

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH
DEXTER, MICHIGAN

Chips & Sawdust

June • July • August 2026

THE *Festival* AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Friday July 17
5:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Saturday July 18
Noon – 10:00 pm

Sunday July 19
Noon – 5:00 pm

SPECIAL JUNE EVENT



June 25 & 26
9 am to 6 pm

June 27
9 am to 2 pm

St. Joseph
Social Hall

6805 Mast Road

Friday July 17
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Spaghetti Dinner
and...
Everlight Worship
St. Joseph Praise Band
7:00 pm – 9:30 pm



July 18



Sunday, July 19

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



Inflatables!!

July 18, 7 pm–9:45 pm
Breakdown



Tom Petty Tribute Band

Teen Events
July 18 and 19



Arts & Craft
Village
July 18 & 19



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

DEXTER

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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
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Don Dalgleish	Director for Faith Formation—Youth
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Katie Liu	Director of Faith Formation—Children
Liz Neil	Cemetery

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Erich McElroy	Village Campus Maintenance
Chris Hollis	Country Campus Maintenance

2025-2026 PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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	Parish Life/Secretary
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	Properties
	Children & Youth Faith Formation
	Festival
	Adult Faith Formation
	Charitable Activities & Social Justice

COMMISSIONS and ACTIVITIES

Commission

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 Education— Children
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 Adult Faith Formation

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 Marinell High

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
 Festival
 Giving Garden
 God Squad (Gr. 7-8)
 Knights of Columbus
 Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
 Music Ministry
 Discovering Catholicism (OCIA)
 Scouting (Troop 456)
 Girl Scouts

Chair

Laura McKenzie
 Marinell High
 Marinell High
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 Tom O'Brien
 Mike Thompson
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 Don Dalgleish
 Paul Tavana
 Marilyn Dehring
 Steve Hinz
 Marinell High
 Matthew Demerath
 Rebecca Knepfler

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, community by sharing our gifts and talents.

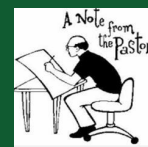
Addresses

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, weekday Masses



FR. BRENDAN'S BILLBOARD



Summer at St. Joseph Parish

The month of June begins with the Feast Day of the Body and Blood of Jesus. We remember, and we give thanks for the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist.

A First Mass of Thanksgiving

Deacon John Brundage, son of the late Tom Brundage and Patricia Brundage, will be ordained a Catholic priest for the Religious Community of the Companions of the Cross on May 30th at Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. John grew up here in Dexter and attended St. Joseph Parish with his family. John's first Mass will be on Sunday, June 7th at 11 am. A reception to congratulate Fr. John will follow in the Social Hall.

Budget Plan

I thank all the parishioners who have faithfully made financial contributions to help us do the good works of our parish. This past year we were blessed with 782 donors, from 1232 households, who helped us be a warm and welcoming community. Your generous giving helped us do all our good ministers and programs. As we worked our way through the spring our finance council evaluated our income and expenses. When we received expenditures, we recognized we will have increased expenses in snow removal, Diocese of Lansing assessments, property insurance, medical insurance, salary and benefits.

In the coming year our new budget, approved by the finance council, will have an increase of \$1,300 per week, \$500 less than last year. So our new weekly goal will be \$28,100 per week. Thank you for your generous gifts in the past. I'm asking for your prayer consideration of increasing your weekly giving between \$3 and \$5 per week. In addition we will add a special snow removal envelope for the months of November, December, January, February. We will encourage parishioners to use these envelopes if need arises.

Flea Market

Our summer Flea Market is quickly approaching. We need participation in these important ways:

1. Please share your treasures that we can sell.
2. Please volunteer to help organize. We especially welcome teens to help with heavy items. Use the QR code.
3. Come buy a treasure or two
4. Please pray for a safe and successful event.



Drop Off Dates—June 18 – 20, from 10 am – 6 pm

Sale Dates—June 25 & 26, from 9 am – 6 pm, and June 27, from 9 am – 2 pm

Festival Fun

Our 47th Festival will be July 17, 18, and 19. We will begin with a Spaghetti Dinner and a concert on Friday evening. Our Festival weekend fun includes a Classic Car Show, Kids Tent, Bingo, Chicken Dinner, Arts and Crafts, entertainment, food, and a celebration of Mass. We will need your help in these important ways:

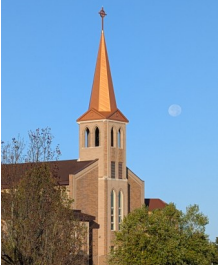
1. Purchase or sell your Raffle tickets. You can purchase them after Masses, in the office, by mail, or online using the QR code.
2. Volunteer your time to help make it a success. Online sign up available Monday—Friday, use the QR code, or sign up on paper during weekend Masses.
3. Bring your family and friends.
4. Pray for a safe weekend.

