

Chips & Sawdust

February/March 2015



St. Joseph 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: Saturday at 8:15am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00–4:30pm or by appointment

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Brendan Walsh	Pastor
Romolo Leone	Deacon
Randy Desrochers	Deacon
Catherine Wolfe	Administrative Assistant
Ken Cebula	Country Campus Maintenance
Don Dalglish	Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Gary Fradette	Grounds
Marinell High	Director of Adult Faith Formation
Michelle Hochrein	Director of Religious Education
Cindy Johnson	Religious Education Secretary
Kelly Rizzo-McLain	Music Minister
John Kiesling	Village Campus Maintenance
Liz Neil	Finance/Cemetery
Laura McKenzie	Office Assistant

2014-2015 PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr. Brendan Walsh, Pastor	426-8483
Romolo Leone, Deacon	944-6709
Randy Desrochers, Deacon	646-4425
Catherine Wolfe, Staff Liaison	426-8483

Member	Commission Liaison	
Marilyn Dehring	Chair	475-0186
Becky Figura	Vice Chair,	
	New Parishioners	944-5245
Carole Empey	Charitable Activities	
	& Social Justice	355-1009
John Vollbrecht	Adult Faith Formation	426-3447
Kurt Assenmacher	Youth Ministry Education	545-0662
Sue Hungerford	REP Education	475-5942
Helen DePinto	Festival	426-2449
Dave Navarre	Finance	426-2408
Neta O'Brien	Caritas	424-9609
Martha Morris	Parish Life	934-4254
Dan Vencil	Properties	474-3069
Diana Gignac	Spiritual Life & Worship	426-2206
Morgan Fuson	Youth Ministry	

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COMMISSIONS and ACTIVITIES

Commission	Chair	Phone
Finance	Liz Neil	426-8483
Worship	Fr. Brendan Walsh	426-8483
Charitable Activities		
& Social Justice	Randy Desrochers	996-9614
Parish Life	Mary Pawloski	660-1587
Caritas Community	Jeff Price	424-0826
	Kathy Schultz	944-2652
Education—Youth	Don Dalglish	426-2674
Education—P-6	Michelle Hochrein	426-2674
Adult Faith Formation	Marinell High	426-8483

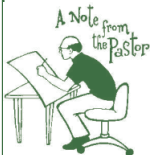
Activity	Chair	Phone
50+ Friendship Club	Linda Clark	769-0872
Liturgy of Word w/Children	Michelle Hochrein	426-2674
Bulletin and <i>Chips</i> Editor	Catherine Wolfe	426-8483
Growing in God	Marinell High	426-8483
Building the		
Brotherhood of Christ	Marinell High	426-8483
DeWitt Retreat		
Men's Retreat	Joe Prochaska	426-3377
Women's Retreat	Ann Smart	424-0111
Festival	Doug Babcock	426-1349
Festival	Mike Flaherty	424-9577
Giving Garden	Barb Rutz	426-2460
Guild of Gardeners	Coleen Lasecki	424-9190
God Squad (Gr. 7-8)	Don Dalglish	426-2674
Joe's Club (Gr. 5-6)	Michelle Hochrein	426-2674
Knights of Columbus	Matt Skiba	395-5425
K of C Auxiliary	Dolores Chatigny	426-4794
Music Ministry	Kelly Rizzo-McLain	426-8483
Mustard Seed (Gr.9-12)	Don Dalglish	426-2674
Nursery	Marinell High	426-8483
Chips & Sawdust	Catherine Wolfe	426-8483
Religious Ed (Gr.P-6)	Michelle Hochrein	426-2674
Religious Ed (Gr.7-8)	Don Dalglish	426-2674
RCIA	Marinell High	426-8483
Scouting (Troop 456)	Joe Wikaryasz	426-1006

Our Mission

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

Weekend Liturgies and Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays are at the Country Church, 6805 Mast Road, (corner of N. Territorial and Mast), in Dexter. The Disciple House is also at this location. The Village Church, Parish Center, Parish Office, Mary's Room and Joseph's Room are located on the Village Campus at 3430 Dover, in Dexter.

