ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC PARISH
DEXTER, MICHIGAN



Chips and Sawdust

October / November 2026

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
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WEEKEND LITURGIES
Saturday: 5:00pm; Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am

WEEKDAYS in Village Church
Liturgy: Monday through Friday at 8:15am
Communion Service: First Monday of the month at 8:15am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4:00–4:30pm or by appointment

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Brendan Walsh	Pastor
Romolo Leone	Senior Deacon
Randy Desrochers	Deacon
Larry Deford	Deacon
John Goff	Deacon
Laura McKenzie	Administrative Assistant
Gail Assenmacher	Capital Campaign/Office Assistant
Darlene Cresson	Faith Formation Secretary
Lisa Dobis	Finance
Steve Hinz	Director of Music & Liturgy
Don Dalgleish	Director for Faith Formation—Youth
Marinell High	Director of Faith Formation—Adults
Katie Liu	Director of Faith Formation—Children
Liz Neil	Cemetery

Grounds and Maintenance Team

Erich McElroy	Village Campus Maintenance
Chris Hollis	Country Campus Maintenance

2026-2027 PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr. Brendan Walsh	Pastor
Randy Desrochers	Deacon
Larry Deford	Deacon
Laura McKenzie	Staff Liaison

Member	**Commission Liaison**
Paul Ledwidge	Chair
Ted Bucy	Vice Chair
Dave Widmann	Finance
Mary Kay Sinnott	Spiritual Life & Worship
Sara O'Brien	Parish Life/Secretary
Tanya Clark	New Parishioner Contact
John Lasecki	Caritas
Peter Rosol	Properties
Buddy Muylaert	Children & Youth Faith Formation
Brian Haeussler	Festival
Kyle Wieman	Adult Faith Formation
Jared Thornton	Charitable Activities & Social Justice

COMMISIONS and ACTIVITIES

Commission	Chair
Finance	Lisa Dobis
Charitable Activites & Social Justice	Dcn. Randy Desrochers
Parish Life	Marinell High
Caritas	Sue Hungerford
Faith Formation - Children	Katie Liu
Youth	Don Dalgeish
Adult	Marinell High

Activity	Chair
Bulletin & Newsletter Editor	Laura McKenzie
Growing in God	Marinell High
Building the Brotherhood of Christ	Marinell High
St. Francis Retreat Center	
Men's Retreat	Joe Prochaska
Women's Retreat	Ann Smart
Faith Formation (Pre K- 6)	Katie Liu
Faith Formation (7-8)	Don Dalgeish
Festival	Tom O'Brien
Festival	Mike Thompson
Giving Garden	Rodger & Linda Cook
God Squad (Gr. 7-8)	Don Dalgleish
Knights of Columbus	Tim Rogge
Columbus Ladies Auxilary	Marilyn Dehring
Music Ministry	Steve Hinz
Discovering Catholicism (OCIA)	Marinell High
Scouting Troop 456	Matthew Demerath

Our Mission

As members of the family of God, we of St. Joseph Parish, Dexter, in the Diocese of Lansing, believe that we are called to be people of faith and prayer, to celebrate the sacraments, and to live the Word. We commit ourselves to being warm and welcoming, responding to each other' s needs and to the needs of the community by sharing our gifts and talents.

Country Campus: 6805 Mast Rd, Dexter, MI 48130
Weekend Liturgies and Sacrament of Reconciliationon Saturdays. Parish Office, Social Hall, Faith Formation

Village Campus: 3430 Dover St, Dexter, MI 48130
Village Church, Grotto

Notes from Fr. Brendan



Generous Giving

Thank you to everyone who made fiscal year-end gifts in June to help us finish in the black; your extra gifts helped ensure all bills, salaries, and benefits were paid. Our Mission collection in August to contribute to home construction in Jamaica raised $83,695 – truly generous giving!