Our Festival is a reflection of our faith for all to see.

Shalom, Fr. Brendan J. Walsh



PASTORAL COUNCIL NOTES



When I found out that I was going to be on the Pastoral Council, I wasn't sure what to expect. Then I went to the first meeting, and I learned that many committees help run the parish. There are many fundraisers that give donations to charities. Our two biggest fundraisers are the Flea Market and the Festival. That said, we are approaching the Festival season, and there will be a lot going on. Our Festival is a big part of our community. It is said that many hands make light work, so don't forget to volunteer. Any help is appreciated. This year is the 250th anniversary of our country. Come wearing your red, white, and blue. The weekend starts with a Spaghetti Dinner and ends with the Chicken Dinner put on by the Knights of Columbus. Don't forget to join us under the Big Tent for the 11 am Mass Festival weekend. All are welcome.

Terry Grabinski, Pastoral Council

Caritas



Our August 29/30 Caritas Collection focus recipient is Hands Across the Water. Hands Across the Water provides foster care, adoption, kinship, and behavioral health support services for children and families. The agency envisions a community where every child is valued and has a safe home and a loving family in which they can thrive. The organization has been operating for 27 years and serves about 1400 individuals per year. Their services are funded through a combination of state contracts, grants, insurance reimbursements, and private payments, but rely heavily on donations to be able to support the children and families in ways they would otherwise not be able to do. Examples of how donations are used include buying school supplies, meals, and Christmas gifts. To learn more about Hands Across The Water, please visit www.hatw.org or call (734)477-0135.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Our new fully initiated Catholics!



Bottom row: Olivia De-Troyer Cooley, Sammy Eazer, Madeline Carmody, Emerson Carmody, Debra Myers, Jacob Michael, Ryan Tracy, Aaron Machnick, Sandi Hlavacek
 Back row: Ava Schlueter, Jessica Schlueter, Max Eazer, Lucy Eazer, Luci Jackson, Emerson Saah, Trisha Pleshakow, Nancy Stanis, Paytyn Ewing, Jenny Haas, Marinell High, Fr. Brendan Walsh
 Top Row: Ken Davis, Ryan Hodgett, Chris Ewald, Rory Brewer

Congratulations on Your First Communion

Do this in remembrance of Me ~ Luke 22:19



Discovering Catholicism A Journey to the Faith



Is going on now! If you know someone who is interested in learning about the Catholic Faith, we would love to help with that.

Each Sunday from June 7 through August 9 (except for July 5), we will meet from 10:15 to 11:00 am to talk about the Catholic Faith. This is a great time to ask questions and to begin to learn about the Mass and Catholic Prayer.

Come yourself or bring a friend. There is no obligation to become Catholic if you join us. This is truly a time of inquiry. Formal sessions about Catholicism begin on Sunday, August 16, at 12:30 pm in Mary's Room. For more information, please contact Marinell High at 734-426-8483 or marinell_high@stjos.com



SUMMER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

**THURSDAYS
5:30-7PM
TEEN ROOM**

**JULY 9
JULY 18-19
FESTIVAL
JULY 30
AUGUST 6
AUGUST 20
AUGUST 27**

**Faith
Fellowship
Fun**

St. Joseph Parish
flea market

Bigger and Better Than Ever

Location: 6805 Mast Road

At the Corner of North Territorial and Mast Roads

Donation drop off dates: June 18 - June 20 (10am-6pm)

Flea Market Sale Dates: June 25 & June 26, 9AM –6PM
 June 27, 9AM—2PM

VOLUNTEER!



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

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

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

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

2026 St. Joseph Summer Festival – July 17, 18 and 19



St Joseph Parish is hosting our 47th Summer Festival beginning at 5PM Friday evening, July 17th with a Special Italian **Spaghetti Dinner** (Meatballs, homemade biscuits, salad and dessert) followed by a Special performance at 7PM by our very own **Everlight Worship Band (Audience Participation Included)!**

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

Only with your help, of course, will this community building event be a success. Use the QR code to **VOLUNTEER.**



In addition to the summer Festival, our **Annual Flea Market** is back and in full force located in our Social Hall at the Country Church, and also outside in the expansive Furniture Tent.

Flea Market donations will be accepted starting Thursday, June 18 – Saturday, June 20th, with **SALE DATES** beginning Thursday, June 25 through Saturday, June 27th.

Here are some of the activities that are planned for the Summer Festival:

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

Friday Family Night at the Festival will feature a delicious **Spaghetti Dinner** in the Social Hall, followed by entertainment by **Everlight Worship Band** in the Country Church.