A Time for Lent



In February we remember to celebrate the gift of love on Valentine's Day. A time to say "I love you" to all the important people in our lives. It is also the time when we recall God's great love for us in the gift of Jesus and his willing sacrifice for our sins. The Time of Lent is when we watch, and we walk with Jesus down the road to his passion, death, and ultimately his resurrection in love, mercy and forgiveness.

As we anticipate the start of this sacred time on February 18, let us pray that we may grow in holiness, love and grace as we prepare to watch Jesus make the ultimate sacrifice of love for us so we can know the love of God in heaven. Check the enclosed Lenten calendar for all our parish opportunities for prayer, sacrifice and service.

Celebrating our 175th Year

In a formal way we will close our Pilgrimage of Faith year on March 19 with a Mass and reception, with Bishop Earl Boyea. The Mass will be held at 7:00pm in the Village Church. Please mark your calendar and come give praise and thanks for the founders of our Catholic community.

Lenten Food Collection

Once again we will hold our annual Lenten Food Drive for Catholic Social Services. This past year the pantry lost some of its financial support. I ask all of us to give a bit more each week to help feed the hungry in Washtenaw County.

Lenten Mission

On March 22, 23 and 24 we will welcome ValLimar Jansen for our Parish Mission *Alive in Christ!* This woman of faith and prayer will call us to grow spiritually through word and song. Mark your calendar and plan now to attend.

The Joy of the Resurrection

The month of April begins with the great joy of the Resurrection of Jesus Our Savior. Our days are longer, the sun is warmer. Our hearts and spirits are now renewed for the light and love of Jesus.

Diocesan Services Appeal

Once again our Diocese of Lansing will hold its annual campaign and appeal during the Time of Lent. I thank you for good and faithful support of our Catholic Diocese of Lansing. When we go over goal, 50% comes back to the parish to help us keep a balanced budget. Your sacrifice is appreciated.

Pastoral Council Notes



The New Year is the time to reflect on the past and prepare for the future. What is our faith challenging us to do? What resolutions can we make that will help us meet those future challenges?

As a Pastoral Council member, I have become exposed to all the active programs in our parish. I am continually in awe of, and inspired by, the number of people and ongoing programs we have in our community that help spread our faith and help others around us. Each program is led by an individual (staff or volunteer) who is committed and passionate about the purpose and the success of

the program. Each program has a number of volunteers who share that same passion and the need to reach out to others in many different ways.

In addition to the religious education programs for individuals of all ages, the 2015 calendar has many opportunities to share our faith and partake in programs that reach out to others in need. Some of the current opportunities include:

February 2	Delonis Center support
February 18	Food Gatherers
February 20	St. Leo's Soup Kitchen support
March 12	Parish Blood Drive.

With February comes Lent and preparation for Easter. This is a perfect time to strengthen and share our faith and reach out to those around us who are in need of our help. The Charitable Activities and Social Justice Commission offers opportunities, like those above, for people to share a wide variety of skills with others in need. This Lent consider volunteering for one of the events and feel the good it brings the soul.

March brings the close of our 175th Anniversary celebration with Mass on March 19 in the Village Church. The celebration is a great way to reflect on the history of our parish and the commitment of all the people, past and present, who have been a part of our parish.

Dave Navarre



Feast of St. Joseph

March 19, 2015

7:00pm

Village Church

On Thursday, March 19, we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, our patron. On his feast day, we will honor St. Joseph at our 7:00pm Mass, and close our celebration of 175 years by remembering those who came before us to establish a Catholic community in Dexter. Bishop Boyea will preside at our Liturgy in the Village Church.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word for Children (LOWC) is a proclamation of the scriptures for Sunday Mass adapted for young children. It includes a reflection and sharing on Jesus' words and actions.

