

ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC PARISH

DEXTER, MICHIGAN



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Parish Ministry Edition

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WEEKEND LITURGIES

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

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God Squad (Gr. 7-8)

Knights of Columbus

Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

Music Ministry

Discovering Catholicism (OCIA)

Scouting (Troop 456)

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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.

Country Campus: 6805 Mast Rd, Dexter, MI 48130

Weekend Liturgies and Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays. Parish Office, Social Hall, Faith Formation

Village Campus: 3430 Dover St, Dexter, MI 48130

Village Church, Grotto



Saints and Scholars

A strong tradition in many Catholic parishes is the ministry of Catholic Education. In fact, St. Joseph Parish had a Catholic school from 1920 – 1966. The village school building then became the parish center and served our community as a place of faith formation, youth ministry, and community building. We have now transitioned to our new building on our country campus. Here, our ministry of Catholic formation will continue.

This September, we will begin our participation in the Diocese of Lansing Saints and Scholars fundraising campaign to support Catholic education and formation. The goals of this campaign are to create a financial foundation to support Catholic schools **ON MISSION**, to make Catholic education **MORE AFFORDABLE** for families, to increase **SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION**, and for each parish to increase funds for local parish needs. Each parish in the diocese has a fundraising goal. The St. Joseph Parish goal is \$1.44 million. The funds raised will be distributed in the following ways:

Our Next Stairway Steps

As we celebrate and give thanks for our new addition, I am pleased to share that we have all the funds needed to cover the cost of the new addition project, including some extra adjustments made to improve other campus needs. We do, however, need to raise funds for the following projects: **The demolition and relandscaping of the village campus.** This includes the removal of the parish center, the office, and the rectory. Then we will relandscape with parking and green space for prayer and meditation. **The second project will be to remodel the Disciple House into a rectory. The third will be to repave the country campus parking lots.**

The 20% of the Saints and Scholars Campaign (or \$288,000) and any final payments on the Together in Faith and Fellowship campaign funds will all go to these parish projects. Our parish goal is to raise an additional one million dollars for our next stairway steps.

ON MISSION (35%)	\$504,000
Attract, form, train and retain excellent, faithful teachers and administrators at parish elementary and diocesan high schools.	
AFFORDABLE (30%)	\$432,000
To substantially grow financial assistance available to current and new families.	
ACCESSIBLE (15%)	\$216,000
Improve assistance for children with special needs while also providing funds to enhance services through the four regional diocesan high schools.	
LOCAL INITIATIVE (20%) -for St. Joseph Parish	\$288,000
Invest in local parish school, religious education/faith formation, parish sponsored homeschool initiatives or other urgent, local needs.	
PLUS ST. JOSEPH PARISH CAMPAIGN FUNDS above & beyond \$288,000:	
Village Campus Demolition goals and landscaping	TBD
Disciple House Remodel	TBD
Parking Lot Paving	TBD
Sub-total Sub-total	Approximately \$1 million
Total for both	Approximately \$2.5 million

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We will begin the work of this campaign in September. On Labor Day weekend, we will begin a new end-of-Mass prayer. I invite you to begin to pray the prayer below. In the coming months, we will begin to have campaign receptions and information nights to share the goals and needs of this campaign. I am asking you to begin praying and reflecting on how you can help our diocese and parish.

Campaign Prayer

Lord, everything we have is a gift from you.

You call us to receive your gifts with thanks, to develop these gifts fully, and to share them generously.

Through the Stewards for Saints and Scholars Campaign help every young person in the Diocese of Lansing see your truth, beauty, and goodness; help families to raise their children in the Faith; and help parishes make a truly Catholic education available to all.

May the work of this campaign bear abundant fruit in the Saints and Scholars you are raising up for the future. We ask these blessings through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Shalom, Fr. Brendan J. Walsh

Pastoral Council Notes



On behalf of the Pastoral Council, we are grateful to our parishioners who have supported the church recently with their prayers and efforts toward the St. Joseph Festival, Flea Market, Plant Sale and other projects. Our continued combined efforts allow the church to serve its parishioners and the greater Dexter community.

Once again, we have an opportunity to support our St. Joseph Parish and the Catholic Diocese of Lansing through the Saints and Scholars campaign. Stewardship has always been a pillar of who we are here at St. Joseph

Parish, and we have successfully completed similar campaigns in the past. Through prayer regarding each of our parts, the Council has confidence we will do likewise with this endeavor. The Saints and Scholars campaign will run from September 2025 through September 2028. This 36-month campaign will support and further enhance Catholic education throughout our region and beyond. The campaign's specific goals are to make Catholic education more:

ON MISSION: Attract, form, train, and retain excellent and faithful teachers and administrators.

AFFORDABLE: Grow financial assistance to current and new Catholic school families.

ACCESSIBLE: Assist students with special needs, enhance services at our regional high schools.

LOCAL: Investing in religious education and homeschool initiatives.

A portion of the funds raised will go toward our own parish for local initiatives as identified by the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee.

Running concurrently with the Saints and Scholars campaign, we are running a campaign for funds to complete our St. Joseph Parish Building and Grounds plan.

You will be hearing and seeing much more about the Saints and Scholars campaign in the coming days. The Pastoral Council

thanks you in advance for your continued support and prayers.

Ted Bucy, Pastoral Council member

Parish Ministry Volunteer Areas

The following pages contain information on areas in the parish where volunteer help is needed. Most ministries have a commission that is seeking new members and each ministry is broken down into sub areas and events that need volunteers.

