

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH
DEXTER, MICHIGAN

Chips & Sawdust

June
July
August
2025

THE *Festival* AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Friday July 18
5:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Saturday July 19
Noon – 9:45 pm

Sunday July 20
Noon – 5:00 pm

SPECIAL JUNE EVENT



June 26 & 27
9 am to 6 pm
June 28
9 am to 2 pm

NEW LOCATION:
St. Joseph
Social Hall
6805 Mast Road

Friday July 18

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Spaghetti Dinner

and...

Everlight Worship

St. Joseph Praise Band

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm



July 19



Kids' Tent:
Games, Shows, and...



Inflatables!!

July 19, 7 pm – 9:45 pm

The Favorites



Classic Rock Band

Teen Events
July 19 and 20



Arts & Craft
Village
July 19 & 20



All events,
including
the June Flea
Market, are at
the corner of
Mast Road and
North Territorial.

Visit www.STJOS.COM Call (734) 426-8483 Like

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

3430 Dover Street
Dexter, Michigan 48130

734-426-8483 (Voice) 734-426-6451 (Fax)

734-426-2674 (Religious Education)

www.stjos.com (website)

info@stjos.com (email)

St. Joseph Catholic Parish, Dexter Michigan (facebook)

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)

Chair

Lisa Dobis
Fr. Brendan Walsh

Randy Desrochers
Marinell High
Cindy Hunter
Katie Webber
Don Dalgleish
Marinell High

Chair

Laura McKenzie
Marinell High

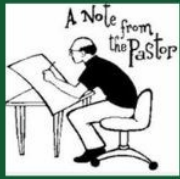
Marinell High

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 Joy of Summer

As we settle into our new addition, we give praise and thanks for all who made gifts and sacrifices to realize our Stairway Vision. We now are in the practice of watering trees and bushes and caring for the grounds. We continue to plan and vision how we want to use our new space, not only for social gatherings but for sports activities as well. Keep watching your parish weekly email and the bulletin for activities.

New Weekly Goal

This past year we have embraced a great change here at St. Joseph, we have united our ministries on one campus. We also were blessed with generous and faithful giving of Time, Talent, and Treasure. Our weekly goal this past year was \$25,000 and we averaged just over \$900 over our goal. Thank you for your good and generous support. This overage allowed us to purchase extras for our new addition. A specific example, we used funds to purchase custom Celtic Crosses for the corners of the building and over each entrance. This fiscal year of 2025-26 will include a weekly increase to \$26,800. It is only \$900 over this year's average collection. It is a 3% increase over our actual weekly collection. This increase will allow us to give salary increases and manage significant medical benefit increases. Your generous support allows us to continue to offer quality faith formation activities and programs for our parish community.

Our Flea Market

Our big events for the summer are the Flea Market and the Festival all on one campus. We will hold the Flea Market June 26, 27 and 28 in the new hall, the furniture tent will be out back. Mark your calendars now! Start collecting your treasures, drop off begins on June 19.

Our Fun Festival

Our summer community building activity is July 18, 19, and 20. We begin with a new event on Friday, July 18, we will have a Spaghetti Dinner and then a Christian concert with our 9am Mass Praise Band. Come hear and sing some of our best loved church songs.

Festival Success

Please remember our Festival is a grand success when we pray for a safe weekend and when we purchase our raffle tickets. Yes, it is a fund raiser, but most importantly it is FUN RAISER. Our goal is to grow in faith and fellowship, witnessing our love for Jesus by how we welcome and serve each other.

Saints and Scholars

This fall we will be participating in our Diocese of Lansing Capital Campaign to support Catholic Education across the 10 counties of our diocese. We will run our campaign from September through November. After Festival we will begin the campaign groundwork. I will be seeking parishioners to serve on the leadership team. We will also use this campaign to raise funds for the removal of the old buildings in the village and to create a new landscape plan for our Village Campus. We will use some of the monies to remodel the Disciple House into the Rectory.

Partnership Council

The St. Mary and St. Joseph Partnership Council will be seeking new members. This joint council between St. Mary, Chelsea and St. Joseph, Dexter seeks to hold joint events to hope our parishes grow in friendship, grow in faith. Events the last couple of years have included Lenten Missions, Trivia Night, Holy Hours of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

If you are interested in being on this council, we will have two evenings of information. You can attend either for more information on June 10 at 7pm at St. Mary, Chelsea or June 11 at 7pm at St. Joseph Country Church.