Parish Projects

We are grateful to a generous parishioner who helped us repave and re-curb our parking lots. This gift has allowed us to save funds for the next two projects. First is remodeling the Disciple House into a rectory. Second will be the removal of the village parish center, office, and rectory.

We have begun to study and review how to remodel the Disciple House into a rectory. A committee has begun to review how to address the water issues and concerns. Once we settle these issues, we will announce a plan to move forward.

Repaving of Fourth Street

The City of Dexter will be **repaving 4th Street** in front of the Village Church. We are able to pay for having the street parking spots repaved using our Festival profits. This work will be done by the end of October.

Festival and Flea Market Success

This year our Festival and Flea Market raised $54,148. This was $3,952.85 more than last year. Our areas of increased success were the following: Food raised $1,926.54, the Flea Market raised $4,126.28, and the Large Raffle was $3,3368.01 more than last year. But more than fundraising, our Festival is about fun raising. Our children had fun, and new adult friendships were formed. At the Festival wrap-up meeting on October 14 at 7 pm in the Social Hall, we will select our tithing recipients to give back in gratitude for all we have received.

Significant Repairs

Village Campus:
Village Church Security System
Gutter repair and heat tracks
Empty Village Building winterizing (water turned off and the boiler was shut down)\
Country Campus
HVAC repairs
Tree removal
Water Softener replaced

Last year, the snow removal budget for two campuses was $58,000.00. Our actual expense was $89,912.00. This year, we have increased it to $70,000 and added a snow removal envelope to the packet of envelopes for the winter months. Please consdier using the envelopes.

Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation program continues to grow with more children involved. We are offering a six-week faith sharing opportunity titled *Into His Likeness*, with Dr. Edward Sri. A reflection on how to be a good disciple of Jesus for adults. Plus a study on Mary, Queen of Heaven, and a course on the Catechism called Foundations in Faith.

Builders Guild Projects

Thank you to the parishioners who have worked with the Builders Guild to work on the following projects around the campuses: painting, staining, moving the history cabiniet, building new quilt cabinets, the new pump building by the pond, and many other projects around both campuses.

Shalom, Fr. Brendan J. Walsh

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
State of the Parish
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

INCOME			
Source of Income	**2025-2026 BUDGET**	**2025-2026 ACTUAL**	**2026-2027 BUDGET**
Donations	3,000.00	1,225.88	1,000.00
DSA Over Goal Revenue Share	20,000.00	23,256.00	30,000.00
Holy Days	11,000.00	15,404.90	13,500.00
Christmas	85,000.00	93,650.25	90,000.00
Sunday Collections (including Year End Special)	1,393,600.00	1,398,555.04	1,461,200.00
Weekly Goal/Actual Average/next FY goal	*$26,800.00*	*$26,865.92*	*$28,100.00*
Miscellaneous	18,400.00	16,197.45	15,000.00
Facility Rental	3,000.00	8,615.00	4,000.00
Mass Stipends	3,650.00	3,410.00	3,650.00
Tuition K - 8	11,500.00	12,314.50	12,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	**1,549,150.00**	**1,572,629.02**	**1,630,350.00**