A brief description of the ministry follows to help parishioners discern where they can share their gifts and talents within the parish and community. The **Parish Volunteer Form** can be found on pages 11 and 12. St. Joseph Parish is an active, vibrant and service oriented parish thanks to the many parishioners who share their time and talent. Please do not hesitate reaching out to the Parish Office to inquire about areas that may be a perfect fit for you!

We offer a separate parish guide with information of all the ministries and programs we offer for adults and children to participate in.

FAITH FORMATION

Our mission: As intentional disciples of Jesus, committed to the needs of St. Joseph Parish, we will develop, sponsor, and support a wide range of opportunities and resources for parishioners of all ages. **With an evangelizing approach, we will welcome and invite all members of the community to join us in nurturing and developing a lifelong relationship with Jesus through the Sacraments, our worship, and the traditions of our Catholic faith.

Faith Formation Commission Responsibilities

The Faith Formation Commission is made up of three teams that advise, assist, and work with the directors in each of the three areas of formation in our parish: Adult, Youth, and Children. Each team has 6-8 parishioners serving three-year terms. Teams meet monthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. If you are interested in the work of the commission, we would love to hear from you.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Catechist for Children's Faith Formation

Catechist are needed for ages preschool to 8th grade. Two adults per class are needed each week to guide children in the ways of Christ and the Church. Their formation is a critical component of their youth and will help them become contributing teens and adults who will shape the future of the Church. If you feel called to serve in this ministry, there are three ways you can help: •Become a catechist or co-catechist. •Become a classroom assistant. •Become an office assistant. These adults need not be parents! Those who volunteer to catechize our children will be guided by the Directors of Children's Faith Formation and Youth Ministry. Materials and curriculum are provided. A great year of religious education begins with your prayerful discernment. Contact the Parish Office with questions.

Discovering Catholicism for Children (OCIA)

Volunteers assist unbaptized and un-catechized children over the age of 7 through a process of initiation into the Catholic faith. We pair a family from the parish with the family of the unbaptized child who will work with the whole family toward the formation of a basic understanding of the Catholic faith and preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). These families also work with older children (3rd grade and above) who are baptized but need preparation for Reconciliation and/or Eucharist.

God Squad Youth Group (Grades 6-8) activities include community-building activities, prayer, service projects and fun activities. God Squad runs from October to June and meetings are led by the God Squad Leadership team made up of 6th, 7th and 8th grade youth and adult volunteers.

High School Confirmation Program:

The Confirmation Program is open to all high school students. It is a one year program that candidates can start in the beginning of their 9th, 10th, or 11thgrade year. We are using Matthew Kelly's Confirmation program, Decision Point, for regular classes and Ascension Press Altaration for the large gatherings. Two catechists are needed to run the program each session and adult leaders for the small table discussions during regular class. Small group leaders can either sign up for the whole year or for specific classes. For information or questions about this program please contact the Don Dalgleish.

FAITH FORMATION (continued) CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Vacation Bible School is a one-week, half-day event held each summer. It is a themed week of scripture-learning, faith-building, friend-making fun! It is available for children ages 4 years through those entering 6^{th} grade. We seek volunteers, both youth $(7^{th}$ grade or older) and adult, to be group leaders and assistants, to help with games and snacks, and to provide childcare for our volunteers.

Volunteer requirements for working with the youth of our parish:

- Must complete an online Protecting God's Children session.
- Must sign a waiver for a criminal background check.
- Catechists and Co-Catechists must attend at least one formation session during the current year to show work toward Diocesan Certification.
- Must attend an organizational meeting.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Discovering Catholicism: A Journey to the Faith (OCIA)

As Catholic Christians we are called to be attentive and involved with those interested in learning about the Catholic faith.

Parishioners are encouraged to share their faith, offer their support and accompany those interested in the Catholic Church. These volunteers can serve in the capacity of sponsors, catechists (teachers/presenters,) coordinators, and assistants serving in various aspects of the initiation process. The Hospitality Team hosts social events and those wishing to share their baking talents for weekly sessions are most welcome. As members of the parish please invite, pray for, support and encourage those seeking to join our faith community. Contact the Marinell High with questions.

SPIRITUAL LIFE and WORSHIP

Our mission: We, the members of the Spiritual Life and Worship Commission, are called to promote the faith development of all members of St. Joseph Parish through liturgical celebrations, prayer experiences and opportunities for spiritual growth.

Members of the commission coordinate the environments of both the Village and Country Churches. The Commission meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

Anointing Mass & Lunch

In the fall an Anointing Mass of the Sick is celebrated at the Country Church followed by lunch in the Social Hall. This is for anyone who is in need of physical, emotional, mental or spiritual healing. Mass at I I am is followed by lunch. Help is needed for providing transportation, setting up for the Mass and lunch, cooking the meal and cleaning up. We also offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick after all Masses twice a year—Advent and Lent.

Holiday Environment

These are volunteers who help the Worship Commission prepare, decorate, and transition the Church for the liturgical seasons. This includes setting up, watering plants, carrying flowers, arranging flowers, etc.

Banner Changes

For each banner change 3 volunteers are needed for about 45 minutes, usually after 11am Mass.

Ministers of Praise

These parishioners volunteer to pray daily in private for the needs of the parish. Each month these ministers receive a letter with a pertinent prayer and a list of requested intentions. These intentions are taken from the prayer intention boxes located in the back of both the Village and Country Churches. The prayer box is brought forward at the Presentation of the Gifts at the weekend liturgies. All parishioners are invited to join this ministry. Contact Marinell High.

SPIRITUAL LIFE & WORSHIP (continued)

Launder & Press Purificators

Launder and press linens used during Mass. This includes purificators used to wipe the cups during communion and towels and washcloths used to clean them. Commitment is usually I weekend every 8-10 weeks.