40 Hours of Devotion

The five parishes in our Deanery, St. Andrew, Saline, St. Mary, Chelsea, St. Joseph, Dexter, St. Mary, Manchester, and Immaculate Conception, Milan, will be holding a 40 Hour Devotion at St. Andrew in Saline starting Thursday, June 12 until Friday, June 13. We begin with Mass at 9am and end with Mass at 7pm on Friday. There will be adoration and reconciliation in between. Use the QR code to sign up to spend an hour with Jesus. These 40 hours of prayer will help us prepare for the Feast of Holy Trinity on June 15.

Shalom, Fr. Brendan J. Walsh

Landscape Shower

If you would like to help with the landscaping of our new grounds, consider purchasing a tree or shrub in memory or in honor of a loved one. Go to the parish website or use the QR code for items to be purchased.



PASTORAL COUNCIL NOTES



FESTIVAL season is here! **CELEBRATE** - our festival has meaning! We believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church and we choose to manifest these beliefs through our festival. In our mission statement here at St. Joseph Church, 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 especially at festival time.

Our annual festival presents challenges and blessings in giving life to our mission, and both bring riches into our lives. Are you able to increase the Word of God in your daily life activities; **NOW?** Are you able to increase the work of the Holy Spirit through your daily priorities and actions; **NOW?** Are you able to increase living out the example of Jesus in your life; **NOW?** All these holy and apostolic endeavors are manifested throughout and in the context of our festival. Don't wait, commit to accepting the challenge and blessing for involvement in our festival.

We are all invited to take on the challenge of participation in this 46th Annual Festival by volunteering time, talent and teamwork and enjoying all aspects of the event as hosts and guests, both present great blessings. The apostolic nature of this year's festival (and future years) is increased by virtue of our parish campus once again being unified at one location. Please make daily prayers for God's blessing upon all leaders and members of our Saint Joseph Church family in carrying out our apostolic mission and presenting the 46th Annual Festival to all our guests.

Paul Ledwidge, Pastoral Council

CARITAS



Our **Focus Charity** for the **June 28/29 Caritas** collection is **HOUSE N2 HOME** of Washtenaw County. They are located in Ypsilanti on the Campus of Trinity Health Hospital (St. Joseph Hospital). Their mission statement : We believe that one step in restoring dignity to a family who has endured homelessness is to help them create a home that is functional, comfortable, and inviting.

Using both donated (and occasionally purchased) furniture and household goods, their team helps to convert a house or an apartment into a real **HOME** - creating a space for people to thrive.

The process begins when they are informed by a caseworker, from one of 50 local agencies, that an individual or family has secured housing and needs their services. They meet with the clients and assess their needs and evaluate their new space. Appropriate furniture and household items are pulled from the donations and storage facility and they make a plan for moving day. On move-in day, a team of volunteers load the vans and caravan to the new space. Finally a volunteer team places the furniture and other items in the right spot. They make the beds, hang the shower curtains, fold the towels, hang wall art and do everything to make it a **HOME**.

Each spring they go to the University of Michigan to collect discarded unwanted items from college students that are often perfectly usable appliances, furniture and other items. Such items are finding new homes thanks to college city organizations with a mission to reuse "trash" and benefit the community.

The theme here is **SERVICE**. In 1 Peter 4:10-11, As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever.

If you know any organization that the Caritas committee might consider, please send your suggestions to the parish office. Thank you for your generous support of this June's Caritas Focus Charity.

St. Joseph Parish flea market

Bigger and Better Than Ever

New Location: 6805 Mast Road

At the Corner of North Territorial and Mast Roads

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

Flea Market Sale Dates: June 26 & June 27, 9AM –6PM
June 28, 9AM—2PM

Use QR code to
volunteer



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 **46th** Festival! - July 18th-20th

St Joseph Parish is hosting our 46th summer Festival beginning at 5PM Friday evening, July 18th with a Spaghetti Dinner, followed by a performance at 7PM by our very own Everlight Worship: St. Joseph Praise Band. July 19th and 20th will be packed with entertainment and activities beginning at 12PM on Saturday, and with Mass in the Big Tent at 11AM on Sunday.

Back in January, more than 50 fellow parishioners took on leadership roles in planning this year's Festival events, and now it's time to enjoy their hard work in preparing to invite guests from our community to a wonderful party!

Only with your help, of course, will this community building event be a success. Please look for Festival volunteer sign-up opportunities, which will be posted in the Country Church gathering space beginning on [June 14/15](#).