Here at St. Joseph we celebrate LOWC at the 9:00am Mass every other Sunday during Ordinary Time, and every Sunday during Advent and Lent. Two adults are trained to serve as leaders. They have received background checks and have participated in the Diocese of Lansing Protecting God's Children safe environment training.

Fr. Brendan invites the children to come forward for a blessing. The children and leaders then process out to the music practice room located behind the choir. The leaders proclaim the scripture readings and the gospel to the children from a lectionary written especially for them. The children then discuss with the adults what they heard. They offer simple prayers to God. It is a time of listening and praying to God, just as the adults are listening and praying in the worship space. Children return to their seats as the collection is being taken and one child will process the lectionary with those bringing the gifts of bread and wine.

All children ages 4 and older are welcome to come and experience LOWC. We invite parents at this time also, especially if their children would like them to come along to ease any anxiety. Please know this is a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word. If children are having a difficult time participating they will be ushered back to their parents.

Currently we are also looking for adults in the Church (those confirmed and older) to help us proclaim the Word to our younger brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are interested, please feel free to attend a Liturgy of the Word session at the 9:00am Mass to observe, talk to those who proclaim the Word for the children and/or contact Michelle Hochrein at michelle_hochrein@stjos.com or 734-426-2674.



Continuing the Journey

Capital Campaign

Thank you to all who made year-end contributions, regular monthly pledge payments and paid off pledges in 2014. Your support and generosity is appreciated!

We also received new pledges in 2014, which will help us achieve our goal of completing our loan obligation sometime in 2015 and preparing for the foundation of Phase II in the future. To date, we have had responses from 726 households of our 1330 family parish. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!



CARITAS COMMITTEE

Thank you for your support of our fifth Sunday of November Caritas collection. Through your generosity, we were able to send \$5,000 to the *Caring for Our Treasured Gifts* diocesan campaign, as well as share \$500 gifts with Dexter Family Services and Grace Clinic.

Some of you may have noticed in your most recent packet of donation envelopes that Caritas weekend has been moved to February. March would ordinarily be our 5th Sunday Caritas collection. However, Palm Sunday falls on the fifth Sunday of March, so Caritas weekend has been moved to February 28/March 1. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

We will be deciding at our next Caritas meeting which organization will be the recipient of February's collection. We will have an announcement in the bulletin and from the lectern at that time.

God bless you for your continued support of those in need around us.

Where charity and love prevail, there God is found.

Lent/Easter Schedule 2015

Reconciliation will be available at 3:30pm on all Saturdays during Lent

Ash Wednesday, February 18	Mass and distribution of Ashes, Village Church, 8:15am Scripture Service and distribution of Ashes, Village Church, 12:15pm Mass and distribution of Ashes, Country Church, 7:00pm
Friday, February 20	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
Saturday, February 21	Anointing of the Sick, Country Church after 5:00pm Mass
Friday, February 27	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
Friday, March 6	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
Monday, March 9	Communal Reconciliation, St. Andrew Church, Saline MI, 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 10	Communal Reconciliation, Country Church, 7:00pm
Wednesday, March 11	Communal Reconciliation, St. Mary, Chelsea, MI, 7:00pm
Thursday, March 12	Communal Reconciliation, St. Mary Church, Manchester MI, 7:00pm
Friday, March 13	Stations of the Cross, Village Church, 7:00pm

Thursday, March 19	St. Joseph Feast Day Mass, Village Church, 7:00pm <i>175th Anniversary Closing Mass with Bishop Boyea</i>
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Friday, March 20	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
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<i>Parish Mission with Vallimar Jansen</i>	
Sunday, March 22	<i>Come Back to Me With All Your Heart</i> , Country Church, 7:00pm
Monday, March 23	<i>Transformed By the Love of Christ</i> , Country Church, 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 24	<i>Proclaiming the Love of God to All</i> , Country Church, 7:00pm

