

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

Mark 1:12-13



Preparing for Easter

This weekend we start our six weeks of watching and witnessing Jesus on his way to the Cross. It is an opportunity for extra prayer, for fasting, and for

sacrificing in solidarity with Jesus. It's time to give food for Catholic Social Services Food Pantry in Ann Arbor. It is time for extra prayer at daily Mass, the Stations of the Cross, or read the Little Black Book. It is time to attend the women's Growing in God day or the Parish Mission. It is time for Reconciliation, to seek forgiveness of our sins. It is time to turn our heart to God in loving faith.

Faith Growth Opportunities

Daily Mass, Monday – Friday, 8:15am, Village Church Individual Reconciliation

Saturdays during Lent, 3:30-4:30pm, Country Church March 31, 12:00-1:00pm, Village Church April 1, 7:00-8:00pm, Village Church

Communal Reconciliation

March 10, 7:00pm, Country Church

Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm each Friday during Lent

February 27 Country Church March 6, Country Church March 13, Village Church March 20, Country Church

Women's Day of Renewal, March 7, Parish Center Parish Mission, March 22, 23 & 24, Country Church

Diocesan Services Appeal

The theme for this year's Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA), "For Everything is From You, and What We Give Is What We Have From You," reminds us that we bring nothing material into this world and we take nothing out of it. Everything we have is a gift from God. Next weekend has been designated Commitment Weekend. The parishioners of St. Joseph, along with parishioners throughout the Diocese of Lansing, are being asked to prayerfully consider a gift to the DSA to help carry on Christ's work in our 10 county Diocese in mid-Michigan). Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Pictorial Directory—Family Contact Information

As we work on our Pictorial Directory, all registered families will be listed in the "directory" section in the back of the book unless you inform us you do not want to be included.* Please be assured that restrictions you have already placed on the publication of your contact information will be respected. Specifically:

- If you noted that your address should not be published, then only your name and phone number will appear.
- If you noted that your phone number should not be published, then only your name and address will appear.
- If you noted that neither your address nor phone number be published, then only your name will appear.
- *If you do not want to be listed in the directory section, want to update your contact information or confirm any restrictions, please contact Catherine or Laura in the Parish Office, 734-426-8483 by March 27. Any changes, updates or corrections made after March 27 will not be included in the new directory.

Low gluten hosts available upon request. Assisted listening devices are available.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 23

8:15am † Julie Busha by Milt & Julia Muneo

Tuesday, February 24

8:15am † Elaine Garbarz by John & Ina Germain

Wednesday, February 25

8:15am † Edward Slank by Eileen Slank

Thursday, February 26

8:15am + Ron Doster by Jim & Mary Cornils

Friday, February 27

8:15am † Ken Craig by Mary Craig & family

Saturday, February 28

5:00pm † Norbert Bulszewicz by Joe & Monica Wikaryasz

Sunday March 1

9:00am † Harry Kroth by David, Julie & Ashley Sinalinger 11:00am Parishioners of St. Joseph

Readings for the Week of February 22

Sunday First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Monday Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15 **Wednesday** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12

Friday Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26 Saturday Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116;

Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



Our Lenten Food Drive

This weekend we begin our annual Lenten Food Drive to help stock the pantry shelves at Catholic Social Services. Items we are asked to bring, by week, are:

February 28/March 1-Personal Products

Toothpaste, Shampoo, Face Soap, Hand Soap, etc.

March 7/8 - Dry Goods

Pasta, Rice, Beans, Baking Products, Cereal, etc.

March 14/15 - Canned Goods

Soup, Fruit, Vegetables, Tuna Fish, Chicken, etc.

March 21/22 - Household Cleaning Products

Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Bleach, etc.