Here are some of the activities that will be planned for the Festival:

Our **Flea Market** is back and in full force, at our **new space in the Social Hall** at the Country Church.

Flea Market donations will be accepted starting [June 19](#), with **SALE DATES** on [June 26 through 28](#). Look for the expansive furniture tent, out back of the Social Hall.

Featured Festival activities include the: **Arts & Crafts Show** under their own tent. **Bingo, Classic Car Show, Inflatables, Kid's Games, Kickball, Dodgeball, Golf Chipping Challenge, Soccer and Free Throw** competitions, and lawn games along with great food and fellowship.

Friday Family Night at the Festival will feature a scrumptious **Spaghetti Dinner** in our new **Social Hall**, followed by entertainment by **Everlight Worship – St. Joseph Praise Band** in the Country Church.

Saturday entertainment under the Big Tent will feature the the 30's and 40's Big Band sound of Il-V-I Orchestra, followed by Celtic with a Kick by Chelsea House Orchestra, and then, a Tom Petty Tribute Band - Breakdown. Headlining our evening will be The Favorites, rocking us into the night.

Sunday Big Tent entertainment starts us off with some great Polka led by The Kielbasa Kings, and closing with your Beatles favorites from Toppermost.

Children's Tent Entertainment will include A2 Magic on Saturday, along with Eric the Juggler who has entertained and amazed in past years on the midway. On Sunday, we will have two times in the afternoon that Animal Magic will educate us and inspire us with their collection of exotic animals.

And offering praise and thanks to **GOD** for our many blessings while praying our **11 AM Sunday Mass under the Big Tent**.

As in the past, it is the **VOLUNTEER** effort of our entire parish family that makes the Festival possible.

Let's get together to welcome the Dexter community to our summer festival and flea market for an opportunity to make new friends and enjoy time with fellow parishioners!





Teen Events

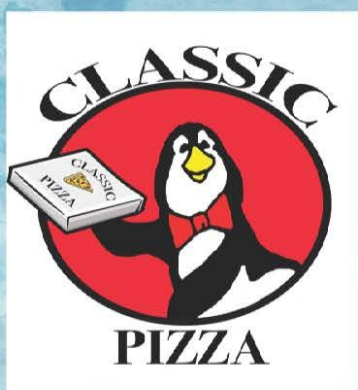
Saturday & Sunday

July 19 & 20



DODGEBALL
JULY 19TH
4 - 5:30 PM

SPONSERED BY



KICKBALL

JULY 19TH
6:30-8 PM

JULY 20TH
3-4:30 PM

Confirmation Class 2024-25 Confirmation Interviews



Confirmation interviews will be conducted in the Parish Office and are scheduled for: Tuesday, August 12, Wednesday, August 13 and Thursday, August 14 from 10:00am AM to 12:00 noon and from 1:00-7:00 PM all three days. Each interview will take approximately 15 minutes and will be done on a 'one on one' basis. Please call Darlene at (734) 426-2674 to schedule your appointment or go the Parish web site at www.stjos.com and click on the Confirmation page and interview tab. The interviews are an important part of making sure the candidate is prepared for presentation to the Bishop. A parent will need to bring their son and/or daughter to the interview.

Confirmation Retreat 2025



CONGRATULATIONS TO Our new fully initiated Catholics!



Bottom row: Caitlin Elliott, Carrie Bilek, Connor Boland, Melissa Boland, Triston Pilon, Morgan Sislo, Harper Okoroski, Jaxton Barnhardt, Aidan Mazza, Graciella Mazza, Lukas Mazza, Monica Mazza

Back row: Declan Boland, Juston Boland, Tom Shields, Brandon Haeussler, MaKayla Robenalt, Charlotte Miller, Adrianna Yado, Isabella Richard and Richard Urbin.

ATHENS VBS 2025

July 28-August 1, 9am-12pm, Country Church Campus
Registration will begin—June 1st

Join us as we travel to Greece and meet Paul who will tell us of his journey to share the truth. Children entering grades Preschool (4 years) through 6th grade are welcome to participate and will be a part of an Oikos (family) for the entire week! Every day each Oikos will meet with Paul to hear of his adventures, learn new songs, play amazing games, eat incredible snacks and visit the Marketplace where there will be all sorts of activities and goods available for purchase with the Drachmas (Greek coins) the children are given. We hope you can join us for our adventures in Athens this summer! For more information or to register and/or volunteer, please visit www.stjos.com



First Communion

On May 4th 19 children in our parish community received Eucharist for the first time.