Saturday entertainment under the Big Tent will feature the the 30's and 40's Big Band sound of **II-V-I Orchestra**, followed by a high energy Celtic performance from the **Chelsea House Orchestra**, and then **Toppermost**. Headlining our evening performance will be **Tom Petty Tribute Band - Breakdown**, rocking us into the night.

Sunday Big Tent entertainment starts off with some great Polka led by **The Kielbasa Kings** and closing with Louise Armstrong era classics, **Easy Street Jazz**.

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

And offering **praise and thanks to GOD** for our many blessings while praying our **11 AM Sunday Mass under the Big Tent**. Immediately following 11 AM Mass, the Knights of Columbus will be offering their spectacular **Chicken Broil** dinners from 12pm – 5PM. The Food Court will be providing delicious Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Barbeque Sandwiches and Pizza on Sunday afternoon as well.

As in the past, it is the **VOLUNTEER** effort of our entire parish family that makes the Festival possible. Let's get together to welcome the Dexter community to our summer festival and flea market for an opportunity to make new friends and enjoy time with fellow parishioners!

Giving Garden 2026

Matthew 25: 35

“For I was hungry and you gave me food...”



Preparations are underway for the 2026 growing season in the Giving Garden. The Giving Garden is a very special ministry of St. Joseph Parish where volunteers work all spring, summer, and fall to grow fresh vegetables that are then donated to the Faith in Action Food Bank located here in Dexter. The garden provides tomatoes, peppers, winter and summer squash, beans, broccoli, beets, herbs, cabbage, garlic, and other vegetables for our neighbors in need.

The Bottle and Can Drive on June 6 and 7th. We collect bottles and cans from parishioners after all the Masses that weekend. The funds raised from this drive go toward purchasing seeds, plants, soil, and hardware that is used in the garden. Please remember to bring your returnable cans and bottles that weekend. There will be collection sites located at each driveway entrance of the Country Church.

Thank you for your support and prayers on behalf of the St. Joseph Giving Garden. To feed our hungry neighbors is a beautiful Corporal Work of Mercy. Please contact the parish office, if you are interested in helping.

Please remember Matthew 25:35, “For I was hungry and you gave me food...” Let’s live our faith in action and in prayer.

VOLUNTEER FOR OUR ANNUAL VBS

JULY 27TH-31ST



Scan the QR code to volunteer or contact Katie at Katie_Liu@StJos.com

Volunteers Needed

If you enjoy working with children and love sharing your faith, we ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a weekly faith-formation catechist or a Vacation Bible School volunteer. For more information, please contact Katie at Katie_Liu@stjos.com



THE Festival AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



Teen Events Saturday & Sunday July 19 & 20

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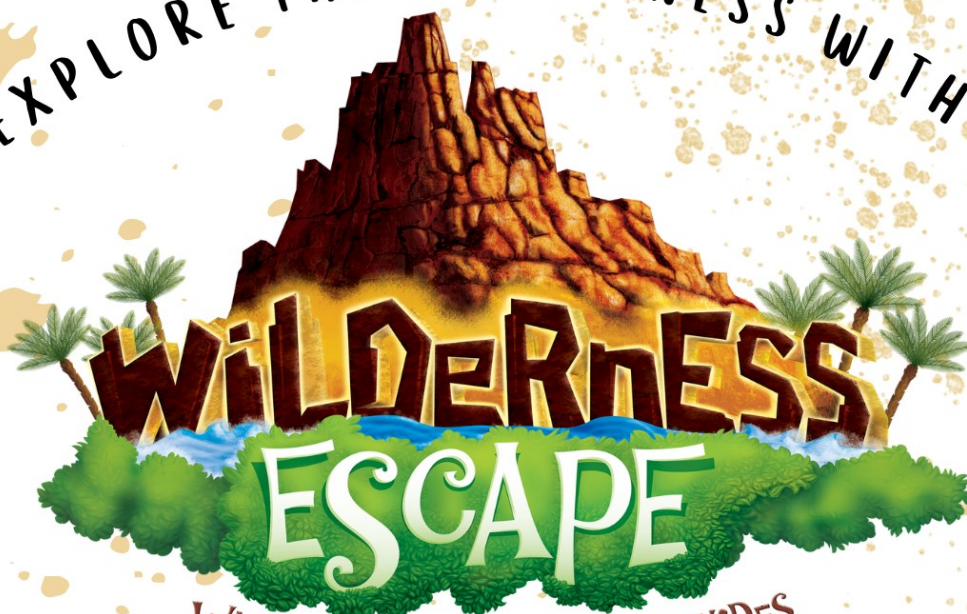
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KICKBALL JULY 19TH 6:30-8 PM JULY 20TH 3-4:30 PM

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AS WE EXPLORE THE WILDERNESS WITH MOSES



WHERE GOD GUIDES & PROVIDES

HAPPENING JULY 27TH-31ST FROM 9AM-12PM



WITH THE PRINCE OF EGYPT
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT ON
FRIDAY, 7/31 AT 5:30PM



REGISTRATION OPENS
JUNE 1ST. VISIT OUR
WEBSITE AT STJOS.COM
FOR MORE DETAILS

Troop 456 Activities

The Troops' service projects for this period were supporting the Vernal Pool Project and helping with the Spaghetti Dinner.



