianna Yao, Carrie Bilek, Richard Urbin, Charlotte Miller and Triston Pilon

Please keep our Elect and our Candidates in your prayers as they move toward the Easter Vigil



MUSIC MINISTRY



AT ST. JOSEPH

Thank you for your continued prayers through music at our liturgies. Nothing makes our music ministry teams more excited than to hear your voices singing together. Music offers us a unique opportunity to express true joy with one another as our voices collectively lift our prayers and praises to the Lord.

Concert in Prayer to the Holy Spirit - A concert of joyful praise presented by the entire St. Joseph Music Ministry Team followed by the Pentecost Vigil Mass

Saturday, June 7, at 4 pm.

All of our music ensembles will join forces to present this concert which immediately leads into the 5 pm Vigil Mass of Pentecost. We think this will be a glorious way to celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and to awaken in all of us the fire of the Spirit to love and serve the needs of our world.

Interested in joining us in serving through music. Please stop to see Steve after Mass or reach out at, steve_hinz@stjos.com.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry (knitting, crocheting, sewing prayer shawls) in the N. Territorial Office (office off the gathering space on the N. Territorial side). We have supplies and some projects that have already been started. We are hoping to grow participants in this ministry which provides prayer shawls for sick members of the parish and parish member family and friends. Watch for updates in the bulletin and weekly email for dates and times.

Saint Joseph Giving Garden is preparing for a new season of growing!

Tuesday, April 8th, 7pm
NT Office, Country Church



The Saint Joseph Giving Garden is preparing for a new gardening season of growing and sharing. The Giving Garden, located on the grounds of the Country Church, grows produce every summer to supply *Faith in Action* and our neighbors in need with good, healthy vegetables. This year will be a great growing season with raised beds! This means far less weeding and less watering. Your time commitment will be far less too but with better result. Gardening is a wonderful opportunity to get some easy exercise and be in the fresh air a few hours a week.

If you feel called to lend a hand in this planning, growing, and harvesting, there will be a planning meeting on **Tuesday, April 8th, at 7 pm in the NT Office off the Gathering Space of the Country Church**. Please don't worry if you have little or no gardening experience. We will happily teach you everything you need to know to produce healthy vegetable for our neighbors. You can then use that knowledge to grow your own garden at home. It's a win-win-win!

Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me food"

Do We Have Your Correct Contact Information ?



If you haven't been receiving emails from the Parish Office and find you are missing out on some parish news, ministry schedule announcements, etc., or have you given up your landline, please contact Laura McKenzie at the Parish Office laura_mckenzie@stjos.com to confirm that we have your correct email address and phone contact on file.



Spring Cleaning

Pew Cleaning—Thursday, April 10 at 11am in the Country Church Worship Space

Grounds Clean Up

Village Grounds—Saturday, April 26 from 8am to noon (rain date May 3)

Cemetery—TBD

Country Church Grounds— work will wait until we have a planting date for landscaping.

FOR HE HAD COMPASSION
 on his people

2 CHRONICLES 36:15

St. Joseph's Parish Perennial Plant Sale!

May 17, 2025

Mark your calendars now for **SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025 from 9 AM-5 PM**. Proceeds from this year's sales will be used to support the current irrigation system and irrigation/landscaping around our future church expansion. Please join with us to make this event a success.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Donate plants from your own/friend's garden. **THIS IS HOW WE MAKE THE MONEY!**
- Publicity: pass out fliers and tell friends/relatives/co-workers about the sale, share on Facebook
- Digging in gardens of those who are unable to do so
- Re-potting all the plants we dig (see "potting parties" schedule below)
- Label or price plants at the potting parties
- Watering re-potted plants to keep them alive until the sale
- Set-up/take-down or work the sale
- Loan us your wagons/wheelbarrows for the sale
- Donate empty pots (most needed are 1 gallon and 1 quart size pots)
- Come and shop for great plants at great prices