Women of the Cloth

The Women of the Cloth cut and sew together the machine-embroidered fabric used to make the baptismal bibs. These are given to all the babies and young children baptized here at St. Joseph Parish.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers

These are boys and girls who assist the priest at the altar at weekend and Holy Day Masses. This includes holding the Roman Missal for prayers, setting the altar, lighting and extinguishing candles before and after Mass. Servers must be in at least the 4th grade. Training is held on two Saturdays in October.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic (EME) Eucharistic Ministers assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at weekend and Holy Day Masses. After Mass they purify and wash the vessels. Some ministers may also take communion to the sick and homebound. Training is held in October.

Hospitality Ministers

Hospitality Ministers greet and welcome everyone attending Mass. They help people find seats, organize those taking the gifts to the altar, monitor the procession to communion, hand out bulletins, and Mass, straighten pews following Mass, and have an awareness of facilities for emergency purposes (restrooms, first aid, etc.) Training is held in October.

Lectors

Lectors assist at weekend and Holy Day Masses by introducing the Mass, proclaiming the Word of God, and leading the Prayers of the Faithful. Training is held in October.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our mission: The Music Ministry exists to help all who worship at St. Joseph grow as disciples of Christ, especially through music.

Participate as you can on a schedule that meets your life's needs. Please come when you can if you have a very busy schedule with a family and can only offer a little time or you are flexible and have much time to dedicate. We need you as singers or instrumentalistsall welcome!

Singers

We continue to invite parishioners to share their gift of music at our weekend Masses. If you are interested in joining either a weekend Mass or for the funeral ministry, please contact the Parish Office for information.

Instruments

If you play and instrument and would like to join us for weekend Masses, please contact the Steve Hinz in the Parish Office.

Tech Station Operator

At Mass and other special events at the Country Church, we train parishioners to run the sound board and operate the video and projection equipment. No prior experience necessary. This is a great fit for anybody good with video games or cell phone and other personal devices or others with theater background. Contact the Parish Office and speak with Steve Hinz.

PARISH OFFICE SUPPORT

Parish Office Support

General office help with mailings, stuffings, or other projects as needed.

CEMETERY

Cemetery Commission Responsibilities

The parish Cemetery commission meets three to four times a year to discuss the state and care of the St. Joseph Cemetery on Baker Road. They help ensure the cemetery is properly cared for and maintained as we care for and remember our faithful departed.

Charitable Activities and Social Justice

Our mission: Confident that the Spirit of God abides with us, our Charitable and Social Justice Commission aims to follow Jesus' mandate that we be salt for our communities in family, work, and citizenship. We strive to inform and offer the challenge of living in justice and charity. Particularly, we aim to be in solidarity with those on the margins of our society.

The CASJ Commission meets Thursdays at 7 pm every other month via ZOOM.

Environmental Stewardship Ministry

Our goal is to embrace Pope Francis' call for action to steward and care for God's wonder and natural creation. We are always looking for more ways that we can all work together to make a difference. Our group is open to anyone interested in becoming more involved with our efforts.

Giving Garden

Plant, cultivate, and harvest fresh produce to share with Faith In Action to help those in need. Volunteers work as their schedules allow; as little as once a season and as much as every week a season.

Health Ministry

The mission of the Health Ministry is 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.

Ministers to the Sick and Homebound

Parishioners visit and take communion to the sick and homebound.

Prayer Shawl/Quilting Ministry and Prayer Team

Parishioners craft lap robes, shawls, or afghan blankets of comfort for those who are suffering physically or emotionally. The prayer shawls are prayed over when being crafted and when the shawl is finished. We need knitters, crocheters, and quilters to keep the prayer shawl ministry supplied. We need knitters and crocheters to help make shawls. We provide the yarn.

Respect Life Commission

Focuses on and coordinates St. Joseph Parish efforts to support the sanctity and dignity of life at all stages. All are welcome.

Seasonal Delivery

Parish-wide donations are collected for the Lenten Food Drive (food and paper products for the Catholic Charities Food Pantry), Moms in Need baby item collection, and the Christmas Giving Tree and Mitten Basket (gifts and new mittens are given to various service organizations such as Catholic Charities, nursing homes, S.O.S., Problem Pregnancy and the Homeless Shelter.) Help is needed to deliver these gifts.

Serving the Face of Jesus

An outreach ministry available to all parishioners, this ministry provides meals and/or housecleaning, yardwork, and rides for those recovering from illness or injury. It connects drivers for those who need transportation to Mass or appointments.

Social Outreach

The parish Social Outreach programs help those in need in Washtenaw County and beyond by sponsoring trips to the Delonis Center in Ann Arbor, and Food Gatherers. Work with fellow parishioners at these offsite organizations.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES & SOCIAL JUSTICE (continued)

FUNERAL MINISTRY

Funeral Ministry

Just being present for those who grieve is the manifestation of our Catholic corporal and spiritual works of mercy: to comfort the afflicted, to pray for the dead, to comfort the grieving.

St. Joseph Parish volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Hospitality

Hospitality volunteers welcome guests at funerals and wake services.

Adult Altar Servers

These volunteers serve at parish funerals both in the Village and Country Church.

Eucharistic Ministers

Fill in at those times when family or friends of the deceased are not able to assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at the funeral Mass.

Funeral Lunches

Team Leaders are needed to be on site to coordinate the luncheon. Training provided!

Cooks are needed to prepare the potatoes, green beans and help prep the salad. Training is provided!

Setup volunteers are needed to set the tables, set the buffet table, and help plate desserts.

Cleanup volunteers are needed to help set the food out, clear tables, wash the dishes, and pack up leftover food.

