



## Fall Newsletter 2022

SERVING OVER 1100 FAMILIES IN OUR 177TH YEAR



### FROM YOUR CANON:

**After the summer has zipped by**, and now the fall is near upon us, we come to a time of Thanksgiving for the past and a look toward the future. What I am saying in a direct Churchillian way, is that we must become a people of thanks for what we have been given and not dwell too much in what we have yet to receive lest we become a people that lacks trust in God and tempted to live in fear of the unknown.

**This past July 1**, those of us who were not celebrating Canada Day, may have realized that **we have joined in a family relationship** with St. Joseph in Dexter. What this means is that we are doing all we can to share ministry to our people together, realizing that in years ahead there may be a priest shortage and that as a “family” there may come the time when one priest may have to serve both parishes. Therefore, our schedules and programs may have to be spread out in such a way that one priest will be able to give good service to both St. Mary and St. Joseph. I do not foresee that happening soon, but we will be prepared through all the preparations that our **Partnership Council** is currently arranging. **Our entire diocese is involved** in a similar process and there is no certainty how all of this will work out, but we would be foolish and lacking vision not to move forward with a plan for that future. **Your prayers for this endeavor** would certainly help and I will keep everyone informed as to the progress. For the foreseeable future **all financial resources will stay at St. Mary** and not be shared by St. Joseph, Dexter.

**Religious Education Programs** for our children and Youth Ministry with **Alexis Butler**, our **new Youth Minister**, will be starting up in September. **Please check the Parish Bulletin** from Mass, or from our website to learn of all our programs. **The Annual Parish Picnic** will follow the 10:00 AM Mass at 11:00 AM on **Sunday, September 11** in the Parish Hall. All food is provided. Come and enjoy!

**Saturday, October 1: Anointing Mass at 9:00 AM and Blessing of Pets at 11:30 AM.**

**KofC Chicken Broil: Saturday, October 15** beginning at 11:00 AM. Volunteers are needed!

**St. Mary provides a safe environment** from Covid and **parishioners are requested to take precautions** not to spread viruses by the **washing of hands and staying home if you feel sick** or suspect you are developing an illness. There are still those who have not yet returned since 2021, and they are encouraged to do so.



St. Mary's Second Annual Trunk or Treat will be on Friday, October 28th from 6pm to 8pm. We are so excited to host this Wholesome Halloween event again, after last year's success. If you are interested in securing a space to hand out candy, please call the office or email Beth Wenzel; [bwenzel@stmarychelsea.org](mailto:bwenzel@stmarychelsea.org).



### CONFIRMATION

Students in grade 8 or older may prepare for Confirmation this year to be confirmed October of 2023. The orientation meeting will be September 25 after 10 am Mass in the Knights of Columbus room. This is a new format for student, mentor, and parent participation.

## PARISH STAFF

### Parish Priest

**V. Rev. William J. Canon  
Turner PhD, KCHS, Pastor**

**Deacon Thomas Franklin  
Deacon D. Michael Martin  
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Director of Religious  
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**Jenny Haroney**  
Religious Education  
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**Alexis Butler**  
Youth Minister

**Steve Hinz**  
Director of Music Ministry  
and Liturgy



### Parents are the primary example of faith to their children.

We are here to help our families pass on the faith. We know everyone is thinking about their fall schedules and where and when their children need to be placed. Our program schedule is: preschool, kindergarten, and 1st grade meet during 10 am Mass beginning September 25. Our 2nd through 5th graders will be continuing with family catechesis. Parents and children will meet once a month. Children going to their classrooms and parents meeting with Marita for an adult faith presentation. The time choices will be Sunday 4 pm, Tuesday 6 pm, or Saturday morning 9:30 am. Dates to be determined by school and church calendars. Look for emails from Marita. Our 6th through 8th graders meet after 10 am Mass beginning Sept. 18. Sept. 18 is a parent/student meeting with food included to kick off our program for the year. Middle school classes are confirmation preparation. Your child needs these classes to be prepared for confirmation. If your child has been in our program, we have placed them in classes for this year. If you are new to St. Mary and need to register your child, please call the religious education office 734-475-8164 and talk with Jenny or Marita. We are looking forward to another great year with your children and our catechists growing in their faith together. You may email Marita [maritamartindre@gmail.com](mailto:maritamartindre@gmail.com) with questions or concerns.

### Baptisms

Second Sunday of the month, by appointment.

### Marriage

Arrangements to be made nine months in advance, please call the office before setting the date.