Congratulations to:

Michael Barbee

Rosie Barbee

Elliot Bixler

Graylin Chatterson

Henry Clark

Ellie Hargrove

Quinn Hayes

Adalyn Huether

Vivian Klein

Benjamin Kuzma

Harrison Omartian

Joseph Ralls

Anthony Schwartz

Caylee Stegink

Scarlett Sunstrum

Cameron Toulouse

Jacob Urbin

James Wagner

Lena Wieman

A special thank you to their catechists!
Jeanette Westerman, Jen Korte, Neta O'Brien,
Marie Jutkiewicz, Paula Condron, and Theresa Nelligan.



St. Joseph's Giving Garden: Fulfilling the Corporal Work of Mercy to Feed the Hungry

The Saint Joseph Giving Garden is ready for a new gardening season of growing and sharing. The Giving Garden, located on the west end of the country church grounds, grows produce every summer to supply Faith in Action and our neighbors in need with delicious, healthy vegetables. In 2024, the Giving Garden produced over 1425 pounds of vegetables by 12 volunteers working over 200 hours. This growing season should be even more productive with better raised beds and a generous donation from the St. Mary's (Chelsea) Women's Bible Study Group that will help purchase seeds, plants, and maintenance items for the garden.



Important dates for the Giving Garden:

Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8, **The Bottle and Can Drive** after each Mass. Money raised from the drive helps in purchasing items to keep the garden running smoothly and in growing more food.

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, contact Roger or Linda Cook at 734-426-4398. 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.

Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me food". St. Joseph's Giving Garden helps fulfill the first Corporal Work of Mercy: To feed the hungry. May God bless us with a wonderful growing season.



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), the first Saturday of each month at 4pm. 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. Contact the parish office for more information.



Parish Life Summer Event Mark your Calendar

Join us on August 9 from 6pm – 9pm for an evening of great BBQ and a variety of superb Bourbons! More information will come in early summer. Watch the bulletin!

RESPECT LIFE COMMISSION LIFE RESOURCES GUIDE

*Where can I get help?
Who do I call?*

Throughout Life – from conception to death situations, we all face challenges. We know that *Jesus* is the answer. He blesses us with people and groups that can help us. Yet, **none of us knows where all of those "Helpers" are!** In its first year, your Respect Life Commission has focused on **FINDING RESOURCES** that are available, and compiling them into a **LIFE RE-SOURCES GUIDE** to help us all.

An updated version of that **GUIDE** is **Available on the Parish website**. (Ministries, Charitable Activities and Social Justice, Respect LIFE). From help with pregnancy to managing miscarriages to help with interment of pre-born and recently born babies, there is information there...and more (Family to Senior Resource) information will continue to be added.

We'll keep you updated. If you know about resources we should add, please let us know.

St. Joseph Parish Respect Life Commission meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm. All are welcome to participate or advise.

For more information, call Keith Gallagher (313-530-3599) or Michelle Wright (517-375-2634).

Troop Activities April 2025



This period began with the celebration of Scout Sunday at the 10 am Mass on 2 February. Scouts from the local Scouts BSA, Girls Scouts and Brownies assisted in the celebration of the Mass. It's Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath, or Scout Jamuah, held every February. The annual celebration gives Scouts a highly visible way to show their appreciation for their faith-based chartered organization. During these special days at places of worship across the country, Scouts wear their uniforms to worship services. There were 3 service projects in which the troop participated during this period. The Troop members helped prepare the food as well as doing the after meal cleanup at the parish spaghetti dinner. The Spaghetti dinner is a favorite event of the scouts due their being feed with outstanding spaghetti after they have

completed their work at the dinner. The Troop participated in the clean-up at the Country Church and the Cemetery. There was an overnigher event held in the Disciple House to accommodate new members to the troop. This was followed up by swimming tests at the Wylie pool in preparation for summer camp. The planning is on-going for the next event at Cole Canoe Base. Cole Canoe Base provides opportunity to Canoe on the Rifle River. Canoeing on the Rifle River Scouts to experience the rush of the rapids from Spring thaw and witness the beauty of the surrounding areas. The premier event for this period was the Eagle Court of Honor for our 27th Eagle Scout Blake Cabble. If you are interested in joining the troop as a scout or adult volunteer contact Ron Carpinella (Charter Organization Rep) at 734 426 5734 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.

