



ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC PARISH

DEXTER, MICHIGAN



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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

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Director for Faith Formation—Youth
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Caritas
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-K—6)
Faith Formation (7-8)
Festival
Giving Garden
God Squad (Gr. 7-8)
Knights of Columbus
Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
Music Ministry
Discovering Catholicism (OCIA)
Scouting (Troop 456)

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Don Dalgleish
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Marilyn Dehring
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Marinell High
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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

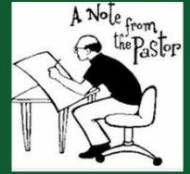
Weekend Liturgies and Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays. Parish Office, Social Hall, Faith Formation

Village Campus: 3430 Dover St, Dexter, MI 48130

Village Church, Grotto



Notes from Fr. Brendan



The Importance of Sharing Time and Talent

In the coming weeks, we will again begin the task of restarting and renewing a new year of faith formation and parish activities. In September, we will have our fall picnic and begin signing up for our parish ministries. Each year in the fall, we ask all our volunteers- faith formation, liturgical ministers, funeral ministry volunteers, coffee and donut servers, charitable activities and social justice volunteers, parish life, and property volunteers to recommit to a new year of service. We also invite new parishioners and long-standing parishioners to volunteer. We need altar servers (4th grade and older). We need hospitality, lectors, and Eucharistic ministers to sign up for training in the fall to help welcome, to share, to proclaim Jesus. We are seeking parents or adults to help teach our Catholic faith to our children. We need volunteers to help care for the grieving and help care for our buildings and grounds, both inside and out. We need voices for our music ministry.

As we journey through these last months of summer, I ask all parishioners to prayerfully reflect on how you can share your time and talent to help us grow as a vibrant Catholic community.

Small Faith Sharing Groups

Small faith groups are coming to St. Joseph. Please watch for information in your emails, the bulletin, and at Mass about the upcoming opportunity to join a small group. Contact Marinell High in the parish office if you are interested in being a small group leader. The program is titled "Into His Likeness: A Discipleship Journey".

Parish Picnic

Our annual Fall Picnic at the Pavilion will be September 12 & 13 after each Mass. We will bless our new Alhambra Plaque for the Village Church at the 9 am Mass. We will raffle off a VISA gift card at the end of the day on Sunday, and have door prizes and a 50/50 drawing at each meal. Mark your calendars and come join us.

Anniversary Dinner

We recognize and congratulate all married couples celebrating significant anniversary years. On September 26 at the 5 pm Mass, we will have couples renew their marriage vows. Following Mass, we will have a dinner to recognize and congratulate all our couples. Let us remember the gift of marriage is the promise to love and to honor one's spouse. To remember, the marriage covenant is with God as the third cord which keeps a couple strong in their love and devotion, care, and concern for each other.

Pet Blessings

On Saturday, October 3 (the Saturday closest to the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4), we will bless pets at 9 am on the steps outside the Village Church doors. Bring your pets – big and small – to be blessed in memory of St. Francis of Assisi.

Ministry Opportunities

On the following pages, please read all the way you can be involved at St. Joseph Parish.

Shalom,
Fr. Brendan J. Walsh

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Pastoral Council

This leadership body serves as a consultative body to the pastor and parish staff on the direction and vision of our parish. They assist in bringing the parish mission statement to life for the benefit of the St. Joseph Catholic Community in Dexter. The Council meets on the first Tuesday of the month, year-round. New members are nominated during the Easter Season. On Pentecost we invoke the Holy Spirit and select four members by lot for a three-year term plus to alternates.

Finance Council

This body of parishioners is selected by the pastor, in accordance with canon law and the policies of the Diocese of Lansing. Members are invited according to their expertise in the areas of business and finance. They serve a three-year term and help monitor the financial gifts of parishioners which are used to maintain the programs and activities of the parish. Each spring they review and set the budget for the coming fiscal year which runs from July 1 to June 30.

Caritas Committee

A second collection for the benefit of primarily local charitable organizations is taken on the last weekend of those months with five Sundays. Throughout the year the Committee, a subcommittee of the Finance Council, meets to select recipient organizations to recommend to the Finance Council for approval prior to presenting the appeal to the parish community. The selection process is the same as the Pastoral Council process. .

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. Click on the button associated with your area of interest, send us an email and we will be in touch.

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 to speak with one of the directors.