### Franciscan Sisters

Sr. Ann and Sr. Patricia

734-475-9005



**Catch-up Sacramental Preparation:** If your child is in 3rd gr. or older and has not received their First Reconciliation or First Communion, or if your child is in 10th gr. or older and has not been confirmed please call the religious education and youth ministry office so we can help you prepare them for these sacraments. Marita: 734-475-8164 or email: [maritamartindre@gmail.com](mailto:maritamartindre@gmail.com).



Where are they going!?!? We have a wonderful children's program during the 10 am Mass for children in 2nd – 5th grade. This is the Children's Liturgy of the Word. After the opening prayers Fr. Bill dismisses the children to hear and discuss the Sunday readings on their level. The children return in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We will begin September 25.

The best way to learn something is by teaching it. If you are interested in becoming more involved with Religious Education, please call Marita. I will happily help you prepare to be a catechist in the fall. I do not remember any one religion class I had in my 12 years of Catholic education, but I do know all of them combined, created a knowledge and experience of our Catholic faith and community. Marita Martin, DRE



The Women's Bible Study will re-convene on Sept. 14, and will discuss the following for the coming year (all dates after starting date are approximate). Meetings are on Wednesdays from 12:15-2:15 PM. **Sept.14:** Introductions, consensus-building,

organizational issues. **Sept. 21-28:** The Epistle of James. **Oct. 5-approx. Dec. 14:** The Book of Revelation. **Early January through end-May:** Book of Psalms. Resource material is from the Liturgical Press/Collegeville Bible Commentary series (with Imprimatur); material for the fall studies is available through the Religious Education office. Fee for the Revelation commentary is \$15.00. Inquiries? Contact Mary Ann Zettelmaier at johnmaryzett@yahoo.com or by phone at 475-7421.



Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Mother Teresa says, "Religion is not something that you or I can touch. Religion is the worship of God - therefore a matter of conscience. I alone must decide for myself and you for yourself, what we choose. For me, the religion I live and use to worship God is the Catholic religion. For me, this is my very life, my joy, and the greatest gift of God in his love for me. He could have given me no greater gift." If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, please call Marita Martin at 734-475-8164 or email maritamartindre@gmail.com.

**The Servants of Prayer In the Holy Spirit** are a group of men and women that come together to pray and honor our Lord with songs of praise, testimonies and intercessory prayer. We share how God is moving in our lives and give glory to God. Our intercessory prayer involves us praying together and sharing what the Holy Spirit brings to us; in scripture, in words of knowledge and in prophecy. We honor all the gifts that the Holy Spirit entrusts to us. Join us, share your witness and give glory to God with us. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings at 7:00p.m. in the choir loft.



"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it." Proverbs 3:27 The St. Mary Meal Ministry brings a month's worth of meals to families with new babies. Join dozens of other parishioners by signing up for the meal ministry email list. You will receive a notification each time we have a new family to support, and at that point, you can discern if you are able to sign up for a slot. If you cannot at that time, then simply wait for the next notification. Being open to the possibility of service is such a blessing to our parish's growing families. Please email hines.jenna@gmail.com to be added to the list.



"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together..." Hebrews 10: 24-25 The St. Mary prayer group is open to all women (18+) in the parish. We meet the first Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30pm to study the Bible, discuss vocations, pray for one another's intentions, and enjoy fellowship. Email Jenna Hines (hines.jenna@gmail.com) for information and directions.



St. Mary and St. Joseph Churches will again participate in the Chelsea/Dexter CROP Hunger Walk the first Sunday in October, October 2, at 1:30 pm. This year's Walk will begin at St. Paul UCC just east of St. Mary on Old U.S. 12. We hope you will join this valuable cause to reduce hunger and poverty around the world and locally. Twenty-five percent of the money raised will be given to our local Faith in Action; the rest will go to Catholic Relief Services. Walker envelopes to collect money can be picked up after Masses a few weeks before the Walk.



# ST. JOSEPH

## CATHOLIC PARISH

DEXTER, MICHIGAN

### **Bible Study Opportunities at St. Joe's in Dexter**

#### **The Bible Timeline – The Story of Salvation**

Wednesdays from 9:30 – 11AM OR Thursdays from 7-8:30PM in the Parish Center (3430 Dover Street) Information and registration at <https://stjos.com/category/news/>

#### **Romans: The Gospel of Salvation**

Wednesdays from 7-8:30PM OR Thursdays from 9-10:30 AM in the Parish Center (3430 Dover Street) Information and registration at <https://stjos.com/category/news/>



## Fall Happenings

- September 11: Parish Picnic
- September 18: Elementary Rel. Ed
- September 18: Middle School Rel. Ed.
- September 25: Children's Liturgy
- September 25: Coffee & Donuts
- October 2: 9:00am Anointing Mass
- October 2: 11:30am Pet Blessing
- October 28: 6:00pm Trunk or Treat