Marriage Preparation

Next Saturday we will have an all-day seminar for those preparing for marriage. The day will conclude with the blessing of the couples at the 5:00pm Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Shalom, Fr. Brendan

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, February 23

3:45pm REP, Parish Center 6:30pm RCIA, Mary's Room 7:00pm Hand Bells, Country Church 7:00pm Confirmation Meeting, Country Church

Tuesday, February 24

5:30pm REP, Parish Center
7:00pm Boy Scouts, Disciple House
7:00pm Finance Council, Mary's Room
7:00pm Education Formation Committee, Parish Center
7:30pm Women's AA, Parish Center, 3rd St. side
8:00pm AA, Parish Center, Kitchen side

Wednesday, February 25

4:30pm REP, Parish Center 6:00pm Youth Choir, Country Church 7:00pm Contemporary Choir, Country Church 7:00pm 175th Anniversary Meeting, Mary's Room 7:30pm Women's Bible Study, Parish Center

Thursday, February 26

7:00am Men's Group, Joseph's Room 7:00pm Growing in God, Mary's Room 7:00pm St. Joseph Choir, Country Church 7:00pm Building the Brotherhood of Christ, Joseph's Room 7:00pm Bible Timeline, Parish Center 7:30pm AA, Parish Center

Friday, February 27

6:00pm Marriage Preparation Seminar, Parish Center 7:00pm Stations of the Cross, Country Church

Saturday, February 28

8:00am Marriage Preparation Seminar, Parish Center 9:00am Men's Prayer Group, Joseph's Room 3:30pm Reconciliation, Country Church

Sunday, March 1

9:00am REP, Disciple House 11:00am REP, Disciple House 12:30pm RCIA, Mary's Room

12:30pm Passion Dramatization Practice, Country Church 4:30pm Leadership Meeting, Parish Center 6:00pm Mustard Seed, Parish Center

Coffee and Donuts after Masses



HISTORY OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Fr. Brendan J. Walsh became the pastor at St. Joseph in 1998; by the year 2000 it became apparent that the 350-seat church in the Village could not accommodate the growing number of parishioners. Four weekend Masses were frequently filled to capacity; and Christmas and Easter Liturgies were overflowing with parishioners and visitors. Parking for Masses as well as events in the Parish Center began to affect our neighbors, with cars being parked in front of houses for several blocks around the church.

Pray For The Sick

Parishioners Marvin Bolton Sally Carpinella Tom Cook Kathleen Coppola Pat Coval **Emilie Dumont** Mary Lou Dunlavy John Farrell, Jr. John Finke Margaret Virginia Gallagher Tricia Garner Frances Gordenier Sheila Grant Jo Henderson Tom Hill Ray Huetteman Jeannette Kobylarz Gary Koke Peg Lewinski Tim Lewinski Regina Maynard Jean McInerney Nancy Miller Theresa Rohn Kathy Schultz

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Karen Slank

Samantha Smith

Jacqueline Thorpe

Barrie Wiggins

Wiggins Family

STEWARDSHIP STATUS

SUNDAY COLLECTION	February 15, 2015
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$17,951.00
Weekly Collection	\$9,426.50
Electronic Deposits	\$6,790.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$16,216.50
Weekly Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$1,734.50)
Year to Date Goal	\$570,900.00
Year to Date Actual	\$544,023.10
Year to Date Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$26,876.90)
Year End Special Gifts	\$24,468.00
Net Year to Date Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,408.90)



7th and 8th Grade Youth Group

Next meeting is February 22, 2:00-3:30pm in the Loft of the Parish Center for trust games, activities AND pizza and pop.



Grades 9-12 Youth Group

Sunday, February 22 we'll meet in the Loft 6:00-8:00pm.

Sunday, March 1 the Leadership Team will meet in the Parish Center at 4:30pm. Youth group will meet in the Loft, 6:00-8:00pm.

Confirmation News

On Monday, February 23 there will be a Confirmation candidate and sponsor/mentor or parent meeting in the Country Church at 7:00pm. Your letter stating your sponsor is an active Catholic in good standing is due at this time.



Annual Scholarship Award

We are pleased to announce the 2015 Josephine C. Otto Memorial Scholarship. This annual scholarship has been established to assist a St. Joseph Parish mem-

ber with his or her college education. Mrs. Carol Otto Buatti established the fund through the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation in tribute to her late mother, Josephine C. Otto, a devoted member of St. Joseph Parish for 55 years.

The scholarship will be awarded to an active St. Joseph Parish member, age 17-30, who is or will be enrolled fulltime at an accredited community college or a four year college or university for the 2014-2015 academic year. The scholarship is to be used for tuition and/or books. and will range from \$1,000-\$3,000. Note that prior applicants and prior winners can apply for this scholarship again. 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. The application 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.