Discovering Catholicism for Children (OCIA)

Discovering Catholicism for Children (OCIA) Volunteers assist unbaptized and uncatechized children over the age of 7 through a process of initiation into the Catholic faith. We need families from the parish who would be willing to meet with the family of the child in the OCIA Process. During their time together, the volunteer family would work with the child's 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 would be working with both those who are unbaptized and 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.

FAITH FORMATION (continued)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

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 11th grade 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 Parish Office.

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 6th grade. We seek volunteers, both youth (7th 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 Parish Office with questions.

Parish Mission

We offer a Parish Mission during Lent for the spiritual renewal of our parish community. Volunteers are needed to help with hospitality and refreshments, and to set up the church environment.

Building the Brotherhood of Christ

This one day renewal experience for men is held each February on the parish grounds. The day is facilitated by men from our parish. Volunteers are needed to help with the cooking and serving of three meals during the day.

Growing in God

We offer a one day spiritual opportunity in early March for women to experience faith, fellowship and a renewed commitment to Christ. This faith-enriching experience is led by parishioners for parishioners. Volunteers are needed to serve on the presenting team (with only the requirement to have taken part in a Growing in God experience) and the cooking team for the three meals of the day (just a love of cooking and serving needed.)

FAITH FORMATION

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Bible Studies at our Parish

For men and women of the parish, we hold scripture studies from September through May. These studies are held on both Wednesdays and Thursdays with a morning and evening option. These topical studies take place throughout the year and are intended to help our parishioners understand the teachings of our Catholic Faith and how those teachings apply to our lives.

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

Marriage Preparation Seminar

This Friday night/Saturday seminar is held on the Country Campus and provides engaged couples with information on several topics relevant to a successful marriage. It offers couples the opportunity to focus on the life, happiness and holiness of each other. The seminar concludes at the 5pm Mass in the Country Church on Saturday.

Sponsor Couples for those Engaged for Marriage

Each engaged couple from our parish takes part in a pre-marriage process, meeting with a married couple from our parish who have been trained in marriage preparation. Sponsor Couples lead the engaged couples through a personality inventory. This inventory helps the couple see their strengths and recognize areas for growth and understanding. The Sponsor Couples are recommended to the pastor and then invited by the pastor to be a part of the team.

Infant Baptism Preparation

Workshops are held in January, March, May, July, September, and November on the second Thursday at 7pm at the Country Church. At the workshop we share the teachings of the Church about the life of faith, the Church, and the sacrament of Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled after attending the class.

Spiritual Direction

If you are looking for an individual Spiritual Director, please contact the Parish Office for a list of names and contact information. .

St. Francis Retreat Center

Annual men's and women's retreats are held at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt for parishioners. Sign ups are held for these throughout the year.

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 Parish Center in the village campus. This is for anyone who is in need of physical, emotional, mental or spiritual healing. Mass at 11am 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

Each banner change 3 volunteers are needed for about 45 minutes, usually after 11am Mass. No ladders needed.

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.

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 1 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.

SPIRITUAL LIFE & WORSHIP (continued)**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES****Mass Captains**

Mass Captains serve in teams of two and assist at weekend and Holy Day Masses, overseeing all areas of liturgical ministry. They are active before, during, and after Mass, coordinating the lectors, Eucharistic ministers and hospitality ministers. They invite a family to present the offertory gifts. They ensure that all the needs for worship are met before Mass and that the church is neat, clean, locked, and secured when Mass and fellowship/coffee and donuts/pizza and pop time in the Gathering Space have concluded.

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. Trainings are held on two Saturdays 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 after Mass, straighten pews following Mass, and have an awareness of facilities for emergency purposes (restrooms, first aid, etc.) Trainings are 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. Trainings are held in October.

Eucharistic Ministers 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 home-bound. Trainings are 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 instrumentalistsyou are all welcome!

Sing

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 an instrument and would like to join us for weekend Masses, please contact 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 the music director.

PARISH OFFICE SUPPORT**Parish Office Support**

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

CEMETERY

Our mission: our cemetery is a sacred place of us to remember the faithful departed.

Cemetery Committee Responsibilities

The cemetery committee meets as needed to organize and discuss needs at our cemetery.

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.

Bereavement Ministry

This facilitated peer group support program is for adult grief recovery in the Catholic tradition. Training is provided. The Bereavement Ministry is not an immediate response program.

Environmental Stewardship Ministry

Our goal is to embrace Pope Francis' call for action to steward and care for God's wonder and natural creation.