*We are made in the image of God.*

*If we don't know who God is, we will never know who we are.*

**“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Jer 1:5**

The Respect Life Commission is united to protect and pray for the sanctity and dignity of every human person from fertilization to natural death. You are invited to join our meetings at any time on the 3rd Sunday of every month during the school year following the 8:00 mass. We always welcome new members and new ideas! Standing up for life has never been more important than today. With the overturning of Roe vs. Wade, it is just the beginning in making abortion unthinkable. Please continue to pray for the conversion of hearts and minds; for life to be protected, respected and considered sacred at every stage. We especially pray for the defenseless preborn who have no voice of their own. There are two upcoming events that will allow an opportunity for you to support the gift of life. The first opportunity is the 40 Days for Life Ann Arbor 365: Please join us in prayer NOW as abortions are still taking place here in Michigan! Perhaps you can participate once a month or even weekly. The Ann Arbor 40 Days for Life 365 prayer vigil is taking place in the public right-of-way outside of Planned Parenthood at 3100 Professional Dr. in Ann Arbor. Make your appointment with God in one-hour increments at [40daysforlife.com/annarbor](http://40daysforlife.com/annarbor) and be sure to select the 365 calendar or contact Sandie: 734-657-1936 or [plan2pray@gmail.com](mailto:plan2pray@gmail.com). Another 40 Days opportunity is to participate in the Fall 40 Days campaign that will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 28 and conclude on Sunday, Nov. 6, with the Kickoff Rally on Sunday, Sept. 25. If you are unable to commit to a regular prayer time slot, please consider stopping by anytime during the day to pray. Peaceful prayer warriors are always welcome. Let's end the scourge of abortion through prayer and fasting. The second opportunity is the Life Chain in Ann Arbor. This event takes place the first weekend in October. More info will be in a September bulletin. If you have questions, please contact Eileen Augustine at 734-475-5803 or [eilenaugustine@gmail.com](mailto:eilenaugustine@gmail.com)

Thank you and May God bless you and your families.

The St. Mary Respect Life Commission

## **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY AND LITURGY**

We continue through our liturgical year, now in Ordinary Time, coupled with the beauty of the summer months. Soon we'll transition back to our routines for fall and I look forward to our active parish life together.

As the Director of Music Ministry and Liturgy, I facilitate the worship life of the parish, providing quality liturgical experiences which celebrate and strengthen the community's transformative journey of faith.

Our goal this year ... build active participation in the liturgy.

We know, without a doubt, that Jesus is alive and at work in the body of His Church / our church! When we come together in worship at Mass, we participate fully in the liturgy, and we all already have a vital role to play. We participate by hearing the Word of God, receiving the Eucharist, offering our praise and prayers, and caring for our community. But..... who leads these readings, prayers and praise, and gives us the Eucharist? Yes ...That's where we need your help, to build these liturgical ministries.

We have a new structure of leadership for liturgical ministries, still fully supported by all of us on staff. You'll be hearing more from these leaders throughout the year ahead.

- Eucharistic Ministers - Virginia Krueger
- Lectors - Susan Bareis
- Altar Servers - Beth Ewald
- Hospitality Ministers- Pat Rohrer
- Music Ministers - Kim Manchester
- Ushers - Dan Rosolowski

They have volunteered to lead through recruiting, training, monitoring scheduling balance, communicating, and celebrating involvement.

Our action plan will serve a mission of making our sacred worship more dynamic, reverent and beautiful, as we structure a process to help people serve others according to their gifts, and create a vibrant community life.

### Music Ministry Opportunities

We again launch our programs this fall, and invite all of you to participate, regardless of your experience and what you believe are the limits of your talents. I'm here to help you grow!!

- St. Mary Choir** - for high school students and adults
  - °This choir regularly sings for 10 am Mass and rehearses on Wednesday nights
- Jubilate:** The Youth Choir of St. Mary - for 2nd - 8th Grade students
  - °This new choir found great success last year as it sang for select Masses throughout the year. We rehearse two times a month on Sundays at 11:15 am
- Instrumentalists**
  - °We work together individually and with small groups with these musicians. Please contact me if you would like to play with us.
    - Guitar - NEW - we need to build regularly utilize our team of guitarists
    - Keyboard, String and Wind players - we'll continue to build these opportunities

If we are to live as disciples of Jesus, and out of a community that loves, how can we not serve each other when we come together at the celebration of the Mass. Can we improve what we take away from the liturgy by finding more specific ways to belong and own our participation, thereby deepening our experience of faith? In charity of service, we as participants live out the generosity that flows from the Eucharistic table.



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