EXPENSE			
Salaries & Fringes	**2025-2026 BUDGET**	**2025-2026 ACTUAL**	**2026-2027 BUDGET**
Salaries	624,255.45	602,714.37	630,234.57
Fringe Benefits & Payroll Taxes	288,574.65	276,401.54	288,730.48
Staff Development & Travel	7,900.00	5,570.15	7,900.00
Total Salaries & Fringes	**920,730.10**	**884,686.06**	**926,865.05**
Administration			
Sunday Envelopes	5,600.00	5,838.41	5,100.00
Sacramental Assistance	4,400.00	4,098.09	4,400.00
Copy Machine	13,000.00	17,786.84	14,000.00
Computer Systems Support	4,500.00	9,277.21	6,000.00
Diocesan Assessment	53,300.00	59,786.46	65,500.00
Priest Retirement Assessment	10,200.00	11,351.88	12,500.00
Catholic Schools Assessment	81,000.00	90,814.92	102,500.00
Catholic School Tuition Support to Parishioners	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
Miscellaneous	22,000.00	30,009.99	23,000.00
Postage & Shipping	9,000.00	10,567.44	9,000.00
Office Supplies	6,300.00	9,279.30	7,000.00
Rectory Internet	900.00	935.00	900.00
Total Administration Expenses	**217,200.00**	**256,745.54**	**256,900.00**
Worship			
Music Expenses	19,250.00	8,861.45	19,800.00
Liturgy & Environment	17,052.00	20,956.62	18,602.00
Total Worship Expenses	**36,302.00**	**29,818.07**	**38,402.00**
Children/Youth/Adult Faith Formation			
OCIA	5,600.00	5,376.51	4,750.00
Adult Education	10,650.00	7,312.55	10,300.00
Adult Retreats (Building the Brotherhood of Christ; Growing in God)	2,600.00	2,394.98	2,700.00
Parish Mission	5,000.00	2,150.00	5,000.00
Evangelization (FAITH magazine)	7,300.00	7,172.43	7,300.00
Religious Education P-6	14,050.00	7,973.69	13,950.00
Religious Education 7-8	3,200.00	3,006.55	3,480.00
Youth Ministry	5,850.00	5,073.75	5,850.00
Total Faith Formation Expenses	**54,505.00**	**40,460.46**	**53,330.00**

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Christian Service	2025-2026 BUDGET	2025-2026 ACTUAL	2026-2027 BUDGET
Christian Service Charitiable Gifts Received	0.00	(9,434.12)	0.00
Christian Service Charitible Gifts Shared	50.00	6,312.53	50.00
Total Christian Service Expenses	**50.00**	**(3,121.59)**	**50.00**
Parish Life			
Hospitality, Coffee & Donuts, Pizza & Pop	-	5,541.27	-
Parish Life Events	5,400.00	(136.26)	5,500.00
Total Parish Life Expenses	**5,400.00**	**5,405.01**	**5,500.00**
Plant Operation & Maintenance			
VILLAGE CAMPUS			
Snow Removal	20,000.00	25,195.00	25,000.00
*Repairs & Maintenance	1,000.00	22,514.00	10,000.00
Supplies	2,500.00	2,255.10	2,000.00
Natural Gas	10,000.00	16,571.88	12,000.00
Electricity	5,000.00	7,016.23	5,000.00
Water, Sewage, Trash Removal	3,500.00	4,284.59	3,500.00
COUNTRY CAMPUS			
Snow Removal	38,000.00	64,717.50	45,000.00
*Repairs & Maintenance	42,750.00	(32,938.28)	40,500.00
Supplies	12,000.00	23,684.98	18,500.00
Natural Gas	23,500.00	24,017.75	23,500.00
Electricity	31,900.00	48,640.88	33,900.00
Trash Removal	5,000.00	7,211.89	5,000.00
Telephone + Internet	9,700.00	8,562.71	10,700.00
GENERAL PARISH			
Contracted Services	9,000.00	14,439.13	20,000.00
Capital Expenditures	-	-	-
Insurance	62,000.00	66,302.40	70,000.00
Vehicle	1,000.00	182.00	1,000.00
Total Plant Expenses	**276,850.00**	**302,657.76**	**325,600.00**

***Plant: Significant Repair and Maintenance Expenses**

Village Campus		Country Campus	
Heat trace for Gutters	5,427.89	Water softener/Tankless RO	12,310.00
Surveillance & security system installed	3,265.00	Regrade gravel/repair concrete	5,800.00
Boiler repairs	6,032.00	HVAC repairs/maintenance	10,453.21
Winterize village buildings	3,725.00	Parking lot	233,230.00
Install/clean gutters	3,313.00	Tree removals	9,145.00
	21,762.89		**270,938.21**