Food Donations are needed to provide a variety of non-leafy salads and desserts.

Shoppers shop the day before the luncheon for supplies and fresh produce for the luncheon.

Drivers are needed to pick up chicken from Busch's and to deliver leftover food to St. Louis Center.

Nurses Honor Guard

We recognize and honor the everyday heroes who dedicated their lives to the nursing profession. Upon request, a short nursing tribute is offered for the deceased nurse at their funeral or memorial service.

PARISH LIFE

Our mission: The Parish Life Commission is dedicated to providing and promoting fellowship and community within St Joseph Parish.

Members of the Parish Life Commission meet once a month to plan and direct the social activities of the parish. These activities are meant to foster a feeling of community among our parishioners. Membership is open to all interested parishioners. Volunteers are needed for each event.

Anniversary Dinner

Our Anniversary Mass and Dinner is for parishioners celebrating five year milestones of marriage, beginning with I year and every 5 years, or 50+ years of marriage. This Mass and dinner celebration includes a renewal of vows during the 5pm Mass and a parish-hosted dinner for couples and their immediate families in the Social Hall. It is held each year in the fall.

Coffee & Donuts/Pizza & Pop

Coffee & Donuts is held each weekend - except on holidays - after the 9am and I Iam Masses in the Social Hall or Gathering Space. We serve coffee, juice, and donuts (freewill donations are accepted.) Volunteers are needed to pick up the donuts on Sunday morning, and to set up, serve, and clean up. Pizza & Pop is served once a month after the 5pm Mass. Volunteers help to set up, serve, and clean up. These are great family service opportunities!

Fairway to Heaven Golf Outing Committee

The committee organizes and promotes the event in June. Volunteers are needed to help plan the outing, procure sponsors and door prizes, register participants at the sign up table in the Gathering Space, set up the morning of the event, and pray for good weather!

PARISH LIFE (continued)

Family Event Committee

This committee exists to help young families grow in their faith and build community. The Family Event Committee has 4 events throughout the year that they host, including Trunk-or-Treat, family prayer services, and the Easter Egg Hunt. Each member of the committee must help with 2 events, including planning, setting up for the event, and being present during the event itself

Silent Auction and Dinner

The Silent Auction is an annual, elegant fall event. Attendees enjoy fine dining and stroll through auction rooms filled with a wide variety of items on which to place bids. A live auction showcasing things such as vacation destinations, sports memorabilia, and more is held at the end of the evening. Volunteers are needed to assist in procuring and/or picking up donations, selling tickets, signing out basket kits, set up the day, record keeping of all donations.

Parish Life Activities

Volunteers are needed to help carry out the social events for the parish and community that are put on by the Parish Life Commission. The Ladies Advent Tea, the Parish Picnic, the Christmas Cookie Market, BBQ & Bourbon, and Wine and Cheese, a variety of social evenings in the winter, spring or summer. Volunteers are needed to help prep, set up, serve and clean up at various events throughout the year.

FLEA MARKET & FESTIVAL

Flea Market

Our annual Flea Market is a large fundraiser held in the Social Hall each summer. Volunteers are needed to chair areas, to sort, and organize items as they come in, carry items to each area, sale day help, and clean up help.

Summer Festival

Festival is fun! This community-building event, held annually the third full weekend in July, is an opportunity to witness our faith and serve our friends, neighbors, and the Dexter area in a spirit of hospitality. Ten percent of Festival proceeds are tithed to local charities. Planning starts in January, when area chairs begin to meet monthly to plan and coordinate the activities of the coming Festival. To be successful, the Festival needs the help and hands of everyone! Volunteer sign ups are held in the weeks leading up to the Festival. Those interested in chairing/coordinating an activity at the Festival can sign up on the stewardship form.

Properties

Hall Set Up & Take Down

Help as needed setting tables and chairs or putting tables and chairs away to transition the hall for events on the weekend.

Church Cleaning

A dedicated crew of people comes once a week to clean the Country Church (every Wednesday at 9 am) and the Village Church (every other Wednesday at 7:30 am) . This includes dusting, washing inside windows, straightening book racks and making our worship space ready for weekend Masses. Volunteers are scheduled on a rotating basis. A thorough annual church cleaning is done in the fall just before the season of Advent.

Grounds Upkeep

This group of parishioners, young and old, help maintain the landscaping at both church sites. Work days are scheduled during the spring and fall. Some volunteers are needed to water the plantings during the summer.

Plant Sale

Our annual spring plant sale helps generate funds for landscaping needs on the country grounds. Help is needed preparing, donating, setting up, selling and cleaning up the day of the sale.

Spring/Fall Cleaning of Grounds

Scheduled on Saturdays, anyone is invited to join in caring for the church grounds after the long winter, and to help put the landscaping to bed before another long winter.

Cemetery Grounds

One Saturday in the spring we gather to clean the cemetery before the Memorial Day liturgy.

Spring /Fall Cleaning Inside Churches

Help maintain the interior of our beautiful churches at our spring and fall cleaning bees.

ST. JOSPEH PARISH MINISTRY VOLUNTEER FORM 2025-2026					
Family Last Name:	Family Phone Number:	Family Address:			
Family Member #1: Name	Cell #	Email	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , 		
Family Member #2: Name	Cell #	Email			
Family Member #3: Name	Cell #	Email			
Family Member #4: Name	Cell #	Email	<u> </u>		
Family Member #5: Name	Cell #	Email			
Family Member #6: Name	Cell #	Email			

This form is to volunteer for a ministry or program —this is not a signup for participation in events.