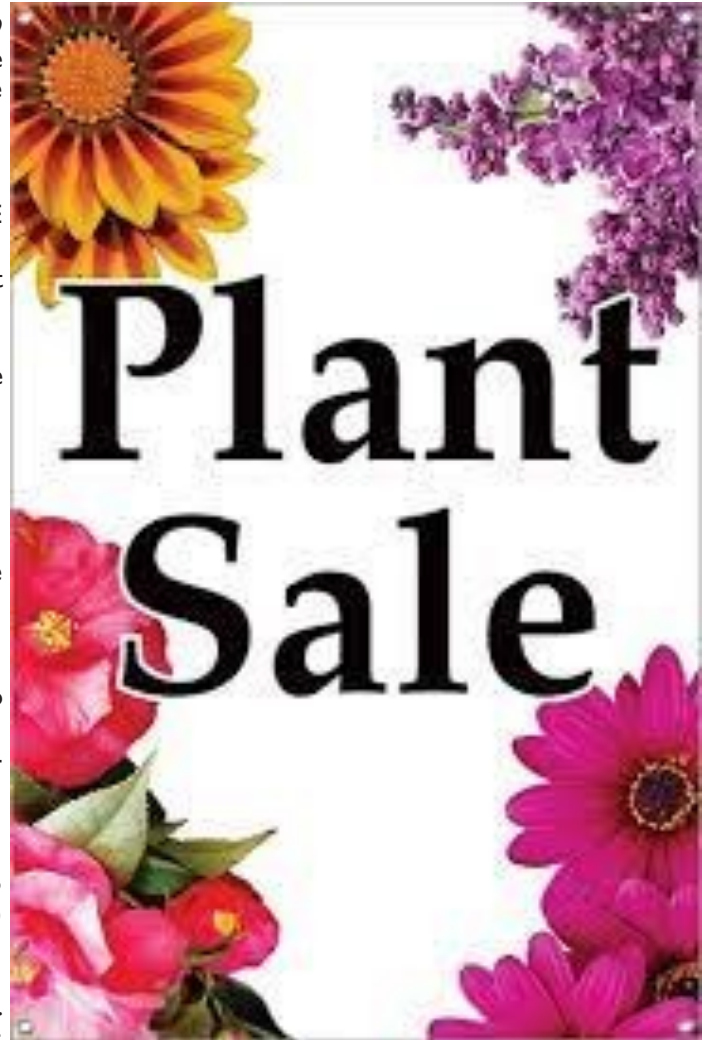
If you are **unable to split** your perennials yourself, we may be able to help. Call or email to set up a time for us to come dig. Mary Lobeck at flobeck@hotmail.com or 734-255-3605 or Beth Taylor at celctaylor@outlook.com or 734-709-7676.

Our "**potting parties**" this year are scheduled for: April 24 (Thursday), April 29 (Tuesday), May 1 (Thursday), May 5 (Monday), May 7 (Wednesday), May 9 (Friday), and May 12 (Monday) from 3 PM to 6 PM.

Potting Parties are at the festival pavilion at the country church. Please come to help us pot our treasures or bring your own plants and we will help you pot them for the sale. Pots and soil will be provided. **All are welcome!** You do not need any expertise. Direction will be given if needed. Bring gloves and a trowel if you have them. We also have "non-dirt" jobs such as labeling, pricing, moving and watering plants. Some of these jobs can be done sitting down. Come and enjoy the company of other parishioners.

Plants that are already potted can be dropped off in the staging area near the festival pavilion any time after April 22. If they are not potted, please drop off on one of the potting party dates or date prior. Please bag these so they don't blow around. Pots will be available in the festival pavilion if you need any or pot donations can be left in the festival pavilion after April 22.

For more information please contact:
Mary Lobeck at flobeck@hotmail.com or 734-255-3605
Beth Taylor at celctaylor@outlook.com or 734-709-7676.



"For see, the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of pruning the vines has come, and the song of the turtledove is heard in our land."

Song of Songs 2:11-12

Pastoral Council Nominations

The Pastoral Council is a consultative leadership body representing the entire parish. Working together with our pastor, Fr. Brendan Walsh, this Council provides critical guidance, support and vision for the pastoral activity of the parish and aids in the establishment of policies and procedures. It is important that we have a Council that is representative of the make-up of our Parish. All parishioners, long-timers, short-timers and new parishioners are welcomed as nominees.

We are asking all parishioners to seriously reflect upon serving on our Parish Pastoral Council. This year four members will be selected to serve for three years and two alternates will be chosen to serve on the Council if needed. The selection process for Council candidates begins the weekend of May 24/25 when nomination ballots will be distributed at each Mass. Parishioners will be asked to submit nominations – either themselves or someone else.

Nominees will be contacted and asked to attend an evening of discernment on Thursday, June 5. Council members will share the roles and duties of the Council. Those parishioners who accept the nomination will be included in a “selection by lot” to be held at the 5pm Mass during the Vigil Mass of Pentecost on Saturday, June 7.