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 St. Joseph 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.

Moms in Need

Basic items needed for a baby are donated by parishioners and collected during May and then taken to Family Life Services and Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County. Help is needed to deliver these gifts.

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. When each prayer shawl is delivered the person receiving it is prayed with and left with a prayer they can use at any time. We need knitters, crocheters, and quilters to keep the prayer shawl ministry supplied. The prayer team needs people who are willing to go with those who deliver the prayer shawls and pray with the recipient.

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, Riverview Nursing Home, 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 some corporal and spiritual works of mercy: to comfort the afflicted, to pray for the dead, to pray for 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 are needed to take on a rotation of shopping for funeral lunch supplies that are kept on hand in the parish 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 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, 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 11am Masses in the 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

This new addition to our roster of parish life activities is held in June. The committee organizes and promotes the event. 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!

Ladies Advent Evening of Reflection

This social and spiritual activity gives us an opportunity to stop for an evening and enjoy one another's company and spend some time reflecting on the meaning of Advent Time. Held on a weekday evening in early December, we gather with prayer and then enjoy tea, dessert, and conversation at our tables, followed by a guest speaker. This event is held in the Gathering Space of our Country Church. Each table for eight has a hostess who agrees to provide the decorations and the desserts for seven other women. The Parish Life Commission provides white tablecloths, tea, and punch for each table. There is no cost for this event but we ask each woman attending to bring one personal hygiene product to be donated to Faith in Action.

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

Parish Life Activities

Volunteers are needed to help carry out the social events for the parish and community organized by the Parish Life Commission. These include the Ladies Advent Tea, the Parish Picnic, the Christmas Cookie Market, Wine and Cheese, and 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.

SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS

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.

Flea Market

Our annual Flea Market is a large fundraiser held in the Social Hall each summer. Volunteers are needed as 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

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.

Pastoral Council Notes



Congratulations once again to so many hard-working volunteers who helped make the Flea Market, the Festival, and the Vacation Bible School a huge success. What more can be said of Washtenaw's largest Flea Market? So much was on display in our new social hall. Some of you met new parishioners and made new friends, and some of you bought more than you donated. The Festival weekend weather started smoky but ended great. We started off with a new twist from the St. Joseph Praise Band called the Everlight Worship, where the whole church became the choir. Our annual vacation bible school titled "Explore the Wilderness with Moses" was attended by 77 participants.

With the second half of 2026 approaching, we have numerous opportunities to support our parish. We begin with Stewardship weekends on the 2nd & 3rd weekends in September. You're encouraged to volunteer your Time and Talents in more than a dozen Ministries. Please consider helping and trusting in God's plan for your parish life.

Come and enjoy the parish Picnic weekend, celebrated under the festival pavilion on September 12th and 13th. In addition, Fr. Brendan will be blessing an Alhambra Plaque on Sunday the 13th at the 9:00 am Mass. The plaque will be installed on the front of the Village Church to honor our parish history in the community. Our Faith Formation team for children begins on September 20th

Other main events include the Anniversary Dinner on September 26, and the Anointing of the Sick Luncheon Mass on October 8th. Fr. Brendan will present the financial State of our Parish the weekend of October 17/18th. And finally, the Silent Auction is on November 14th in our Social Hall with a sit-down dinner. This year's theme is "Saturday Night Fever with Disco Lights and Funky Nights".

John Lasecki, Pastoral Council member

OUR MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MARKER

I am writing to share information about the village church status as a Michigan Historical Site. Our village church was placed on the State of Michigan Register of Historic Sites through a process within the Michigan Historical Markers Act. You are all familiar with the large and historically significant marker found at the southwest corner of the village church campus. The marker was installed in 1979 and details a beautiful history of Saint Joseph Parish. Construction of our new country church and the resulting combined campus to one location alters the accuracy of the Historical Marker under the Act, as Eugene the Bell was moved to the country church, and in time the old school, convent (office), and rectory buildings will be raised. We have notified the State of Michigan Historic Center of changes affecting the village church status under the current historical designation and accuracy of the associated marker on the site.

Although the State is aware of our ongoing intent to keep the historical integrity of the site, the Michigan Historical Markers Act requires the current Site (no. 626) Marker to be removed as the marker verbiage is now inaccurate. The Act further mandates that the marker be returned to the State of Michigan for disposal, or in the alternative, we may apply to keep the marker and display it elsewhere as a historical artifact. We have applied to keep the marker in this manner and are waiting for a decision by the State of Michigan.