Friday, March 27	Stations of the Cross, Country Church, 7:00pm
Saturday, March 28	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Country Church, 5:00pm
Sunday, March 29	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Country Church, 9:00am and 11:00am
Tuesday, March 31	Individual Reconciliation, Village Church, 12:00pm-1:00pm
Wednesday, April 1	Individual Reconciliation, Village Church, 7:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday, April 2	Mass of the Lord's Supper, Country Church, 7:00pm Prayer in the Garden of Repose, Country Church, 8:30pm-11:00pm
Friday, April 3	Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Country Church, 7:00pm
Saturday, April 4	RCIA Vigil Rehearsal, Country Church, 11:00am K of C Easter Egg Hunt, Village Church, 12:30pm Blessing of Easter Food Baskets, Country Church, 1:00pm Easter Vigil, Country Church, 8:00pm
Sunday, April 5	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Country Church, 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm



2015 St. Joseph Festival

Planning for the 37th annual St. Joseph Festival in the 175th year of our parish has officially begun! Please mark your calendars and join us July 17th, 18th and 19th for some family fun. Festival Co-chairs Mike Flaherty and I, Doug Babcock, along with many dedicated committee chairs have begun the process of planning and executing another exciting and fun-filled Festival.

You can count on many of the Festival event favorites you've experienced in the past along with new entertainment to keep the Festival fresh. The Knights of Columbus will be grilling their world famous chicken and the Country Bakeshop will provide confections that are sure to please. The Classic Car show is a personal favorite and always brings in vehicles I had not seen in previous years.

Few of you may know that the St. Joseph Flea Market is actually celebrating its 39th year, preceding the Festival in its inception. The Flea Market has accepted many quality donations in the past and requires many helpers to sort and price each item. The Flea Market will be accepting donations June 28th – July 6th from 10:00am to 5:00pm, and will be open for business July 9th, 10th and 11th.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help with the planning and executing this annual community event. Whether you are new to St. Joseph or a longtime parishioner, this is a great way to meet fellow parishioners and be part of the excitement in delivering a fun event to our friends and neighbors.

There are a few committee chair and co-chair openings available. Please contact Doug Babcock at babs17@provide.net or Mike Flaherty at mike@flaherty.org for more information.

To volunteer to help with the Festival please contact Laura McKenzie at laura_mckenzie@stjos.com.

Doug Babcock



A One-Day Women's Retreat

Did you miss the first annual *Growing in God* retreat opportunity last year due to other commitments?

Are you looking for a way to deepen your spiritual connection with God?

Would you like to form friendships with other women in the parish?

Perhaps you would just like to be pampered both physically and spiritually for one day – a Saturday away from the chores, kids, husband, and television!

On **Saturday, March 7, 2015**, we will be hosting the second annual *Growing in God* retreat at the St. Joseph Parish Center in the City of Dexter from 8:00am to 8:00pm.

We will start with breakfast – a wonderful meal prepared by women of the parish and served with love. Breakfast will be followed by spiritually enriching events such as the presenting team sharing faith stories, group activities, Mass, and the opportunity for Reconciliation.

The day will conclude with a lovely dinner, which will be a time to relax and chat with the new friends you've made.

This day of spiritual reflection and growth will result in many new friendships and a much deeper relationship with God! Please consider joining us – it may be the best spiritual decision you have ever made!

If you have questions, or would like to chat about this exciting event, please contact Marilyn Dehring at 734-260-3448; or Marinell High at 734-426-8483. We hope to see you on March 7!

Alive in Christ!



*Our Lenten Mission will be held
March 22, 23, & 24 from 7:00 to 9:00pm.*

This year our presenter will be Vallimar Jansen, singer of sacred music, workshop presenter and mission presenter. In addition to presenting workshops and parish missions, Vallimar has shared her gifts at conferences for Catholic youth and leaders in ministry. She recently presented at the Diocesan Women's Conference in Lansing. Her gifts of speaking, storytelling and singing will help you to come alive in Jesus!