Father Gabriel Richard High School Open House

Wednesday, March 4 6:30 - 8:30pm. Families with 7th graders are especially encouraged to come. Visit the school, meet the teachers and talk with our coaches and sports clubs. Our award-winning Madrigal singers will be giving an ongoing performance in the Chapel where you can also enjoy refreshments. We hope to see you there!

Fasting and Abstinence Guidelines



Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good ← ↑ Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash

Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal.

Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat, containing meat juices or liquid foods made from meat.

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Palm Sunday Passion Dramatization

We need

Actors (ages 6th grade through adult) Mime the passion as it is read aloud by Narrator. For the larger roles of Jesus and Pilate, names are drawn by lot. Attend at least 3 of the 5 rehearsals and participate in all three liturgies Palm Sunday weekend.



Narrators (one for each of the three liturgies) Attend one or two rehearsals and one liturgy Palm Sunday weekend. Ribbon Wavers (ages Preschool through adult) Wave ribbons to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. Participate during your normal liturgy time. Come about 15 minutes before your Mass on Palm Sunday weekend, get your ribbons and instructions; sit where you usually sit. Rehearsal—all at the Country Church: Sundays, March 1, 8, 15 and 22, 12:30-2:00pm. Wednesday, March 25. 6:30-7:30pm dress rehearsal with music groups

Prop Help Needed

Banners We'd like to have four new large banners; six new smaller banners. We'll be glad to show you what we've been using for your reference for new ones, and are also open to new ideas. We'd love to have all banners by first rehearsal March 1, 12:30pm.

Heavy-duty British-style umbrella holder to stand the banners in during the re-enactment.

For more information, contact Sue Skiba 734-649-6877 / skibase66@gmail.com OR Paula Dumont, 734-368-0202 / pdumont@chartermi.net.

Good Friday and Easter Instrumentalists

I am looking for instrumentalists who would be interested in playing for Good Friday liturgy on April 3, 7:00pm, and the Easter Vigil Mass on April 4, 8:00pm. If you are interested in participating in these liturgies, contact me at kelly_rizzo-mclain@stjos.com / 734-426-8483. To allow enough time to arrange music for everyone who is interested, I will need a commitment by March 1 for anyone who is interested in playing. Thank you!

Kelly Rizzo-Mc Lain

Growing in A One-Day Women's Retreat

GOD Here's a great way to spend a prayerful day during Lent. Growing in God is a day of re-

newal consisting of listening and learning. There are powerful witness experience stories with biblical references for all to relate to. Enjoy meeting friends and making new ones, awesome music, fabulous food . . and it's all free. The only thing missing is you! Please join us on Saturday, March 7 from 8:00am to 8:30pm in the Parish Center.

If you have questions or would like to chat about this exciting event, please call Jo Bertoni at 734-475-7232. or Marinell High at 734-426-8483. You can call one of us to RSVP, or sign up in the Gathering Space at the Country Church. God bless one and all!

RCIA Candidates and the Penitential Rite



On Sunday, March 1, during the 9:00am Mass the Penitential Rite will be celebrated with the candidates who are already baptized, particu-RLIA larly those who are preparing to celebrate the sacrament of penance for the first time. Dur-

ing this rite. Father Brendan will ask our Heavenly Father to "open the minds and hearts of these candidates to the presence of Christ in their lives. May they humbly acknowledge their sins and failings and be freed of whatever obstacles and falsehoods keep them from adhering wholeheartedly to your kingdom." (RCIA, n 470)

This rite will have different meanings for all of us as we hear the comforting message of pardon for sin, for which we will all praise the Father's mercy.

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Parish Mission 2015

Alive in Christ! our Lenten Mission will be held on March 22, 23, & 24 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. This year our presenter will be ValLimar Jansen, singer of sacred music, workshop presenter and mission presenter. Her presentations will be a delight for your mind and your soul! Come to be refreshed, renewed and Alive in Christ! Childcare will be provided!