TOTAL PARISH INCOME	1,549,150.00	1,572,629.02	1,630,350.00
TOTAL PROGRAM & OPERATING EXPENSES	1,511,037.10	1,516,651.31	1,606,647.05
Total Revenue over Expenses	**38,112.90**	**55,977.71**	**23,702.95**

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STAIRWAY TO THE FUTURE

FUNDRAISING INCOME, *as of August 20, 2026*

	AMOUNT
Together in Faith & Fellowship	983,941.81
Interest Income	9,815.73
2025 Silent Auction	45,280.80
2026 Plant Sale	12,852.00
2025 Flea Market	29,789.91
2025 Festival	20,405.33
Memorial Fund Donations	17,958.79
TOTAL FUNDRAISING INCOME	**1,120,044.37**

PHASE II CONSTRUCTION

Construction Budget -	*8,983,724.19*
Construction Paid to Date -	*8,983,724.19*
Construction Balance -	*0*



Together in Faith & Fellowship (pledges still owed) **257,827.87**

TOTAL PARISH SAVINGS, *as of June 30, 2026*

General Parish Savings	352,181.62
Phase II Savings	421,752.68
Stewardship for Saints & Scholars	118,075.56
	892,009.86

CARITAS COLLECTIONS

STANDARD RECIPIENTS	AMOUNT
Cath Charities Food Pantry	3,239.00
Dexter Family Services	5,399.00
St Joseph Christian Svc	2,147.00
St Luke NEW Life Ctr-Flint	2,160.00
Catholic Habitat House	2,148.00
FEATURED RECIPIENTS	
Shelter Association Washtenaw	2,050.00
SOS Community Services	2,300.00
Feed My Starving Children	11,599.00
Many Hands	2,153.00
Caritas Total	**33,195.00**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Catholic Charities (Bi-Month)	15,509.00
Faith in Action (Bi Month)	13,500.00
Help Spread the Faith	975.00
Catholic Social Teaching	505.00
Catholic Relief Svcs	8,384.50
Other Diocesan Collections	8,564.00
Mission Co-Op Appeal 2025	14,158.97
TOTAL	**61,596.47**

PARISH STATISTICS	FY2023-2024	FY2024-2025	FY2025-2026
Total Registered Households:	1182	1220	1242
Total Children in Households:	737	701	737
Total Individuals Registered:	3352	3434	3477

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ENROLLMENT	FY2023-2024	FY2024-2025	FY2025-2026
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (pre + K)	30	29	29
1st - 8th Grade	111	117	122
Mustard Seed + Confirmation	25	29	24
Adult Volunteers in Religious Ed	36	33	46

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS FY2026			
Baptisms	47	Funerals	33
Confirmations (St Mary, St Joseph & Easter)	86	Weddings	8
First Communions	39		

Message from the Pastoral Council

This October/November Chips and Sawdust edition presents an ideal space for the Parish Council to share our prayers for all fellow parishioners to grow in holiness by God's grace and the intercession of the Saints. The spirit of our prayer for you is formed in context with the upcoming Catholic Holy Days of All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1st, and All Souls Day on Monday, November 2nd.



These back-to-back Holy Days are monumental for Catholics as we celebrate the entire "Church" of the saints in heaven, the souls in Purgatory, and the faithful on earth, all united in the Communion of Saints.

We pray the Litany of the Saints, invoking the intercession of heavenly saints alive in God to pray for you and strengthen your saintly discipleship as they modeled it for us. We pray for the souls of all your faithfully departed who have conquered death and live in God's presence, and for those who have died in God's grace and are entering heaven. We pray that all prepare for and celebrate the upcoming Holy Days with action through attending Mass, lighting candles, visiting the graves of loved ones, praying for the dead, being free of sin, and contemplating your own holiness journey with purposeful conquest over death.
Amen.