MINISTRY	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	(circle)
FAITH FORMATION							
Faith Formation Commission Member Adult/ Youth/Children							Adult Youth Children
Catechist for Children's Faith Formation							Sun 10:30 Tues 3:45 Wed 4:45
Catechist Middle School Faith Formation							Sun 10:30 Tues 3:45 Wed 4:45
Faith Formation Volunteer-Assistant/Office Support/Hall Monitor							Sun 10:30 Tues 3:45 Wed 4:45
Catechists High School Confirmation							Sunday 10:30 Wednesday 4:45
Vacation Bible School Volunteer							
Discovering Catholicism (formerly RCIA)							
Hospitality for Discovering Catholicism—provide snacks for Sunday classes							
SPIRITUAL LIFE AND WORSHIP							
Spiritual Life & Worship Commission Member							
Anointing Mass and Lunch - Fall							
Holiday Environment - decorate for liturgical seasons							
Banner Changes - change banners for liturgical calendar							
Launder & Press Purificators—1 weekend every 8-10 weeks							
Ministers of Praise (pray at home for parish intentions)			26				
Women of the Cloth: make baptismal bibs							
LITURGICAL MINISTERS (Please mark N for New or R for Returning)							
Altar Server (youth—4th grade & up) Training October 11 & 18							5 9 11
Hospitality Minister - Training October 6 or October 22 @ 7PM							5 9 11
Lector - Training October 6 or October 22 @ 7PM							5 9 11
Eucharistic Minister—Training October 9 or October 21 @7PM							5 9 11
MUSIC MINISTRY							
Sing (weekend Masses) Rehearsal Thursday evenings							
Handbell Choir (Monday 7pm Rehearsal)							
Play an Instrument (weekend Masses)							Instrument
Tech Station Operator— Masses and other events							
COFFEE & DONUTS / PIZZA & POP							
Coffee & Donut Sunday Set up in the gathering space—8am							
Donut Pick Up Sunday Morning 7:30am							
Coffee & Donuts—serve and clean up							After 9AM Mass OR After 11AM Mass
Pizza & Pop—serve & clean up - Saturday evenings after 5pm Mass							

MINISTRY	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	(circle)
PARISH OFFICE SUPPORT—general office help, mailings, stuffing inserts							
CEMETERY COMMISSION							
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES & SOCIAL MINISTRIES							
Social Ministries Commission Member							
Environmental Stewardship Ministry							
Giving Garden - produce for local food pantries							
Health Ministry (medical field experience)							
Ministers to the Homebound -take communion to homebound parishioners							
Offsite Ministry - Delonis Center							
Offsite Ministry—Food Gatherers'							
Prayer Shawl/Quilting Ministry							
Respect Life Commission							
Seasonal Outreach—deliver food and gift items collected seasonally							
Serving the Face of Jesus - circle items to the right which you are willing to help with							Errands Meals Transportation
FUNERAL MINISTRY							
Funeral Altar Server (adults)							
Funeral Ministers							Hospitality EME
Funeral Lunch Food Donation							Donate Salad or Dessert
Funeral Lunch Help							Help with setup OR serving & cleanup
Funeral Lunch Leader							Team Leader and/or Cook
Funeral Lunch Support (pre & post luncheon)							Shopper Driver
Nurses Honor Guard							
PARISH LIFE							
Parish Life Commission Member							
Anniversary Dinner - Fall							
Fairway to Heaven Golf Outing Committee							
Family Life Events							
Silent Auction & Dinner- Fall							
Parish Life Activities (help as needed at parish social events)							
FESTIVAL — Area Chairperson							
FLEA MARKET—Area Chairpersons / Support							
PROPERTIES							
Hall Set up—set tables or take tables down for weekend events							
Country Church Cleaning – 2 hours Wednesday, no vacuuming or bathrooms							
Village Church Cleaning – bi-weekly 1 hour commitment, no heavy cleaning							
Grounds Upkeep - weed & water/prune & trim							
Plant Sale							Set up/donations/sale help/tear down
Spring/Fall Grounds Cleanup - Country—Village—Cemetery							
Interior Church Cleaning - Country and Village							

See **St. Joseph Parish Information Guide** for a complete listing of all programs and ministries offered at the parish.



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AT ATHENS!

This year's Vacation Bible School had over 70 participants and more than 40 volunteers.

Students had a wonderful time exploring scripture, learning about the adventures of St. Paul, and praising God through music. Thank you to all who helped and participated.



FAITH FORMATION begins September 21st!

This year, we are offering 3 different session times for Prek-8th grade:

Sundays 10:30 am-12 pm

Sundays 12:30 pm-2 pm

Tuesdays 3:45 pm-5:15 pm

Sessions are filling up fast and are on a first-come come first first-served basis. Sign up for your children today! For more information, please visit our website.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

We are still in need of catechists and faith formation volunteers. Being a catechist is a rewarding ministry that only requires a love of our faith and an eagerness to share it. No teaching or theology background needed! Please visit our website for more information or contact Katie at Katie Webber@stjos.com





GOD SQUAD 2025-2026

ST. JOSEPH PARISH MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH Friday, October 3 Blast Corn Maze 6-8:30pm **GROUP** Sunday November 9 Teen Room and Gym 2-3:30pm **GRADES 6-8** Sunday, December 14 Teen Room 2-3:30pm

Friday, January 23 Airborne Trampoline. Time TBA Sunday, February 8 Teen Room and Gym 2-3:30pm Sunday, March 8 Teen Room and Gym 2-3:30pm

Sunday, April 19 Teen Room and Gym 2-3:30pm Friday, May 15 Bowling at Revel and Roll 5:45-8:30pm