Becky Breining-Barnhart

Nick & Maddy Norton

Doug & Lori Dziuba

Madeline Borello

Monica & Michael Mazza
Graciella, Aidan and Lukas

Charlotte Miller

Morgan Sislo

Sean & Meghan Gray
Harper

Steven Richard
Isabella

Juston & Melissa Boland
Liam, Olivia, Declan, Connor

Logan & Sarah Grant
Gunnison, Hudson, Oaklynn

Marriages

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

Ryan Matthew Krivanek & Susan Carolene Butler

Keenan Joseph Lynch & Hailey Alicia Korte

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Edith Ann Shares

Daughter of Michael & Hannah (Portis) Shares

Mae Josephine Haeussler

Daughter of Brandon & Kirsten (Kapchanick) Haeussler

Sydney Elise Brown

Daughter of Austin & Ericka (Price) Brown

Theodore Francis Salada

Cullen & Katherine (Ravio) Salada

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.***

Patricia "Patsy" Dible

Wayne Bruce Reithel



Dear St. Joseph Parish . . .

March & April 2025

Thank you for your generous donations of \$743.50 to our food pantry and \$743.50 to our general fund.

Thank you for your generous donations from your Lenten Food Collection - \$475 in Meijer gift cards, \$7500 worth of groceries, and \$720 in cash donations for the Catholic Charities Washtenaw County Food Pantry.

Your generosity allows us to continue our mission of providing compassionate, impactful, and comprehensive services for people who are in real need in our community, and we are most grateful.

May God continue to bless you,
Sunnie Johnson-Lain, President and CEO,
Catholic Charities of Washtenaw County

May 2025

Thank you for your generous donations of baby items for Catholic Charities Washtenaw County's pregnancy counseling program. Your contribution helps us to continue our mission of providing compassionate, impactful, and comprehensive services for people who are in real need in our community, and we are most grateful.

Sincerely,
Sunnie Johnson-Lain, SHRM-SCP
President and CEO

April 2025

Thank you for the gift of \$3,941 given to Faith in Action.

In 2024 we distributed 4090 food orders to low-income households in Dexter and Chelsea, helped over 100 families equip their children with supplies needed for a successful school year and had 99 families participate in our Holiday Sponsorship Program.

Thank you again for your support through this contribution, it makes, it makes a world of difference, and we are deeply grateful.

In Appreciation,
Sarah Shugart, Executive Director

April 2025

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$559 We are so grateful for you and for your generous spirit.

Your donation has helped us prepare and graduate twelve women and men through our Employment Preparation Program Classes. Your donation also helped Michial attain his GED status. He was applauded by all the employees as he walked through the hall with his certificate in hand. He has begun training for a Lawncare Supervisor—a total change of life for him.

We are also much closer to moving our businesses into their new space on Pierson Road. Thank you for your donations to our building fund! Very exciting times! We continue to raise the funds needed to re-do the parking lot around the new building. We will have a grand opening soon when the parking lot is complete. All are welcome!

We could not do these things, **change lives and save lives**, without you! Together we are living the Corporal Works of Mercy in Flint's north end. You are in our prayer daily.

Blessed Easter to you,
Sr. Carol Weber, Director
St. Luke N.E.W Life Center

April 2025

Thank you! Because of you, we help families and individuals build strength, stability, and independence through affordable homeownership and improved housing. Because of you, we are building homes, securing futures, and strengthening communities.

Thank you for your generous gift of \$11,300.

Sincerely,
Sarah Stanton,
Chief Executive Office, Habitat for Humanity





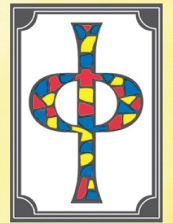
ST. JOSEPH PARISH
3430 Dover
Dexter, MI 48130

NON-PROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
DEXTER, MI
PERMIT NO. 85

We want to thank our bulletin printing company,
Diocesan Publications, Inc., for printing this newsletter for us.

To show your thankfulness, please patronize the businesses that
 advertise on our bulletin and let them know you appreciate their support.

Interested in advertising? **Call 1-800-783-1623**



In This Issue of Chips & Sawdust

- **Fr. Brendan J. Walsh' s Billboard & Landscaping Shower...page 3**
- **Pastoral Council & Caritas Update...page 4**
- **Flea Market—New Location...page 5**
- **Festival-July 18, 19 &20...page 6**
- **Youth Festival Events...page 7**
- **Easter Vigil, First Communion, and Confirmation...page 8**
- **Join Us...page 9**
- **Scout Update & New Parishioners, Newly Married,, Newly Baptized, Faithful Departed...page 10**
- **Thank you Notes...pages 11**