Regardless of the pending decision about the marker, a new application will be made for re-designation of the village church as a Michigan Historical Site, complete with a new site marker. A parish committee is in place to help with the development of a plan to update the village church property and appearance. And the renewed historic site application will be made at the proper time in the future.

There will be added communications in the weekly bulletin about this as material developments take place.

Very Truly Yours,
Paul M. Ledwidge
Pastoral Council Chair



Order of Alhambra Region VI Memorial Plaque Dedication Ceremony

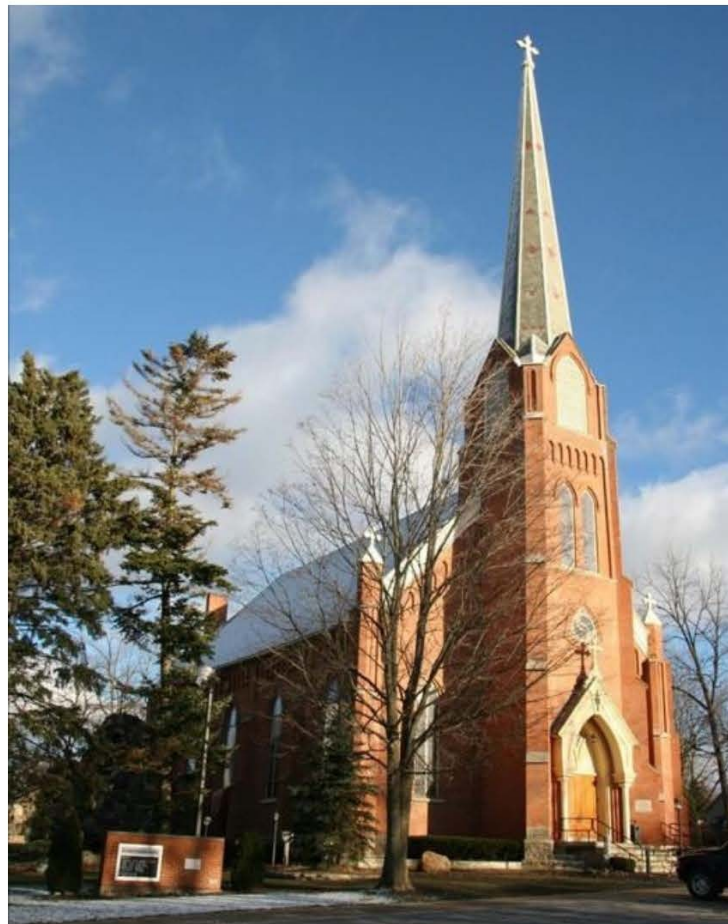


St. Joseph Parish was founded in 1836 when eight Irish Catholic families gathered to celebrate Mass. St. Joseph Parish has been a vibrant, active part of the Dexter community for over 190 years.

The Dedication Masses will be at:

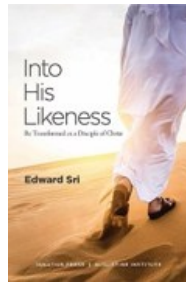
St. Joseph Parish
6805 Mast
Dexter, Michigan

Plaque Blessings / Dedication will take place at both Sunday Masses
9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. on September 13, 2026
Celebrants, Alhambra's Supreme Chaplain Fr. Sateesh Alphonse
& St. Joseph's Pastor, Fr. Brendan Walsh



Into His Likeness Parish-Wide Small Group Study A Discipleship Journey

Into His Likeness provides an approachable but in-depth exploration of how to live as a disciple and experience the transformation Jesus wants to work in our lives. We might desire to live more like Christ, but we know we fall short. This study simply helps us follow those initial promptings of the Holy Spirit, so that we may more intentionally encounter Jesus anew each day and be more disposed to his grace, changing us ever more into his likeness. Dr. Edward Sri is our leader for this study.



This six-week study will be open to all parishioners who would like to learn how to be a disciple or to grow as one using a small group process. Small groups will come together in someone's home or in a space at the Church. Each week, when gathering, there will be remarks, a video to watch, followed by reflection questions and group sharing.

These small groups of 8-10 people will be forming beginning Sept 19/20 and will take a couple of different forms:

- Private Small Group – you gather some friends and put your group together yourself. You will meet on the days and times YOU choose for your group. This group chooses where they would like to meet as well.
- Random Small Group – This group will have a leader in place at signup, and that leader will choose the day and time that works for them. You can then sign up for a time and day that works for you with people you may not know. The leader of this group may choose to meet in their home or in a space available at the parish.