Yours Very Truly,
Paul Ledwidge,
Saint Joseph Parish Council

Caritas

On November 28/29, the Caritas Collection focus recipient is Mother Theresa House. Located in Lansing, Michigan, with a 2nd house in nearby Williamston, Mother Theresa House first opened its doors in 1997. Their mission is to provide care for those at the end of life who have nowhere else to go. They offer free care for the terminally ill who may not qualify for the Medicare Hospice Benefit due to housing, caregiver, or financial insecurities. Mother Theresa House steps in during the most critical time when individuals are most vulnerable. Here, patients encounter Christ's grace, care, and love through dedicated staff, hospice personnel, and volunteers. Some share our Catholic faith, and some do not. God's merciful love is for everyone. Because every guest receives care at no cost, they rely heavily on donations, grants, and fundraising events. To learn more about Mother Theresa House, please call (517) 484-5494.



Saturday, October 3, at 9 am on the Village Church steps. Big your pets - big & small!

Anointing of the Sick Mass & Lunch



Our annual Anointing Mass and Lunch is scheduled for **Thursday,October 8th**. Mass will be held at **11:00 am** in the Country Church followed by lunch in the Social Hall. This Mass is an opportunity for those in need of physical, emotional, and spiritual healing toreceive the Sacrament of Anointing. Mass will be followed bylunch in the Social Hall.

If you wish to attend, there is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space of the church. You may also R.S.V.P. to the parish office at 734-426-8483. Please indicate if you need aride or if you'd be willing to drive someone in need of a ride.

Liturgical Minister Training

Hospitality Training

Thursday, October 8, OR Wednesday, October 21, both at 7 pm

Lector Training

Thursday, October 8, OR Wednesday, October 21, both at 7 pm

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist

Tuesday, October 20 OR Tuesday, October 27, both at 7 pm

Altar Servers Training

Saturday, October 10 AND Saturday, October 17, from 9:30 - 11:30 am

Cleaning Bees

Village Grounds -

Saturday, October 17, 8 am - noon

Country Church Grounds -

Saturday, October 24, 8 am - noon.



Village Church Interior Cleaning -

Saturday, November 14, 9 am - noon





This year, we invite you to the Silent Auction: Saturday Night Fever on **November 14** at St. Joseph Parish Social Hall. The dress for the evening is Out of Sight, so get out your best groovy threads, bring your good vibes, and make plans for far-out time!

The evening will start with hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and bidding on silent auction items. While we all enjoy dinner with wine, we will also enjoy good conversation and the music of Steve Hinz. Following dinner, we will continue to bid on silent auction items and finish out the evening with dessert at our tables and a live auction.

It takes three things to make this Auction and Dinner a success:

- Parishioners who attend and/or donate:
    - Buy your tickets, donate a basket, a service, a stand-alone item or become a sponsor
    - Tickets are on sale! You can get yours in the Gathering Space after all Masses, in the parish office or online at www.stjos.com.
    - See more detailed information about donations at www.stjos.com
- Workers who put it all together
    - If you are willing to help with the Auction in a small or big way please call Marinell High at the Parish Office – 734-426-8483.

When these three elements come together, we are able to make important contributions to our parish!





Ladies Advent Tea – It is time to mark your calendar!

Invite your friends and spend a delightful evening of conversation and reflection centered around Advent. You can host a table OR come as a guest on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, at the Country Church.

The Ladies Advent Tea is open to all of the community, so please feel free to invite your friends who are not members of our parish. It isn't hard to be a hostess, and it is a lovely way to give a little Advent gift and lift to your friends. We provide the tea, table cover and centerpiece. You provide the place settings and prepare desserts and snacks for your table. That is all! We can make it even easier for you by providing quality paper and plastic products for your table for a small fee. If you would like to host a table, we will send you all the information you need to get started.

Women are welcome to sign up and be placed at a table with a hostess who will take care of you for the evening.

Whether you host a table or come to join others, you can sign up on the board in the Gathering Space or at SignUpGenius using hte QR code. call the parish office at 734-426-8483 or email Marinell High at marinell_high@stjos.com



CALLING ALL BAKERS!