6-8PM IN THE TEEN ROOM AND GYM AT THE COUNTRY CHURCH

2025

SEPTEMBER 14 FRESHMAN WELCOME NIGHT SEPTEMBER 28 OCTOBER 12 OCTOBER 26 NOVEMBER 9 NOVEMBER 23 DECEMBER 14 DECORATING CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR HOMEBOUND/SHUT-INS DECEMBER 28 NO YOUTH GROUP (WINTER BREAK)



2025

September 21	Open Gym Night
October 5	Open Gym Night
October 19	Open Gym Night
November 2	Open Gym Night
November 16	Open Gym Night
November 30	No Gym Night (Thanksgiving Weekend)
December 7	Open Gym Night
December 21	Open Gym Night



Join us at the Pavilion after all Masses on the weekend of September 13 & 14. We will have hamburgers, hot dogs and sides after the 5:00 pm and the 11:00 am Masses. Breakfast will be served after 9:00 am Mass.

As always there will be door prizes and a grand prize at the end of the last picnic on Sunday.

No need to register and no need to pay! Just come on down and join us for food, fun and fellowship!.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come



Days/Times: Wednesday Mornings 9:30 – 11:00 or Thursday Nights from 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Dates: September 24/25 until

December 10/11

Registration: September 6/7

after all the Masses through September 20/21

Cost: \$35 per person includes workbook and streaming

Join us for this 11 week study where we will unpack the mysteries of the Book of Revelation. In this study, presenter Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." Explore the Church's teaching on the second coming of Christ and the Last Judgment. Understand how God, the Divine Bridegroom, and the Church, his spotless bride, enter into a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage every time we celebrate Mass.

Respect Life Commission

The Diocese of Lansing Miscarriage, Stillbirth, and Infant loss Ministry has begun the work of expanding this ministry into all parts of the diocese, with the affiliation with Red Bird Ministries. Red Bird Ministries serves couples and individuals who have experienced the loss of a child at anytime from pregnancy through adulthood.

The ministry has created a page, www.red bird.love/lansing, to help bring together support and resources offered in the Lansing Chapter.

The Respect Life Commission will have more information available in October

St. Joseph Giving Garden Growing Love for Those in Need

The Giving Garden has been in production since May. The new raised beds have made it easier to grow and maintain more fresh vegetables and herbs for those in need through Faith in Ac-



September 2025

tion. So far, this growing season, the garden has produced green beans, various lettuce varieties, beets, turnips, numerous herbs, tomatoes, zucchini, carrots, kale, collards, garlic, white and purple onions, and a few pepper varieties. Some volunteers are growing pumpkins and other winter squash varieties at their homes to help provide some fall produce to the clients at Faith in Action. The new pollinator plant border that was established last summer has blossomed and is doing beautiful work in attracting needed pollinators to help with the growth and health of the garden plants. Many thanks to the **Spring Plant Sale** at St. Joseph for their generous donation to the garden to ensure its health and ability to produce the best, most nutritious vegetables using Mother Nature.

In addition, we want to thank all those who contributed to the **Bottle and Can Drive** in June. The money raised has helped purchase seeds, plants, needed hardware for irrigation, and fence repairs. We are deeply grateful to everyone for your bottles, cans, and monetary support!

Matthew 25:35 states, "For I was hungry, and you gave me food." With many new volunteers, we can



grow and harvest more delicious vegetables for those in need. Thank you to all who support the St. Joseph Giving Garden. It is through your generosity that we can help feed our hungry neighbors.

ANNIVERSARY MASS AND DINNER SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

If you have a special anniversary coming up (1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25......50+) please join us in celebration!

Mass will be at 5:00 pm followed by dinner in the Social Hall on Saturday, September 27, 2025.

All couples will renew marriage vows after the homily.

Watch your mail for your invitation! Or contact the Parish Office to RSVP by September 19.

Let us know:

- Name
- # of Years Married
- Anniversary Date and Year
- Number Attending Liturgy & Dinner Adults & Children
- ♦ Food Allergies

Please call Marinell High at marinell_high@stjos.com or 734-426-8483 for more information.

Anointing of the Sick Mass & Lunch



Thursday, October 9

Country Church
Followed by lunch

RSVP to the Parish Office

The sacrament is to bring God's healing, grace, strength and peace to those who are sick or hurting. This sacrament is for physical, spiritual, mental and emotional healing.

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING DATES

Hospitality & Lector Ministers

Monday, October 6 at 7pm

or

Wednesday, October 22 at 7pm

EME

Thursday, October 9 at 7pm

or

Tuesday October 21 at 7pm

Altar Server

Saturday October 11 **AND** Saturday October 18 9 - 10:30 am OR 10:30 - noon

All training at the Country Church



SILENT AUCTION—SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 8, 2025 in the Parish Social Hall. Basket kits will be available after all the Masses beginning September 20/21 through October 18/19. Watch for more information to follow!

End of Life Seminar

Sunday, September 21 2 - 4:15 pm Social Hall



Estate Planning, Hospice & Palliative Care, Funeral Planning, Christian Burial & Spiritual





Our annual blessing of pets will be held at 9:00am on **Saturday, October 4**. We will meet on the steps of the Village Church. Bring all of your pets—big or small—to have them blessed!