Caritas Committee - Nominations for Membership

It is time to appeal to you, members of the St. Joseph Parish family, to identify candidates to serve on the Caritas Committee. The candidate could be you or someone else whom you believe would be a good steward and sensitive to the needs of those around them.

The Caritas Committee is composed of nine people as well as representatives from the Pastoral and Finance Councils and a staff liaison. Members of this committee research and recommend possible recipients, and present the Caritas Sunday appeals on their behalf. The Committee monitors the collection results and reports the amounts distributed via bulletin and *Chips and Sawdust* articles.

On the weekend of May 17/18, we are seeking nominations for individuals to serve on the Committee. Serving on Caritas is a great way to get to know people in the parish and to become more informed about the needs and services in our community. Please consider nominating yourself or someone whom you feel would be a good candidate.

All nominees will be invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, May 29, for an evening of discernment to learn more about serving on the Committee. Three new committee members will be chosen by lot to serve 3-year terms, and two individuals will be selected to serve one-year terms as alternates. at the 5pm Mass on Pentecost eve, Saturday, June 7.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this worthwhile ministry.

Partnership Council

The Partnership Council represents parish leadership and parishioners from both St. Mary, Chelsea and St. Joseph, Dexter. The council plans fun, spiritual, and formation events and activities for parishioners from both parishes to participate.

We are asking parishioners to reflect upon serving on our Partnership Council. This year we are seeking two people for 3 years, one person for 2 years and one alternate. The selection process for Council candidates begins the weekend of May 31/June 1 when nomination ballots will be distributed at each Mass. Parishioners will be asked to submit nominations – either themselves or someone else.

Nominees will be contacted and asked to attend an evening of discernment one either Tuesday, June 10 at St. Mary or Wednesday, June 11 at St. Joseph. Council members will share the roles and duties of the Council. Those parishioners who accept the nomination will be included in a “selection by lot” to be held at the 5pm Mass during the Vigil Mass of Holy Trinity on Saturday, June 14.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
NOMINATION FORM
I would like to nominate:

Pastoral Council:	Name _____	Self _____	Other _____	Phone: _____
Caritas :	Name _____	Self _____	Other _____	Phone: _____
Partnership Council:	Name _____	Self: _____	Other: _____	Phone: _____

Candidates must be at least 18 years old, confirmed, and a registered member of the Parish.



The Flea Market Returns this Summer!!

Save those treasures you no longer need.

Donation drop off dates: June 19 - June 22 (10am-5pm)

Location: St. Joseph SOCIAL HALL (6805 MAST ROAD)

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

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

BOOKS/DVDs/CDs/RECORDs: Hardcover, Paperbacks, Cookbooks	FURNITURE: Tables, Chairs, Desks, Chests, Bookcases, Bedroom Sets, Upholstered Items, Lawn	HOUSEWARES Glassware, Dishes, Cookware, Utensils
ELECTRONICS: Radio, Small Kitchen, Clocks	LINENS: Bedding, Rugs, Window Treatments, Decorative Pillows only	GAMES/TOYS/PUZZLES/ STUFFED ANIMALS/ DOLLS
CRAFT/ FABRICS & SEWING NOTIONS	HOME DÉCOR/ ART/ FRAMES / LAMPS	OFFICE / PERSONAL / PET SUPPLIES
LAWN & GARDEN / RECREATION	SPORTING GOODS / BICYCLES	HARDWARE / TOOLS
BOUTIQUE / JEWELRY	LUGGAGE/PURSES	HOLIDAY / RELIGIOUS

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

BOOKS: Text Books, Encyclopedias & Periodicals Media VHS tapes/Cassettes	FURNITURE: Sofa Beds, Pianos, Mattresses & Box Springs, Oversized Headboard, Metal Desks, Computer Desks, Baby Cribs, Entertainment Centers, China Cabi- nets, no items over 100 lbs	TOILETS / SINKS / TUBS / FREEZERS / HOT WATER HEATERS / LARGE APPLI- ANCES / AIR CONDITIONERS / EXERCISE EQUIPMENT
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS / PAINTS /TIRES CEILING LIGHT FIXTURES	ELECTRONICS: TVs, Computers	CAR SEATS / WOODEN PLAYPENS
PERSONAL: Clothing & Open Toiletries or Cosmetics	ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREES	SOILED, DINGY AND BROKEN ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

2025 St. Joseph Summer Fun Festival!

Mark your calendar for **July 18th, 19th and 20th**. Details for this year's Festival are coming together, with our dedicated Festival Team; continuing on the Traditions of our past, enacting new enhancements based on parishioner feedback, and taking advantage of our new unified Campus.