There is NO homework associated with this study! Please contact Marinell High at 734-426-8483 or marinell_high@stjos.com if you would like more information or would like to sign up to be a small group leader.

Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle for You

Days: Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm or
Thursdays 9:10-10:40 am

Dates: Sept 16/17 through
Nov 11/12

Childcare: Provided at Thursday sessions

Registration: in Gathering Space after Mass – August 29/30, September 5/6, and 12/13.

Cost: \$35 Cash or Check Payable to St. Joseph Church

Contacts:

Maggie Hansma 313-815-6450 maggaloots@aol.com

Denise Muir 517-861-6390 dsmuir@chartermi.net



Join us in this eight-session Bible study that traces the remarkable story of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Combining biblical study, sacred tradition, and the testimony of the saints, this engaging program reveals Mary's unique role in salvation history and invites participants to deepen their devotion to the Mother of God.

Beginning with God's eternal plan for Mary and continuing through her greatest apparitions—including Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima—this study demonstrates how the Blessed Mother has continually guided, protected, and interceded for the faithful throughout history. Richly illustrated and deeply rooted in Catholic teaching, each lesson combines biblical instruction with practical application, helping participants develop a more personal relationship with Mary and, through her, a deeper love for Jesus Christ.

Commentary By: Brian Kennelly and Msgr. Patrick Winslow
Video Lectures By: Leonardo Defilippis

Do you know someone who is searching for a Faith Home?



We encourage all of you to remember that it is YOUR witness to the Faith that draws people into a life of Christianity lived out through our Catholic Faith. If you know of anyone who is searching for a faith home, please invite them to join us in *Discovering Catholicism...A Journey to the Faith*. Their participation in the process comes with no obligation to become Catholic. We are all walking a journey and we would love to support anyone who wants to walk with us. They, or you, can contact Marinell High at 734-426-8483 or marinell_high@stjos.com



September 12 & 13 after ALL the Masses at the Festival Pavilion

Join us for hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, chips & cake after the 5 pm & 11 am Masses, and eggs, sausage, and donuts after the 9 am Mass.

We will have door prizes at each picnic and a draw for the Grand Prize during the 11 am Mass picnic. There will be Door Prizes at EACH Picnic. There are no tickets to purchase, but you may make a free-will donation if you like.

We hope you can join us!

Anniversary Mass & Dinner Invitation September 26, 2026

If you are celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15... 50+ years of marriage, then this invitation is for you!

You and your family are invited to attend 5:00 pm Mass on September 26, 2026, where you will renew your wedding vows and join us for a celebration dinner in the Parish Social Hall, compliments of St. Joseph Parish

We hope you can attend! Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, September 18, 2026, to Marinell High at marinell_high@stjos.com, RSVP online at www.stjos.com, or drop the card at the Parish office; we will add you to our list. **Please include the information in the box below in your email.**

Name: _____

years married _____ Anniversary Date & Year: _____

attending Liturgy: _____ # attending Dinner: _____

Adults: _____ # Children: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____ Highchairs needed: _____



**SATURDAY
NIGHT FEVER**
DISCO LIGHTS & FUNKY NIGHTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR 21st SILENT AUCTION!

Saturday, November 14, 2026, in the Parish Social Hall. Basket kits will be available after all the Masses beginning September 19/20 through October 25. Watch for more information to follow!

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE AND PARENT MEETING FOR THOSE STARTING THE PROCESS IN 9-11TH GRADE

September 15 or September 16, 2026 at 7pm.

You only need to come to one meeting.

Meetings will be in the Country Church
Candidate and at least one parent must
attend.