Spiritual Direction

Thoughts on the Spirituality Journey Faith to Wisdom

Spirituality is about who you are:

The spiritual path (spirituality) is also about knowing our true self and in many ways it is the same as coming to know God. As we come to know God, we come to know who we really are, and at the same time, as we come to know who we really are, we come to know God. Both are happening simultaneously.

Although our ego formation will in some ways reflect our true nature, in many cases it does not. Ego, although our own, is more often than not imposed on us by others and circumstances outside ourselves.

The spiritual journey is about separating that which is untrue or refuse from what is our true nature. We need to clear out that which is untrue if we are to discover our true nature, which has always been there but often hidden. There are a few parables that express what that process is about: The finding of the treasure buried in a field, or the pearl of great value come to mind. Matt. 13: 44~48 Joe Scheuring Spiritual Director

Caritas Sunday

Where charity and love prevail, there God is found.

Caritas weekend is February 21/22. The next actual fifth Sunday is in March, which also is Palm Sunday. Caritas weekend was moved to avoid conflict with Palm Sunday. The non-profit organization SafeHouse Center was recommended by a parishioner to the Committee for consideration as a Caritas recipient. Caritas Committee reviewed the materials provided and unanimously agreed to bring SafeHouse Center to our parish community for your prayerfully considered support.

SafeHouse Center provides support for those impacted by domestic violence or sexual assault. The Center provides free and confidential services for any victimized person who lives or works in Washtenaw County. Services provided include emergency shelter for those in danger of being hurt or killed, counseling, legal advocacy, support groups, and especially, hope.

Safehouse Center serves more than 5,000 survivors of domestic violence in Washtenaw County each year. It has an incredible volunteer base with over 150 volunteers contributing 19,000 hours a year.

Thank you, St. Joseph parishioners; your contributions, support, compassion and prayers for all of our Caritas charities are greatly appreciated.

Peace and Blessings to All, Your Caritas Committee

Engaged & Married Couples Retreat

March 27, April 17, and May 29, 5:30-9:15pm and includes dinner at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. Topics by date: communication, commitment, and love and honor. Contact the retreat center at 517-669-8321 or www.stfrancis.ws/. Given by Tony Sperendi.

Service Opportunities

Charitable Activities & Social Justice Commission Alpha House, Sundays, March 1, June 7, and September 6, 5:30-8:00pm. Parish contact: Mark Dennis at 734-424 -2558 / mark_sdennis@hotmail.com.

Delonis Center, Mondays, March 2, April 6 and May 4, 3:00-5:00pm. Parish contact: Dan Cutright, 734-648-9035 / cutrightdd@gmail.com.

Food Gatherers, April 15, June 17, and August 19, 5:30-7:30pm. Parish contact: Tina Richmond, 734-332-8734 / richmondtina@comcast.net.

St. Leo's Soup Kitchen, March 18, April 8, May 14, and August 12, 8:00am-2:00pm. Parish contact: Ann Smart 734-424-0111 / amsmart@comcast.net.



Save the Date-Save your Blood

Our parish blood drive is Thursday, March 12, 2:00-8:00pm in the Parish Center. To make an appointment go to www.redcrossblood.org/ OR contact fellow parishioner John Esposito at 201-320-5090 / espojr13@comcast.net. Walk-ins are welcome but some waiting may be required. For more information contact John.

Men's Retreat Weekend

The men of our parish are scheduled for their annual retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center March 6-8. The theme is "Jesus Invites Us to Put Our Lives Together" and Further Commandments for Living as Disciples over the Long Haul. Register by calling Joe Prochaska at 734 426-3377, the retreat center at 866-669-8321, or at www.stfrancis.ws Suggested donation for the weekend is \$145.

Jail Ministry Orientation

Saturday, February 28, 2015; 9:00 - 11:30am Are you feeling called by the Lord Jesus, to share your faith while you visit and assist with Catholic Services for both women and men in the Washtenaw County Jail? Most volunteers minister as part of our team at a service or liturgy. Some volunteers also help in our listening ministry by meeting one-to-one with inmates in an interview room to help them prepare for baptism and become fully Catholic through our RCIA.