We need your delicious family favorites to make our Christmas Cookie Market a great success! Please join us in providing a little Christmas Cheer to the Dexter Community by baking 4 dozen cookies and donating them to our event.

Please use our website, www.stjos.com, and click the link provided OR use this QR code to register your donation.

Cookies should be delivered to the Parish Social Hall on Friday, December 5 from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm. There is no need to display or wrap your cookies in any way. We will do that for you!

Use the back parking lot and come in the double doors to the Parish Hall.

Cookies will be sold by the pound and presented to you in a festive holiday container suitable for gift giving right out of our doors!

The Girl Scouts will be holding their Holiday Bazaar at the St. Joseph Social Hall with our Cookie Market.

This Advent and Christmas season, music will bring us together in two very special ways in our worship space!

Hometown Holidays Concert

- Sunday, December 6 - 3 pm
  - *Magnificat* - Arnesen
    - presented by the choirs of St. Joseph

A Weary World Rejoices

- Friday, December 11 - 7 pm
  - presented by Everlight Worship



Our **Hometown Holiday Concert** promises to be an extraordinary celebration of music and community. Singers from St. Joseph will join voices with singers from Chelsea and Dexter to create a remarkable 80-voice, multigenerational choir, accompanied by orchestra.

At the heart of the concert will be Kim André Arnesen's breathtaking *Magnificat*, a contemporary setting of Mary's ancient song of joy, hope, and praise.

Everlight Worship invites you to an evening of music that journeys through the longing of Advent into the joy and light of Christmas. With contemporary Christian music, familiar carols, and moments for reflection and singing together, the concert will celebrate the hope of Christ entering a weary world, and the call for us to carry that light into the world around us.

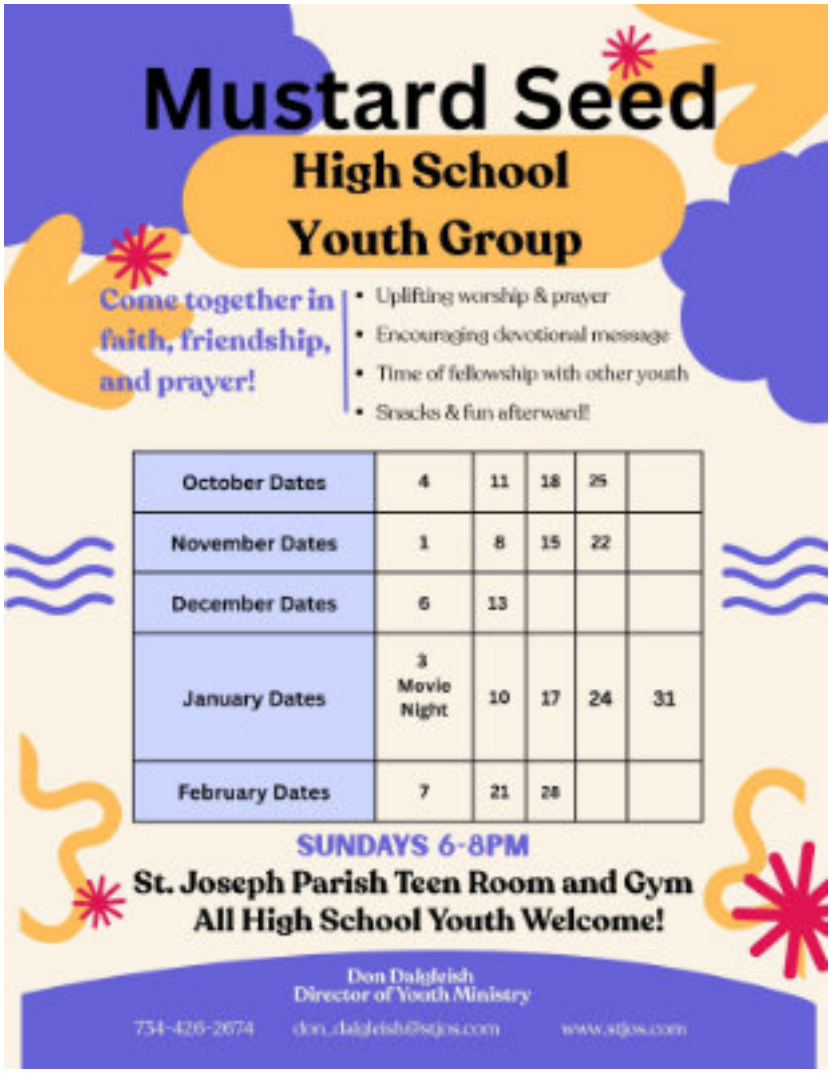
Two concerts. Two very different musical experiences. One wonderful season to gather, listen, sing, and celebrate together.