Scout Troop 456



Scout Troop 456 is Chartered by St. Joseph Church and is an element of the Parish Youth Ministry Activities. The Troop participates in many of the Church and local community service projects to honor the element of the Scout Oath of being a service to the Community. In addition participation in the Troop provides many opportunities for leadership and fun. To quote the founder of Scouting program (Lord Baden-Powell). The objective of the Scouting Program is to give such help as we can in bringing about God's Kingdom on earth

by including among youth the spirit and daily practice in their lives of unselfish goodwill and cooperation. If you are interested in supporting this program as an Adult Leader or Youth Member contact Ron Carpinella (Charter Organization Rep.) at 734 476 3151 or Pete Potsos (Scoutmaster) at 734 355 8729

Parish Life Presents BBQ & Bourbon RESCHEDULED TO - OCTOBER 11, 2025

Join us in the Parish Social hall for an evening of BBQ & Bourbon tasting. Enjoy BBQ your way with a variety of sauces provided along with coleslaw, cornbread, and dessert. We will be tasting several different bourbons chosen espe-

cially for our event by our resident bourbon experts!

Tickets can be purchased after Mass on September 27/28 and November 4/5 or at the Parish Office or online—www.sjos.com.

Individual tickets are \$35.00 each or a table of eight for \$245.

Please contact Marinell High at the parish office, 734-426-8483 or email marinell_high@stjos.com with any questions.



Everlight Worship

Fall Concert

Friday, October 3

7 PM | Country Church

Where Heaven Breaks Through

Songs of Power, Peace, and Praise

Dear St. Joseph Parish . . .

May 2025

Thank you for your generous donation of \$2,168 through the bimonthly collection for Catholic Charities of Washtenaw County's food pantry and general fund. Many thanks for your generous in-kind donations of baby items from the Moms in Need collection. Both gifts will help us provide care for those most in need.

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

July 2025

Because of your generosity, those who are dealing with the greatest struggles and are without hope in our community can benefit from the programs and services offered by Catholic Charities of Washtenaw County. We are grateful for your recent gift of \$1,673 for the annual fund and pantry, and your gift of \$1,138 for the food pantry.

Sincerely,

Laurie Wilcox

Interim Director of Development, Catholic Charities, Washtenaw County

July 2025

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$759 from your Caritas Sunday collection. We are extremely grateful for your donation. We will use it to purchase a truckload of food from the Food Bank.

Thank you for helping us to continue to live the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in Flint. Last week, we had 147 cars line up for food. Most cars represent more than one family.

With a grateful heart,

Sr. Carol Weber

Director, St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center

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.

Logan & Marisa Julvezan Bennett

Andrew & Laura Retter Taylor, Jordan and Alaina

Mike & Betty Van Dam

Kimberly Eldridge

Jeffrey & Laura Hess Clara and Henry

Justin & Nicole Holz Emma

Laura Baranowski

Kenneth & Michelle Boone Kaden and Sienna

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.

Polly Suzanne Olson-Hodge

John Patrick Kelley

Judith Ann Goetz

Suzanne Dailey

John Thomas Claffey

Fr. David Bruce Rosenberg

Daniel Fred Shauger

Karl Edward Ehnis

Thomas Gerald Kucab

Walter Allen Page Jr.

William James Kotowski

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

Johnathon Anthony Dobis & Elise Rose McIntee

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

lan Gregory Hughes Son of James & Kaelin (Delph) Hughes Jr.

Oaklynn Arbor Grant
Daughter of Logan Grant & Sarah Ingersoll

Noah James Tolbert Son of Nicholas & Hallie (Chiarelli) Tolbert

Ava Gloria Mendez

Daughter of Andres & Chanell (O'Rourke) Mendez

Quinn Alexander Norton Son of Nicholas & Madalen (Keesler) Norton

Asher Lee Daley
Son of Joshua & Amber (Wanlass) Daley

Stella Lee Westbrook
Daughter of Randall & Sara (Wagener) Westbrook

Naomi Joy Pilon Daughter of Anthony & Madeline (Barker) Pilon



Kitchen and Technology Shower



We are grateful for all those who contributed to our Kitchen and Technology Shower which allowed us to purchase items to complete our kitchen and classrooms.

Kurt & Gail Assenmacher, Larry & Sue Banas, Deanne Bartkowiak, Kim Beneteau & Ann Blakeslee, Sharon Betts, Jeffrey & Carrie Bilek, Jean Borkowski, Richard Borzymowski, Carol Borzymowski, Carrie Burzan, Pat & Cheryl Cavanaugh, Jake and April Clark, Ty & Tanya Clark, Columbus Women's Auxiliary, Clay & Gayle Cramer, Ashley Deford, Larry and Connie Deford, Jeff & Marilyn Dehring, Graciela & Matthew Demerath, Jim & Jane Dempsey, Rita Denoyer, Gladys Dettling, Jo Dolecki-Lane, Barb Doster, Virgil and Kathleen Dreffs, Becky Dunlavy, Greg and Mary Economou, Thomas & Gwethalyn Edwards, Don & Gwen Evich, Robert Evich, Ray & Judy Faitel, Betty Farrell, Tony & Carol Fecker, Kevin & Dorthy Flattery, Funeral Luncheon Donation, Bob & Carolyn Gansen, Ina & Jack Germain, Barb Gutowski, Ed Harden, Diane Henry, Marinell & Tom High, Steve Hinz, Jack & Paulette Hodge, Brian & Michele Hoxie, Chuck Hughes and Patty Dobbs, Art & Beth Humpert, Steve & Linda Hunt, Todd Sexton & Pamela Jones-Sexton, Marie Jutkiewicz, Joseph & Ashleigh Keeler, Brian & Elyse Kempa, Lynn & Kevin Kimmel, Knights of Columbus, Bill & Cheryl Kotowski, Lynn & Mike Kujawski, Tim and Katherine Kuzma, Deb & Paul LaLonde, Tom & Cheryl Latshaw, Paul & Laura Ledwidge, Mike & Ruth Leenheer, Carrie Letke, John Lilley, Frank & Mary Lobeck, Paul & Mary Manhart, Scott & Lauren Marquette, Rosemary Marsh, Chris & Erin Medeiros, Mary Ann Medon, Andy & Tammy Mickus, Jane Miller, Steve & Laurie Miller, Stephen & Dawn Milz, Michael & Leanne Moltzen, Anne Mondro, RJ & Jeni Naughton, Dave & Pat Navarre, Jim & Michelle Nordberg, Neta O'Brien, Carol Otto, Larry & Donna Pandoff, Aggie Pastorino, Chris and Kathy Pawlicki, Perry Pernicano, Daniel & Adriana Phelan, Jeff & Susan Price, Gerrie & Joe Prochaska, Mary Beth Protske, Kate Quackenbush, Jeanette & Dave Reese, Kevin & Sherry Rize, Joan & Dan Roycroft, Lil & Tom Rumple, Georgian & Jerry Sadowski, Caleb & Kristin Scheidel, Joe & Karen Scheuring, Mark & Leslie Schoof, Mary Kay & Thomas Shields, Ruth Simmons, Eileen Slank, Ann Smart, Dennis & Laura Sopko, Andrea Strieter, Alan & Rosemary Tambe, Sally Telfer, Thomas Thommey, Carol Trinkle, Joe & Felicia Tuczak, David & Beth Wanlass, Seth and Deanne Watkins, Mary Westhoff, David & Susan Widmann, Ed & Elizabeth Winfield, Pamela Zeller, Missy & Ted Zettel,