Questions or concerns please contact
Don Dalglish at 734-426-2674 or
don_dalglish@stjos.com

2026-27

GOD Squad

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
MIDDLE SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP
GRADES 6-8

Friday, October 9 - Corn Maze Outing 6-8:30pm

Meet at Corn Maze in Dexter

Sunday, November 1 - Teen Room 6-8pm - All Saints Day

Sunday, December 6 - Teen Room 6-8pm

Friday, January 22 - Annual Airborne Trampoline Outing

Meet at the Country Church 5:45pm

Sunday, February 7 - Teen Room 6-8pm

Sunday, March 21 - Teen Room 6-8pm - Palm Sunday

Sunday April 18 - Teen Room 6-8pm

Friday, May 14 Annual Bowling Outing

Meet at Lucky's Lanes in Ann Arbor 5:45pm

Sunday, June 6 - Teen Room 6-8pm - Last Meeting for the Summer

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING DATES

Hospitality & Lector Ministers

Thursday, October 8 at 7pm

or

Wednesday, October 21 at 7pm

EME

Tuesday, October 20 17 at 7pm

or

Tuesday, October 27 at 7pm

Altar Server

Saturday October 10 **AND** Saturday October 17
9:30 - 11:30 am

All training at the Country Church

Mustard Seed High School Youth Group

**Come together in
faith, friendship,
and prayer!**

- Uplifting worship & prayer
- Encouraging devotional message
- Time of fellowship with other youth
- Snacks & fun afterward!

September Dates	13 Freshman Welcome Night	20	27		
October Dates	4	11	18	25	
November Dates	1	8	15	22	
December Dates	6	13			
January Dates	3 Movie Night	10	17	24	31

SUNDAYS 6-8PM

**St. Joseph Parish Teen Room and Gym
All High School Youth Welcome!**

Don Dalglish
Director of Youth Ministry

734-426-2674

don_dalglish@stjos.com

www.stjos.com



The Blessing of the Pets

Our annual blessing of pets will
be held at 9:00am on
Saturday, October 3. We
will meet on the steps of the
Village Church. Bring all of
your pets—big or small— to
have them blessed!

Anointing of the Sick—Mass and Luncheon

Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 11 am in
the Country Church.

Contact the Parish Office to RSVP, 734-
426-8483 or darlene_cresson@stjos.com



Interior Church Cleaning Bees

Country Church

Saturday, September 19, at 9 am

Village Church

Saturday, November 14, at 9 am

There Is a Place for You in Music Ministry



Maybe you sing. Maybe you play an instrument. Maybe you haven't made music with a group since high school—or ever. There is a place for you in Music Ministry at St. Joseph.

Each week, our musicians help give voice to the prayer of our parish. We lead the assembly in praise, proclaim the hope of the Gospel through music, and help create those moments when a song becomes more than notes and words, it becomes prayer.

After many years of teaching and leading musicians, one of my greatest joys is still watching people discover that they can do something they didn't think they could do. Our ensembles bring together people with very different backgrounds and levels of experience. Some have sung for decades. Others arrive convinced they aren't musicians at all.

As I often say: **“Can't sing? Great. Come hide your voice in the choir!”**

You don't have to arrive confident. You don't have to know all the music. You don't have to somehow prove that you belong. We will learn together, laugh together, grow together and create something none of us could create alone.

Find Your Place

Rejoice Anew!

Our choir that regularly serves at the **5:00 pm Mass**.

St. Joseph Choir

Our choir that regularly serves at the **11:00 am Mass**.

Both adult choirs rehearse on **Thursday evenings** and welcome singers of all levels of experience.

Handbell Choir

Our handbell musicians rehearse on **Monday evenings at 7:00 pm** and regularly serve at the **11:00 am Mass**. You do not need previous handbell experience to begin.

Youth Choir

Open to young people in **2nd grade and older**, giving our younger parishioners an opportunity to discover their voices, lead our community in prayer, and experience the joy of making music together.

And there are opportunities for **instrumentalists** to share their gifts as well. If you play an instrument—or used to play one—we would love to hear from you.

Maybe This Is Your Year

Our parish doesn't need perfect musicians. We need people willing to give something of themselves. Music ministry offers us a wonderful way to do that. If you've ever thought about joining us, consider that little nudge inside you an invitation. Together, we will help our parish

Camino de Satiago Journey

Hello, my Sisters and Brothers,

I am about to embark on a pilgrimage in Spain to walk a part of the Camino de Santiago, the Way of St. James. I will be with 3 other men who will walk 195 miles in 17 days from September 13th to 30th. This journey is meant to be a deeper building of my relationship with God through the intercession of St. James the Apostle. My intent is to go and give thanks to God for all the gifts of my life and for the gift of the ministry of being a Deacon. I will also pray for direction on where God is leading me in the future. I will also be taking with me a book of prayer intentions that I will be taking along with me to offer up to God for the needs of you and others. My sacrifice for our parish. If you have any prayer intentions that you would like me to write in my book, please send them to me. You can send them to my email, tell me, or write them out and provide them to me. My email is johnbgoff52@yahoo.com.