Join us for a spirit filled three nights!
Childcare is provided at no cost.

The Children's Living Proclamation of the Birth of Jesus

December 24, 2014



Bringing Baby Jesus to the manger.

Anticipation!



Ready to serve.

The journey begins.



The shepherds and the stable animals.



O Come Let Us Adore Him



Our readers did such an amazing job!



The Youth Choir made a joyful noise



Merry Christmas!



Our Youth Group for those in Grades 7 & 8 will meet on Sunday, February 22 from 2:00 to 3:30pm in the Loft of the Parish Center. At this meeting we will be doing some trust games and activities.

**Middle School Rally,
Saturday, March 8, 2014**

What is the Middle School Rally?

The Middle School Rally is put on by the Diocese of Lansing, where over 600 Middle School Youth get together for a day of fun, food, friends and faith. This year's Rally will be held at Catholic Central High School in Lansing. We will meet at the Parish Center and carpool to the rally.

The keynote speaker for this year's Rally is Cooper Ray, a dynamic and light-hearted speaker and musician who shares his faith with honesty and passion. Through story, humor, and audience participation, Cooper leads groups of all ages to a greater awareness of who they are as Catholic Christians and how to recognize God's presence in their lives.

There will also be door prizes throughout the day, Mass with the Bishop and a funfest in the evening with a DJ and dancing and inflatable games.

Deadline for permission forms is March 4, 2015.

Information and permission forms are available at the REP sessions and on line at www.stjos.com.



Our Youth Group for those in Grades 9-12 Mustard Seed meetings for February and March are on Sundays from 6:00 to 8:00pm in the Loft of the Parish Center. The one exception is Sunday, February 15: there will be no Mustard Seed meeting that night because of the Winter Retreat; details below.

**Mustard Seed Winter Retreat
February 13-15, 2015
Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**

This year our Winter Retreat will be at FaHoLo in Grass Lake, MI. The cost is \$48 per person, which includes transportation to and from the retreat center, lodging for the weekend, meals, snacks, and a t-shirt. There will be plenty of time to do some indoor activities like going to the gym to play some games, icebreakers, or swim in the pool. Or you can just sit and relax in the hot tub, so don't forget to pack your swimsuit.

Scholarships are available. Permission forms can be picked up at a Mustard Seed meeting, downloaded from our website www.stjos.com, or by contacting Don at 734-426-2674 / don_dagleish@stjos.com.

We hope you can make it because this is a life changing experience. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact Don at the above number.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is

"What are you doing for others?" Martin Luther King, Jr.



*7th and 8th graders sorting food for
Dexter Family Services for Christmas giving.*



Otto Scholarship Award

Annual Scholarship Award

We are once again offering the **Josephine C. Otto Memorial Scholarship** to assist a St. Joseph Parish member with his or her college education. The scholarship is administered through the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF) and will use an **online application** only. To apply, go to AAACF's website www.aaacf.org, click on **Scholarships**, then follow the instructions on **How to Apply** using the online application.

If you have any questions about the application, please contact Maryellen Ferro, AAACF Program Officer, at mferro@aaacf.org or 734-663-0401.

DEADLINE is March 17, 2015. For more information, please take a brochure from the Gathering Space kiosk, or go to www.stjos.com and click Josephine Otto Scholarship on right sidebar.

THE RCIA JOURNEY

The journey to becoming Catholic began in early September for eight adults and five children. The journey consists of many small steps such as a session each week where we pray, share and talk about the teachings of the Catholic faith. There are also many stops along the way where we come together for special prayers and blessings that happen during Mass.