Landscaping Shower



We are grateful for all those who helped complete the landscaping around the new addition possible.

In Memory of Patty Lee Towianski by Cindy Johnson & Andrea Strieter, Gail & Kurt Assenmacher, Jeanette & Brian Barna, In Memory of Joseph D. Borkowski by Jean Borkowski, Richard Borzymowski, In Memory of Flora Autumn Brown by Kimberly Brown, In Memory of Jon Michael Crocker, by Catherine Croker, Aurora Dickson, In Memory of Ron Doster Sr. by Barb Doster, In Memory of Kobylczak & Dreffs Families by Virgil & Kathleen Dreffs, In Memory of the Dunlavy Family by Rebecca Dunlavy, Don & Gwen Evich, In Memory of Linda Fett Salatino by Ruth and Gary Fett, Robert & Carolyn Gansen, In Honor of St. Joseph Parish by Girl Scout Troop, Dcn John and Sherri Goff, Joan Gordenier, In Memory of Joseph Grzeskowiak 1966, Christopher Grzeskowiak 1967 by Richard & Ann Grzeskowiak, In Memory of Dr. Seong S. Han by Ihn Han, In Memory of Cathy Carmack by April Hansen, Diane Henry, Brian & Michele Hoxie, In Memory of Jim Janowski by Stephanie Janowski, In Memory of Fr. David Rosenberg by Cindy Johnson, In Memory of Emily Jutkiewicz by Marie Jutkiewicz, In Memory of Gloria Lee Kavanagh, Ted Kavanagh, Dorothy Stratman by Thomas (TK) Kavanagh, Doug & Kathy Koepsell, Cheryl Kotowski, Rita La Forest, In Memory of John Atkinson Lamb by Barbara Lamb, In Honor of the Shea & Leenheer families by Mike & Ruth Leenheer, In Memory of Paul Manhart, Elizabeth Stanis, Alexander, William and George Stanis by Mary Manhart, Monica Mazza, Maryann Medon, In Memory of Lois Mickus by Andy & Tammy Mickus, In Memory of Kenneth & Delphine Miller by Jane Miller, Steve and Dawn Milz, In Memory of George & Gerry Hellner by Jan Muck, In Memory of John Nimitz and the Richard Family by Sally Nimitz, In Honor of OCIA 2025 by OCIA 2025, In Memory of Charlotte Pawlicki by Christopher & Kathy Pawlicki, In Memory of Don & Marilyn Parko and Doug & Irene Price by Jeff & Susan Price, In Memory of John Rehm by Tina Rehm, In Memory of Irwin & Helen Sobieski and Frank & Julia Roycroft by Joan & Dan Roycroft, John and Barbara Rutz, In Honor of the Sexton Family by Pam & Todd Sexton, In honor of Shields grandchildren 2025: Henry, Mack, Mia and Evren and in memory of Emil & Mary Ellen Ruch and Roy & Elaine Shields by Tom & Mary K Shields, In Memory of Ruth & Emmet Ulrich by Ruth Simmons, In Honor of James K. Simon by Joe & Lisa Simon, In Memory of Betty L. Smith by Max Smith Smith and Mary Beth Protske, In Memory of Georg Gehrung by Dennis & Laura Sopko, Sally Telfer, In Memory of Steven Trinkle, Frank Miller and Gerald & Anna Gordenier by Carol Trinkle, In Memory of Joseph P. Veltri by Linda Veltri, In Memory of Charlie Visel by Linda Visel, In Memory of Bud & Pola O'Leary by Susan Wagener, In Honor of Daniel & Theresa Weimer and Mom & Dad by Daniel & Theresa Weimer, In Memory of Peggy Reichhardt by Paul & Mary Kay Whitmer, In Memory of Mary Brigid Wisely and in honor of the Wisely Family by Mary Pat Wisely, Mary Wurz, In Memory of John & Mozzie by Pamela Zeller, In Memory of Baby Skyler Nemchak by Ted & Missy Zettel, Jacob, Phoenix, Atlas, Saphira Zettel, Allison Zettel, Rebecca Zettel.





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Stewardship Prayer

My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite them and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, Of fearlessness and faith, and a church with noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these many things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be. Amen.