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



food gatherers
fighting hunger where we live

Volunteer with other parish members at Food Gatherers' Warehouse:

Wednesday, October 7th, from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Food Gatherers is a food rescue and redistribution organization serving the hungry in Washtenaw County. Their warehouse is the central hub where donated food is sorted, stored, repackaged and then delivered to organizations feeding those in need. Volunteers do the vast majority of the work.

Please consider joining us on October 7th as we help make healthy food available to the hungry of Washtenaw County. Tasks include things such as sorting and packaging boxed and canned goods and produce. We would love to have your help and company on our next visit! This is a great project for families, as kids 8 and older are welcome to attend with a parent.

To volunteer and/or get more information, please contact me: Jen Ray (734) 646 - 1269. jenraeray@gmail.com

Summer Fun at Vacation Bible School

Our summer Vacation Bible School program was a success! With over 75 children in attendance, students learned about the story of Moses and how the Passover and leading the Israelites out of slavery foreshadows the life and mission of Christ.





Guatemalan Stove Team Mission 2027

A team is forming for our 13th Mission Trip to the NW mountain villages in Guatemala in February 2027 in partnership with HELPS International. Past generosity of Midland area parishioners has made it possible to purchase materials for vented stoves and water filters, while our volunteers pay their room & board and airline costs. As a result, we've helped 1450+ families and are targeting to help another 175+ families.

We are seeking your financial support again, hoping to raise ~$55,000 for materials. These water filters and vented stoves provided to the rural poor are life-changing. The stoves replace a smoky fire pit on the floor in the homes. They are safer and run with 70% less wood, saving the family hours of work each week or, if purchased, about 40% of their income. The water filters eliminate the risk of waterborne illnesses (e.g., dysentery), a leading cause of death, especially in children.

To contribute to this effort: Please make your check out to:
Midland Area Community Foundation
Memo: Midland-Based HELPS Fund
Mail to: Kevin Shaughnessy, 809 Honeysuckle Cir, Midland, MI 48642



If you are interested in being a future volunteer, check out www.midlandstoveteam.com/ or send information requests to Kevin Shaughnessy at kmshaug6@gmail.com



Three parishioners from St. Joseph Parish will be joining Dcn. Larry Deford on this Mission Trip. Last year we served many homes, and the last day we built stoves and water filters for a school. In the middle of the week, the mayor of the village came out, along with townspeople, to thank us and give us homemade gifts. It truly is a worthy project, and I'm excited to bring along some parishioners to work alongside me. Any donations to offset our costs would be greatly appreciated!

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

Carrie Sayer

Daniel & Deborah Kennard

Lavell & Amanda Blanchard
Gabrielle and Lavell

Gary & Noelle Percha

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.