The first stop on the journey is the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome. This particular rite took place at the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses on Sunday, November 23. During this Rite of Acceptance and Welcome those who want to join the Catholic way of life knock on the doors of the church to indicate their desire to “come in.” It is always a startling time for those in the pew when right before the Gloria there is a pounding and banging that comes from the back of church! Fr. Brendan comes to the baptismal font to greet them all and invite the Catechumens and Candidates along with their sponsors to come to the front of church. It is here that they receive the cross of Christ, are signed with the Cross and blessed by all those present.

On this day our new Catechumens and Candidates take part in Breaking Open the Word and are dismissed from Mass after Fr. Brendan’s homily. During this time they explore the readings and Gospel of the day learning about it from a historic and cultural way and how it makes a difference in their lives.

Please pray for our Catechumens and Candidates as they look forward to the next steps in their journey: Anointing of the Catechumens on February 8 and the Rite of Sending on February 15.

Knocking on the doors! Let us in!



Fr. Brendan welcomes our catechumens and candidates.



Receiving the Sign of the Cross from their sponsors.



Holding the cross while Fr. Brendan signs them with the Sign of the Cross.



Fr. Brendan asks our catechumens and candidates what they want this day. Their answer: Faith or Full Communion in the Catholic Church.

On the Road with the Choir

The St. Joseph Choir had a wonderful time caroling at Greenfield Village on December 7. It was a wonderful way for us to spread the joy of the season! We were there from 6:30 to 9:30 that evening, singing for a half hour and then taking a half hour break throughout the evening. It gave us a chance to spend some time in fellowship with one another and to visit the village.

Singing in front of the old Ford Motor Company.



Alisa Bauer, Matt Skiba and Sue Furda enjoying a cup of hot chocolate during our break!



*Thank you to everyone who came to hear David Haas and Lori True!
It was a wonderful weekend filled with meaningful prayer, inspiring music, and insightful discussions.
We hope all who attended enjoyed themselves and were moved by their words and their music!*

One bread, one body, one spirit of love. Gather your people, O Lord.

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

All are welcome in this place.

Jim & Florence Juback

Chris and Gretchen Wagner

Andrew and Nicole Sunstrum

Phoenix, Arion, Kyra, Titan, Xander

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Mirai Jasmine Arana

Daughter of Francesco & Anny (Cao) Arana

Samuel Lobeck Sparks

Son of William & Megan (Lobeck) Sparks.

Lauren Elaine Jones

Daughter of Brock and Julie (Trinkle) Jones

In Loving Memory

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. And perpetual light shine upon them.

Ronald George Doster

Inncentia Charlotte Pawlicki

Rosemarie Csokas Tucker

Richard Edward Dettling

Roberta Joann Simon Luallen

Marie Francis Baddeley

Diana Catherine Vitti

Mary Lou Stewart



Dear St. Joseph Parish . . .

December 2014

On behalf of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office and the Washtenaw Metro Special Weapons and Tactics/Crisis Negotiation team I thank you for allowing our law enforcement partners to train at your property at 7155 N. Territorial Road on November 12.

Community members such as your parish make these partnerships happen and again, I thank you for your time and participation in this training exercise.

Sincerely,
Sheriff Jerry Clayton

December 2014

We would like to thank you for your very generous donation of Christmas items to St. Louis Center. Words cannot express how much we value your association with our Center.

Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC
Administrator

December 2014

Thank you all so much for the incredible generosity you showered upon the Clients of ArborVitae Women's Center during your 2014 Giving Tree program. Your beautiful selections were LOVE made visible. You have included us in this program since 2011 and every year you have increased your gifts to us—you humble us with your generosity.

In His Service for Life,
Iris Proctor

December 2014

Thank you so much for your donation of baby items, bedding, kitchenware, appliances and gift cards. Because of you, survivors in our community know that they are not alone! Thank you all so very much. We are grateful for your support.