Our amazing **Flea Market**, so crucial to the financial success of our Festival, is back with a new leadership team and in a new space: our beautiful Country Social Hall.

Flea Market Donations accepted June 19-22, with **SALE DATES: June 26-28**.

Friday Family Night will be an awesome dinner and show. Spaghetti Dinner will kick things off at 5PM in our Parish Hall, leading to showtime start at 7PM inside the Country Church, with our very own: "The Praise Band".

Saturday will feature the always-popular Classic Car Show, KofC Soccer and B-Ball challenges, and great entertainment under the big tent, with a new Kids Corral area, so parents and kids alike can enjoy themselves throughout the summer eve.

Sunday will kick off with a Continental Breakfast after 9 AM Mass in the Parish Hall, or you can enjoy I AM Mass under the Big Tent and head straight to lunch with the KofC Chicken Broil. More Big Tent entertainment will keep you dancing through the afternoon until the Festival ends with the suspenseful Large Raffle Drawing.

The Children's Tent will be full of fun on both days, with Kid's Games, Cake Walk, Bear and Lego Booth, Face Painting, and Entertainment for young and old, alike. And field games, like Kickball and Dodgeball, out back.

The Arts and Crafts Show, also under their own Tent, will be busy both days, displaying and selling all kinds of locally made treasures.

The Inflatables and Bungee Jump area will be HOPPING all Saturday and Sunday with a nice seating area & close proximity to our Snack Shack to keep 'em jumping. Or head over to the pond and try your Golf skills at our Chipping Contest.

The Anchor to every great Festival is the yummy **Food and Country Bake Shop** available both days in the Pavillion, with **Bingo** calling in the tent next door, and the work of our **Environmental/Sustainability** team to combine Fun with responsibility. It is the **VOLUNTEER** effort of our entire Parish family that makes the Festival a success, so if you see something that inspires you, please let us know, so we can plug you into this incredible planning and implementation team.



Blessing of the New Addition
March 15, 2025



Troop 456 Activities



The important event for this period was the celebration of Scout Sunday. Scouts from the Scouts BSA, and Girl Scout Troop and adult leaders of these troops as well as Adult Eagle Scouts in the parish were in attendance at the 0900 Mass on 3 February. Scout Sunday was first celebrated in 1914, shortly after the BSA was founded in 1910. The Boy Scouts of America started this tradition to encourage scouts to attend religious services and recognize their commitment to duty to God, one of the fundamental principles in scouting. The additional benefit of attendance at this Mass was the blessing of the throats in honor of St. Blaise.



This month's outing was at Owasippe Scout reservation where the boys had the opportunity to experience snow-shoeing, luge and tubing during the weekend outing. There were 9 Scouts and 5 adults who were in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the winter sports, with support of the weather for the weekend. Coming up soon is the Parish Spaghetti Dinner on 22 March which is much anticipated by the boys. This parish event gives them the opportunity to cook, serve, and clean up as part of the service project for the month.

An important event took place this month. The charter for

T456 was renewed for this year reflecting the support of St. Joseph's Parish for the troop and the Michigan Crossroad Council issuing the document to reflect this concurrence. If you are interested in joining the troop as a Scout or Adult Volunteer please contact Ron Carpinella (Charter Organization Representative) at 734 476 3151 Or Pete Potsos (Scoutmaster) at 734 355 8729.



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.

Michael & Pandora Reilly

Brandon & Kirsten Haeussler
Mae

John & Terry Menna

Eric Buckberry

Jason Given & Maya Szilak

David & Jacqueline Buckeridge

Margrit Berling-DeMeritt

Alexander & Nancy Stanis

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.*

Raymond Norman Faitel Jr.

Sandra Lee Phillips

Skyler Michael Nemchak

Josephine Ellen Dolecki-Lane

Marion Jemi Ruivo

Robert Murphy

Gloria Kavanaugh

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Walter Patrick Wright
Son of Eric & Kelly (Snitchler) Wright

Dear St. Joseph Parish . . .

January 2025

Thank you so much for your recent donation to the St. Luke NEW Life Center of \$559 from your Caritas Sunday Collection. We are delighted to receive your generous donation.