To gain clearance for entering the Jail, please attend this orientation to learn about "The Rules & Regulations of the Jail" presented by the Jail staff at the LLRC Building - the Library for the Blind (across the parking lot from the jail -Washtenaw County Sheriff Office, 2201 Hogback Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48107). Orientations are scheduled only three times a year (around March, June, and November). Join us. RSVP to Scott Wright swright@stfrancisa2.org or 734-821-2121

Fish Fry at Old St. Patrick Church

5671 Whitmore Lake Road, Ann Arbor, Fridays, February 20-March 27, 4:30-7:00pm. Adults \$9, Seniors \$8, Children 5-11 years \$6 (ages 1-4 are free). Dessert/pie are extra. For questions, please call 734 662-8141.

2015 Catholic Habitat House Renovation

We are proud to announce the 2015 Catholic House at 1287 Hunter, Ypsilanti 48198.



Sign-up to work on the house!

Construction volunteers assist with the renovations! Saturdays, April 11, 18, 25, etc., we will be working to complete renovations on this house following Energy Star standards. The scope of work will include new siding, new roof, new kitchen, new bathroom, electrical, flooring, insulation, pipes, painting throughout, new appliances, and landscaping. Sign-up to work at h4h.volunteerhub.com.

Meet our partner family!

Our partner family will be introduced soon at catholichabitat.blogspot.com/ and, at stfrancisa2.com/churchcommunity/outreach/partnering-ministries/habitat-forhumanity.

Make a financial contribution!

Make checks payable to: Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley - Catholic House, 170 Aprill Drive, Ann Arbor MI 48103; & MEMO: For "Catholic Habitat House" ("Catholic House" must be mentioned for us to get credit.) For questions or more information, Contact Scott Wright swright@stfrancisa2.org / 734-821-2121.

Lenten Retreat

"Draw Near to God," at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, presented by Tony Sperendi. The same retreat will be presented twice. You choose the date most convenient for you. Take some time away to draw closer to our Lord so that He can draw close to you! The dates are Wednesday, February 25 or Saturday, March 7. The times for both are 9:30am-3:30pm and include morning snacks, coffee, lunch, and Mass (pending the availability of a priest), presentations and time for quiet meditation. The cost is \$65 or \$55 for seniors 60 and older. To register, contact the retreat center at 517-669-8321 or www.stfrancis.ws/.

Trip to Italy! \$10 Raffle!

Winner's Choice of \$2,500 or a Seven-Day Trip to Italy for Two! Win a Seven-day trip for two to Rome with hosts Steve and Janet Ray, Teresa Tomeo and Corporate Travel, May 20-30, 2015. Value \$10,000! Enjoy a full day tour of Turin and visit to the Holy Shroud. Visit the Marian shrine and Holy House of Nazareth. Celebrate Mass at Santa Maria delle Grazie. Visit the tomb at the shrine of Padre Pio! See the Face Cloth of God! Tickets: \$10 each or a book of 5 for \$40. Drawing March 14, 2015 at the SSA Scholarship Dinner Auction. Proceeds to benefit Spiritus Sanctus Academy, More info at Spiritus Sanctus.org or email SSAraffle@gmail.com or call 734 930-4217.

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Country Church Address 6805 Mast Road Dexter, Michigan 48130

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Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Country Church Saturday 4:00-4:40pm

During Advent and Lent-Saturday 3:30-4:30pm Or by appointment, 734-426-8483

> To learn more about St. Joseph Parish call 734-426-8483, visit www.stjos.com

K of C News Corner

The prayers offered for our Brother Tom Hungerford have given comfort to his fam-

ily and friends, and I thank you all for your kindness and words of love. May you rest in peace Brother Tom Hungerford, and may perpetual light shine upon you.

Our Lenten Fish Frys will begin February 20. This year we are raffling a very nice Weber 3 burner gas grill valued at \$500.

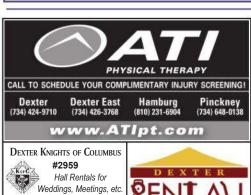
All members are asked to attend the March General Council Meeting to vote on the new name of the hall.

Matt Skiba, Grand Knight ... 734-395-5425 Doug Koepsell, Deputy ... 734-260-0961

Catholic Family Pilgrimage

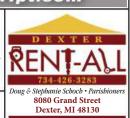
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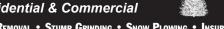


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