Peace to all of you, and thank you for all the joy, hope, and love you provide to make our parish here at St. Joseph's so beautiful.

Deacon John Goff

Respect Life Commission Update

Please be aware of State and Local laws proposed that are opposed to our faith.

The State of Michigan:

This spring, the Michigan House introduced the Death with Dignity Act (HB 5825) alongside a supporting package (HB 5826, HB 5827, and HB 5828) to legalize medical aid in dying for terminally ill patients. The bills are currently stalled in the House Committee on Government Operations with little expectation of passing the current legislative session.

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners:

- In July, the Washtenaw County Board gave a \$500,000 grant to Planned Parenthood. The grant was approved partially based on reductions in federal funding in the 2025 budget. The federal funding moratorium has now expired, and their funding has been restored.
- Tentatively approved a ballot proposal with a .2 mill tax increase, which would generate nearly \$5.3 million dollars; 25% of that going to organizations that provide "sexual and reproductive" healthcare. This includes Planned Parenthood and the Washtenaw County Health Department, already funded with taxpayer dollars. Planned Parenthood could receive \$1.3 million annually for the next three years if this tax increase was put on the on the fall ballot and passed. Fortunately, due to public input at the last Board meeting, the tax increase proposal was tabled for a variety of legitimate reasons.
- As Catholic Christians, we oppose proposals and actions that do not support the sanctity and dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death. This includes helping terminate a human life before natural death or the County funding and supporting private organizations offering "sexual and reproductive" healthcare.

St. Joseph Parish, Dexter : Grotto

"WHY I BELIEVE OUR LADY OF LOURDES HELPED ME SURVIVE CANCER AND A STROKE":

There can be few people in the Diocese of Lansing more grateful to Our Lady of Lourdes upon her feast day, February 11, than Jim Paul and his wife, Lenore, pictured, from DeWitt Township, who credit the Blessed Virgin for saving Jim from both cancer and a stroke. Ave Maria!

"I was diagnosed four times with kidney cancer. Doctors gave me only a 6% chance of survival, yet three years ago I got the all-clear- I truly believe that Our Lady of Lourdes has been helping me all along," explains 65-year-old Jim, who is a father of two.

"The first time Jim got a diagnosis in 2010 at the University of Michigan," explains Lenore, "we were on our way back from Ann Arbor, and I felt we had to pray. I saw a steeple in the distance. Jim said, 'It could be any church,' but I said, 'I think it's a Catholic church,' and so we drove there. It was Saint Joseph in Dexter."

"There we found a shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes next to the church. We prayed there and asked for Mary's intercession. Long story short, he has come through four surgeries, and we really and truly believe it has been Our Lady of Lourdes who has protected him. We are so thankful to her, especially on this, her feast day."

Today marks the day in 1858 when the Blessed Virgin Mary first appeared to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous in the southern French village of Lourdes. Since then, Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage with countless claims of physical and spiritual healings, many of which have been authenticated by the Church.

Numbered among those claimants are Jim and Lenore. That includes gratitude for a more recent incident last month, when Jim had a stroke that left him struggling with speech, sight, and standing. Lenore prayed to Our Lady of Lourdes and doused her husband with holy water from the French shrine. One month later, with ongoing prayer, Jim has made great progress and, says Lenore, "is now about 95% of where he was before the stroke."

"Thank you, Our Lady!" Lenore adds.

The replica of the Lourdes grotto in Dexter was erected in 1937 under the direction of the then pastor, Reverend Charles T. Walsh RIP, and as a memorial to the dead of the parish. The shrine is of fieldstone, while the two statues - Our Lady and Saint Bernadette are of Carrara marble, imported from Carrara in Italy.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.



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.

Sarah Buckeridge
 Dana Sandor
 Debra Myers
 Ben & Sarah Spisak
 Peter and Harriet
 Philip & Eneida Hallenborg
 James Dunn & Veronica Iriart
 Dennis McDonald
 Gary & Kathleen Toulouse
 Brendan Cherry & Patricia Montoya
 Lucas
 Patrick & Sarah Telesco
 Robert Smith
 Drew Bielas
 Emma Moore
 Thomas & Teresa Myers
 Don & Debbie Shea
 Carolyn Vieira-Martinez
 Heidi Wegmueller
 Thomas Jane
 Paul Boucher & Ginny Eick
 Adam and Adelyn
 Andrea Puchalsky

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.