Mark Thomas Kobylarz

Charles Boyd Lewis

Joan Mary Miller

Doris "Krull" Moore

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Ainsely Ann Lynch
Daughter of Keenan & Hailey (Korte) Lynch

Stella Evelyn Maple Moser
Daughter of Nathan & Sarah (Deford) Moser

Korbin Kenneth Potgiesser
Son of Ross & Kaitlyn (Vincke) Potgiesser

Sophia Elyse Kempa
Daughter of Brian & Elyse(St. Pierre) Kempa

Charlotte Francis Marzolf
Daughter of Anthony & Michah (Ward) Marzolf



Eight Hours of Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament



Our parish has been invited to participate in the Rosary Congress for the Diocese of Lansing again this year.
WHEN: Wednesday, October 7th from 9:00am to 5:00pm
WHERE: Village Church
SIGN UP FOR ONE OR MORE HALF-HOUR
SLOTS IN: Gathering Space or Village Church Vestbule on the weekends of Sept. 19/20-Oct. 3/4.
We will host an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to start and Benedicton to end, with the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet lead from the Ambo aloud each hour followed by silent prayer for each. This is an excellent opportunity for all of us to pray for the unborn, end of aborton, and the prayers in our hearts.

October: Month of the Rosary



October is designated the Month of the Rosary. The Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, in remembrance of the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, which was won through the intercession of our Lady and the praying of the Rosary by the faithful in Europe. Join us **Saturdays in October** before 5PM Mass. WHERE: Take a seat anywhere in the Worship Space. START TIME: 4:15PM. Free rosaries & guides to "Praying the Rosary" by the Knights of Columbus are available. On weekdays the Holy Rosary is prayed after Daily Mass in the Village Church all year long!

Dear St. Joseph Parish . . .

September 2026

On behalf of the poor of the Diocese of Mandeville, I want to sincerely thank you and your parish family for the ***most generous*** response to my appeal for assistance for our poor diocese. As you know, your parish collected over
$80,000.00! AMAZING!!!

You can't imagine how much we appreciate this support. This gift helps us to evangelize those who have not yet come to know the Lord, provide for some of the basic needs of our poor, educate the young, house destitute elderly persons in a dignified way and put a roof over the heads of families without a home as we strive to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Melissa.

Your parish family has blessed the poor with some of what they deserve as God's children; I am confident that the good Lord will bless you and your parishioners for this most generous sacrifice for our poor. Truly, " ...the Lord hears the cry of the poor" and has touched the hearts of your parish family as they have so generously responded in the Lord's name. We are very grateful!

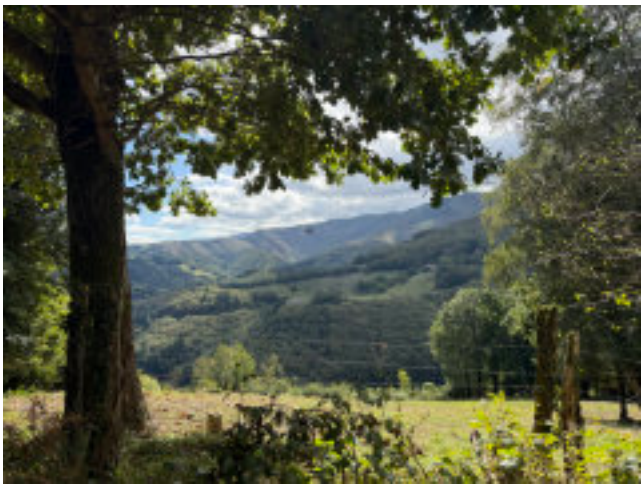
Be assured of a continued remembrance in the prayers of the clergy, religious and the poor of the Diocese of Mandeville for you and your parish family.

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Reverend Gary F. Wiesmann
Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica
Director of Mission Awareness

Discussion & Adoration

Join us on Sunday, October 4, from 6 - 7:30 pm at the Country Church. Dcn. John will share his experience traveling the Camino de Santiago. Come hear his story which will be followed by Adoration. A great way to reset before a new week begins.





Estate Planning Seminar

Sunday, October 18

2 pm in the Social Hall

Eileen Slank J.D. will be the presenter

Use the QR code to register.

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