The Vernal Pool Program works with community/citizen scientists, adults and youth, and local program coordinators to identify, map, monitor, and provide data on vernal pools across the state.

Information collected by Vernal Pool Patrol community/citizen scientists is submitted or entered into the statewide Michigan Vernal Pool Database and will be used to help inform and guide management and conservation of vernal pools and associated plants and animals in Michigan.

The spaghetti dinner is a favorite activity with the scouts. They support the cooking and cleanup and most of all enjoyed the participation in the consumption of the dinner's.



The major outing for this period was the trip to the Wright-Patterson Air Force Museum. The visit was combined with a camping outing at Cricket Hollow Scout Reserve.

Shown here at the National Air Museum is the Boeing VC-137C also known as SAM (Special Air Mission) 26000, which was used by eight presidents -- Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and on many historic journeys.

If you are interested in being a scout or an adult leader who would develop the leaders of the future, please contact Pete Potsos (scoutmaster) 355 8729 or Ron Carpinella (Charter Organization Rep) 476 3151

Dear St. Joseph Parish...

March 2026

Thank you for your \$2,125 donation. That past year has been challenging, yet our focus has remained steadfast on providing vital support to those in need. Faith in Action proudly serves low-income households in the Dexter, Chelsea, and Grass Lake communities through food distribution, year-round family support, school-supply assistance for children, and our Holiday Sponsorship Program, which supports over one hundred families each season.

With appreciation,
Sarah Shugart
Faith in Action, Executive Director

March 2026

Thank you for your recent gift of \$3,907 to our food pantry and for the generous in-kind contribution of gift cards and groceries.

On behalf of the entire CCWC staff, Board of Directors, and especially the thousands of children, adults, and families we serve each year, we thank you for your support and partnership in this crucial work.

With sincere gratitude,
Brigette Murray
Catholic Charities of Washtenaw County

May 2026

On behalf of Hannah's House, the board, staff, and our current residents, we want to thank you for the generous gift in the amount of \$500. During the past several weeks, we have been grateful for the outpouring of help from various people and church groups throughout the state. We are especially blessed to report that we will be able to stay open due to the generous support of so many.

With gratitude,
Susan Ayers
Executive Director, Hannah's House



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.

William Jackson & Elizabeth Jaworski
Madison

Mary Gutmann

William Cook

Dan & Bridget Coleman

Rachel Black

Ryan Tracy and Cassiana Lima

Luci Jackson

Angela Space
Paytyn and Brayden

Conner Curnutte

Jonathan and Brianne Hoagland

Bailey Muylaert

Kody & Jenna Kleinrichert
Joshua and Layla

Ryan Hodgett

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Leo Christian Knoll
Son of Sabatian & Arie (Reath) Knoll

Hudson Christopher Maksym
Son of Justin & Caitlyn (Henderson) Maksym

Easton James Maksym
Son of Justin & Caitlyn (Henderson) Maksym

Evan Louis Scheidel
Son of Caleb & Kristen (Malloure) Scheidel

Callum Edward Lehouiller
Son of Samuel & Erin (Scheidel) Lehouiller

Russel David Harris
Son of Sam Harris & Casey Infante

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.*

Peter Marion Moroz

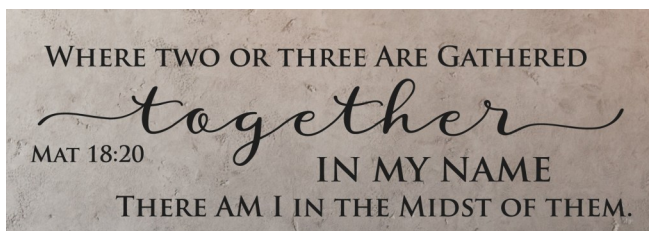
Walter Vaughn Scott

Neil Edward Ehnis

John Brian Ross

Suzanne Eaton

Nancy Ann Miller



Let all that you do, be done in LOVE.

1 Cor. 16:14





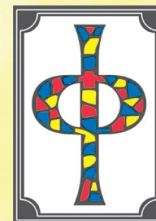
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