Camilla Jean Landry
 Richard Bruno Wolanski
 Ronald Michael Schwartzenberger
 Lawrence Stanley Banas
 Nancy Carol Tietz
 Keith Allen Kubicki
 Anthony Saverino Micallef
 Carolyn Ann Ellingson
 Robert John Armstrong Jr.
 Ronald Carpinella

Marriages

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

Allison Marie Carter & Carter Neal Yount
 Rachel Elizabeth Gesell & Dawson Cole Broman
 Gwen Lauren Ruetz & Nicholas Karl Noel
 Anna Grace Dornoff & Tristan James Pilon
 Grace Ashlyn Rumler & Conner James Curnutte

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Lilith Catherine Prihoda
 Daughter of Emily (Buckeridge) & Tyler Prihoda
 Cole Anthony Mendez
 Son of Chanell (O'Rourke) & Andres Mendez
 Emma Markena Cameron
 Daughter of Mary (Cebula) & Gavin Cameron
 Sylvia Ester Rose Thornton
 Daughter of Bethany (Turner) & Jared Thornton
 Joshua Loen Wieman
 Son of Candice (Weck) & Kyle Wieman
 Oliver Lucas Salada
 Son of Katherine (Ravid) & Cullen Salada
 Giovannie Louis Arno
 Son of Katie (Balsamo) & Stephen Arno
 Benjamin Joseph Tolbert
 Son of Halle (Chiarelli) & Nicholas Tolbert
 Jameson Reed Sloan & Sawyer Reed Sloan
 Sons of Tina (Reed) & Matthew Sloan
 Layla Marie Kleinrichert
 Daughter of Jenna (Cook) & Kody Kleinrichert
 Clara Joy Haas & Abigail Jean Haas
 Daughters of Jennifer (Squire) & Dean Haas

Dear St. Joseph Parish...

August 2026

Dexter Family Services would like to thank the members of St. Joseph Parish for their continued support. The check for \$1,794 from the Caritas collection will go toward our weekly project of supplying fresh dairy products to the Dexter Food Pantry. From October through June, the Pantry did 1,624 food orders, with April being the largest with 211 orders. There is a real need in our community and we are so appreciative that your collections help us try to meet the needs.

Sincerely,
Susan Walsh
President



May 2026

Please let me take this opportunity to thank you for your generous in-kind contribution of assorted baby items from the baby shower drive, which totaled \$4,582, to support our pregnancy counseling program. It takes the commitment of many to help families in need looking to enhance their quality of life. Your support is what makes this possible.

Sincerely,
Emma Beltowski
Development Coordinator
Catholic Charities of Washtenaw County



May 2026

Thank you for your generosity. Your gift of \$6,300 to Feed My Starving Children is providing 21,724 MannaPack meals to those around the world who need it most.

Though poverty is complicated, we know that hunger is fixable - one reliable meal at a time. Thank you for feeding hungry kids.

Until all are fed,
J.J. Slag
Executive Director
Feed My Starving Children



August 4, 2026

Because of your generosity, those who are dealing with the greatest struggles and 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 \$2003.00 for the food pantry.

Sincerely,
Laurie Wilcox
CCW, Director of Development and Operations

June 2026

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,830 for the food pantry. Your generosity allows us to continue providing compassionate, impactful, and comprehensive services for those in real need within our community.

With sincere gratitude,
Brigette Murray
President of Catholic Charities of Washtenaw County



July 2026

Please let me take this opportunity to thank you for your generous in-kind contribution of comforters and sleeping bags to support our re-entry program. It takes the commitment of many help families in poverty looking to enhance their quality of life. Your support is what makes this possible.

Sincerely,
Emma Beltowski
Development Coordinator
Catholic Charities of Washtenaw County



June 2026

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,076 for the food pantry. Your generosity allows us to continue providing compassionate, impactful, and comprehensive services for those in real need with our community. Thank you for being an active part of the solution. You are appreciated more than you know.

With sincere gratitude,
Brigette Murray
President, Catholic Charities of Washtenaw County.



July 2026

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$718 to the St. Luke NEW Life Center. Your donation helps us provide programs to those working to make a better life for themselves. Thank you! We couldn't do it without your generosity! You hold a place in our prayer each day.

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



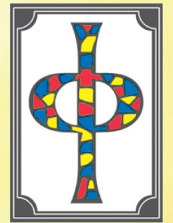
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