We will be using the donation to purchase meat for our Friday food distribution. We have chosen to focus on protein and fresh fruit and vegetables in our weekly distribution. Thank you for your caring and generosity. We are so, so grateful for you and for your most generous spirit. You are helping us to continue to reflect on the Corporal Works of Mercy here in the north end of Flint.

With a grateful heart,
Sr. Carol Weber
Director of St. Luke NEW Life Center

February 2025

Thank you for the gift of \$2,868 collected by the parishioners of St. Joseph for Faith in Action.

Your generosity is the bedrock of our programs, without which we would not be able to continue giving vital assistance to those needed a little help. Thank you for your congregational support with this contribution, it makes a world of difference, and we are deeply grateful.

In appreciation,
Sarah Shugart
FIA, Executive Director

February 2025

ON behalf of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, thank you for your generous gift of \$9,500 in support of the Wildfire Victims Emergency Relief Fund.

The recent fires in Los Angeles have deeply affected our schools, parishes, and beloved community members. Your generous support will assist families in our community who need help to recover and rebuild.

Blessings of gratitude and joy,
Catherine Fraser
Chief Development Officer, Archdiocese of Los Angeles

January 2025

Thank you so much for your recent gifts of \$6,032 to our general fund and \$3,016 to our food pantry. Your gifts allow us to continue our mission of providing compassionate, impactful, and comprehensive services for those in our community who are in real need.

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 Charities of Washtenaw County

February 2025

On behalf of Dexter Family Services, I want to thank you for your gift of \$1,398 from your December 2024 Caritas offering. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful support and generosity from St. Joseph Parish members each year.

We are using this gift to provide dairy products and food as needed for the Dexter Food Pantry.

We are deeply appreciative for your help and thoughtfulness that you have shown us throughout the years and again we thank you.

Sincerely,
Sue Yager
Dexter Family Services

February 2025

The entire Family Life Services team would like to sincerely thank you for your generous support and contributions to the great work we are doing together. Your generosity has had a tremendous impact on our day-to-day work and the lives of the women and babies we are blessed to serve.

God bless you and your generosity,
Family Life Services

Spread love everywhere
you go. Let no one ever
come to you without
leaving happier.

Mother Teresa

Help support the Habitat for Humanity: 2025 Catholic Build

Our March St. Joseph Caritas Collection helps support this important ministry.



2025 Catholic Build



WHEN: Saturdays, April 25 & May 17

TIME: 9 AM - 4 PM

LOCATION: TBD

DAILY CREW SIZE:

6 - 8 volunteers needed per day

Specific tasks and details will be emailed the week before your volunteer day.

Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley is working to create affordable homeownership and a sustainable community for the people of Washtenaw County. For more than 30 years, Habitat's work has been a catalyst for stabilizing homes, families and communities.

WHAT TO KNOW & HOW TO PREPARE

- No construction experience necessary! Our House Leaders will ensure a variety of tasks are available for all individuals with a wide variety of skill levels and physical abilities.
- Wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty and dress for the weather. We do not guarantee heat/air condition at any of our work sites
- Wear closed-toed shoes or work boots (no open-toed shoes)
- Remove jewelry and pull back loose hair
- We have disposable water bottles on site, but do not offer food. Plan to go out or bring lunch (we'll break for an hour at noon, but do not provide food)
- Port-a-jons will be available
- Tools & equipment will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own, but you are responsible for them, and they are subject to our House Leader's safety check
- **Safety is our highest priority! Keeping a safe worksite is everyone's responsibility.** All PPE will be provided, but you can bring your own (eye protection, work gloves, mask, etc)
- **Projects:** Expected tasks will be emailed to you the week of your build day. Please dress accordingly
- **Age Restrictions:** Due to safety regulations, individuals under the age of 16 are not permitted on our active sites. Those ages 16 - 17 must have a waiver completed by a parent/guardian and be accompanied by an adult while on site

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

All volunteers must register online by the Monday before each scheduled build day.

Expected tasks, additional details and possible location changes will be emailed the week of each scheduled build day.

All MUST arrive by 9 AM and plan to stay on site until the projects have been completed.

SIGN UP HERE:

<https://givepulsese/ihnompog3xr2>

Access code: **Catholic25**

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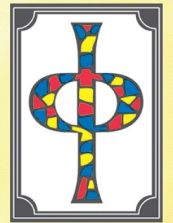
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