

## St. Joseph Parish Charitable Activities and Social Justice Commission

*"See how they love one another."*

This Commission works to reach out and serve those in need in our Parish, our community and our world.

Please join us! Information and contact information below. All are welcome!

**Alpha House:** Volunteers plan and prepare a dinner menu, serve dinner to families and provide one hour of childcare.

Parish contact: Heidi Nelson 734-846-7259 or shednelson@comcast.net

**Parish Blood Drive,** Parish Center, Parish Contact: John Esposito, (201) 320-5090, espojr13@comcast.net

**Bereavement Ministry:** St. Joseph's Family Grief Program strives to offer those who are "Journeying through Grief" the support they need to grow beyond the grief of losing a loved one. Parish contact: Dolores Chatigny (734) 426-4794

**Christian Services:** Help those in need by donating food before Mass. Items with protein are a great help (hearty soups, tuna, macaroni & cheese.) Parish office: (734) 426-8483

**Delonis Center:** The center provides 3 meals a day seven days a week for those in need in the Ann Arbor area. Parish volunteers assist with preparing the evening meal. This is a great opportunity to locally reach out to those in need and spend time with fellow parishioners. Parish contact: Nancy Batchelor at 253-227-4831, Fuzymama@hotmail.com

**Dexter Chelsea Hunger Walk (Crop Walk):** Join this community wide event as walkers strive to build a hunger free world. Parish Contact: Doug Koepsell, (734) 260-0961 djkoepsell@gmail.com

**Faith in Action Food Pantry:** Receives our church's surplus food donations. Parish contact: Susan Walsh (734) 426-2464

### **Moms in Need**

Each spring we collect items in desperate need by young mothers  
Parish contact: Kathy Hirth (734) 426-5805, momleehirth@charter.net

**Food Gatherers:** This local organization works to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes. Their food rescue effort is one of their largest programs. We help repackage surplus food from over 300 local sources so it can be distributed to local food pantries and soup kitchens in our community. Parish contact: Karin Burns (816)863-9609., daburns@mail.com

**Funeral Luncheons:** This ministry provides a location, meal and service for those attending a funeral at St. Joseph Parish. Many hands make light the work. Parish contact: Joan Jessop (734) 426-0204, healreveal@gmail.com

## Volunteers' Calendar of Events 2019

### **Alpha House**

**(Kids 14+ can attend w/parent)**

Sundays 2/24, 3/31, 6/2, 9/1,  
9/15, & 11/17 from 5:30-8 pm.

### **Parish Blood Drive**

3/28/2019, Parish Center

### **Delonis Center**

312 W Huron Street, Ann Arbor

3:00-5:00 pm

2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, & 6/3.

### **Dexter Chelsea Hunger Walk**

10/6/2019

### **Food Gatherers Warehouse**

**(Kids 8 + can attend w/parent)**

Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 PM

2/20, 4/17, 6/19, 10/16 & 12/18.

Saturday 8/24 10-12 PM

### **Giving Garden**

All are invited to the  
Spring Meeting, April 16, 2019  
7:00 PM - Village Parish Center

### **Lenten Food Drive**

Coming Lent 2019

### **Moms in Need**

**Mother's Day Baby Shower**

4/13-5/12/2019

**Giving Gardeners:** Each growing season, hundreds of pounds of vegetables are planted, cared for, harvested and delivered by the giving gardeners to Faith in Action and the Dexter Senior Center. We grow food & friendship. Parish contact: Barb Rutz 734-550-9668, barb@rutz.us.

**Giving Tree:** Help make Christmas a joyous season for those in need by taking "ornaments" from the tree and purchasing the gift listed. Gifts are collected at Mass. Parish contact: Kathy Hirth (734) 426-5805, momleehirth@charter.net

**Helping Hands Ministry:** We provide assistance with meals, light house cleaning and transportation for up to three weeks for people recovering from illness, surgery or injury. Parish contact: Mary Kay Sinnott, 734-355-9683, mk52sinnott@gmail.com

**Lenten Food Drive:** Items collected at Mass are donated to Catholic Social Services. Parish contact: Kathy Hirth (734) 426-5805, momleehirth@charter.net

**Meta Peace Team (MPT):** MPT trains and sends out violence reduction peace teams in conflict situations, both domestically and internationally. Parish contact: Jon Heffelfinger (810) 231-3842, finger@charter.net

**Ministry with Persons with DisAbilities:** We work with parishioners who are limited physically or mentally and their families to provide accessibility to the liturgies and programs of our parish  
Parish contact: Vanessa Stewart (734) 424-9907, vas8556@yahoo.com

**Ministry to Homebound Parishioners:** We visit the sick and homebound, bringing the Eucharist and fellowship. Please contact the Parish Office if you need a visit or would like to visit the sick, at 734-426-8483.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** We make lap robes, shawls and Afghans for those in need. They are delivered with love and prayer. Parish contact: Marinell High, 734-426-8483, marinell\_high@stjos.com

**Recycle Brigade:** Help us respond to Pope Francis' call to be good stewards of our environment. Go to <http://www.stjos.com/christian-outreach.html> for a list of what we are collecting  
Parish contact: Kathy Pawlicki, 734-272-2570, kpawlicki1@comcast.net

**St. Leo Soup Kitchen:** Once a month 8-10 people carpool to Detroit. We cook and serve the meal. It's a most rewarding experience.  
Parish contact: Ann Smart (734) 424-0111, amsmart@comcast.net

**St. Joseph Health Ministry:** To assist members of the St. Joseph Parish community with their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being through

health counseling, education, referral, and support services. Parish contact: Lori Lavastida-Phillips, 734-730-9634, lorilp@yahoo.com

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
Knitting/Crocheting  
1st Saturdays 4:00 pm  
Country Church Office

**St. Leo's Soup Kitchen**  
Wednesdays  
2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 6/5, 7/3, 8/7, 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, & 12/4 Carpool meets in the parking lot behind the Village Church at 8:00 am, returns 1:30-2:00 pm.

**Join us at a CASJ Meeting**  
Learn more about this ministry and opportunities to help lead:  
7:00 pm 3/21, 5/16, 7/18, 9/19, & 11/14  
Mary's Room

## **Help Available**

**Faith in Action**  
**Food Pantries and More**  
603 S. Main St.  
Chelsea, MI 48118  
(734) 475-3305

7275 Joy Rd.  
Dexter, Michigan 48103  
Tel: (734) 426-7002