Gwyn Hulsuit
SafeHouse Center

December 2014

Thank you for your donation of \$558 from the June 2014 Caritas collection. Christmas in Action, which provides home maintenance and repairs to elderly, low-income, and handicapped homeowners and is funded solely on generous donations such as yours, and donations to the Dexter chapter are used exclusively in the local community.

Sincerely,
Darrell Featheringill
Christmas in Action of Southeast Michigan

December 2014

The residents are very thankful for the wonderful gifts your church provided. Many tears of joy and smiles were brought upon their faces. Thank you so much for doing this for us every year.

Trey Litz
Hillside Terrace Retirement Community

December 2014

We are so grateful for your ongoing and generous support. We count our blessings every day that we are able to continue our support of teenagers in Washtenaw County and that we have friends like you! We appreciate each and every thoughtful and lovingly donated item we received from your Giving Tree. Our clients will treasure your gifts and feel supported even more because you took the time to think of them this holiday season.

We wish each and every one of you a very healthy New Year filled with peace and love.

Corner Health Center Staff

December 2014

The late fall and Holiday season is our boom time here at Food Gatherers. The \$1,200 you donated is a root cellar full of hardy vegetables, it's a hot bowl of stew on a cold evening, it's a warm and safe refuge from the biting winds, and we thank you for it.

Together with you and our 150 partner agencies, we're serving 13,000 meals to our neighbors in need, every day.

You have our thanks,
Eileen Spring, President/CEO

December 2014

Thank you for the use of the Parish Center the week before Christmas so that we were able to pack Christmas boxes for our Dexter families. This year we were able to help 56 families with food and gifts for Christmas.

Thank you too, for your donations from your Caritas ministry, \$500 in November and \$1,120 in December. These donations go toward keeping the shelves of our food pantry full, and helping families with rent and utility bills when needed. We are grateful for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Sue Yeager, Treasurer, Dexter Family Services

February 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 AM / 11:00 AM REP 12:30 PM RCIA 4:30 PM Leadership Team 6:00 PM Mustard Seed	2 3:00 PM serve at Delonis Ctr 3:45 PM REP 6:30 PM RCIA	3 5:30 PM REP 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Pastoral Council 7:30 PM Women's AA 8:00 PM AA	4 4:30 PM REP 7:00 PM DisAbilities Ministry 7:30 PM Women's Bible Study	5 7:15 AM Men's Prayer Group 9:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Bible Timeline Study 7:00 PM Growing in God 7:30 PM AA 7:30 PM BBoC	6 9:30 AM Parent Talk	7 8:00 AM Building the Brotherhood of Christ retreat 9:15 AM Men's Group 4:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:00 PM Rite of Enrollment - 1st Euch WELCOME WEEKEND
8 9:00 AM / 11:00 AM REP 9:00 AM Anointing of Catechumens at Mass 9:00 AM LOWC 12:30 PM RCIA 6:00 PM Mustard Seed WELCOME WEEKEND	9 3:45 PM REP 6:30 PM RCIA 7:00 PM Handbells	10 5:30 PM REP 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Parish Life 7:00 PM SLWC 7:30 PM Women's AA 8:00 PM AA	11 4:30 PM REP 6:00 PM Youth Choir 7:00 PM Contemporary Ensemble 7:00 PM Festival Meeting 7:30 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Women's Bible Study	12 7:15 AM Men's Prayer Group 9:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Baptism Prep 7:00 PM Bible Timeline Study 7:00 PM Growing in God 7:00 PM St. Joseph Choir 7:30 PM AA 7:30 PM BBoC	13 7:00 PM Joe's Club Sock Hop Mustard Seed winter retreat	14 9:15 AM Men's Group 10:00 AM Ladies Only Brunch 6:00 PM Renewal of Marriage Vows after Mass Mustard Seed winter retreat
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Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier.

Intense love does not measure, it just gives.

Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.



Quotes by Mother Teresa on Love

Love begins by taking care of the closest ones - the ones at home.

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love.



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