



# St Joseph Congregation Newsletter

## Summer Challenge

2023

ATTEND A  
EUCCHARISTIC  
PROCESSION  
FOR CORPUS  
CHRISTI

GRILL OUT  
FOR  
ST. LAWRENCE

HAVE A  
BONFIRE FOR  
ST. JOHN THE  
BAPTIST

DO A CRAFT  
WITH STRING  
FOR ST. ZELIE

VISIT A  
CATHEDRAL /  
BASILICA ON  
JUNE 29

WATCH T.V.  
FOR ST. CLARE  
OF ASSISI

PORTIUNCULA  
INDULGENCE:  
VISIT A  
CHURCH ON  
AUGUST 2

PLAY AN EGG  
TAPPING  
GAME FOR  
ST. MARY  
MAGDALENE

SPEND 30  
MINUTES IN  
EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION

SKIN / PEEL  
SOMETHING  
FOR ST.  
BARTHOLOMEW

HAVE AN AT  
HOME  
MARIAN  
PROCESSION

MAKE  
ST. THOMAS  
S'MORES

SAY A  
FAMILY  
ROSARY

VISIT A  
BEACH FOR  
ST.  
AUGUSTINE

EAT A  
CRICKET &  
HONEY FOR  
ST. JOHN THE  
BAPTIST

SAY THE  
MORNING  
OFFERING  
FOR ST.  
JOSEMARIA

USE AN  
ARTICLE  
BLESSED BY A  
POPE / BISHOP  
ON JUNE 29

SLEEP IN A  
TENT LIKE  
ST. PAUL  
AND/OR FISH  
LIKE ST. PETER

GO TO  
CONFESSION

GET  
INVESTED  
WITH THE  
BROWN  
SCAPULAR

MAKE  
MAPLE  
SNOW  
TAFFY FOR  
ST. KATERI

EAT LINGON-  
BERRIES OR  
SWEDISH  
FISH FOR  
ST. BRIDGET

GO FOR A  
HIKE FOR  
THE  
TRANSFIGUR-  
ATION

PUBLIC  
RECITATION OF  
THE ACT OF  
REPARATION  
TO THE SACRED  
HEART

GET HERBS  
BLESSED FOR  
THE  
ASSUMPTION

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting

Location: St. Joseph Room

Date/Time: May 17, 2023 – 6:30 pm.

Notes By: Padge Haas

Attendees: Joe Herro, Alanna Wilgus, Joe Schueller, Audrey Szews, Padge Haas, Sandy Schmitt, Tom Zimmerman, Julie McKendry, Larry Barbian, Suzzanne Silman, Duane Filtz, Carol Polivka, Nate Zilles, and Tony Mallinger

Excused: Jose Gallegos

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Meeting started at 6:30 pm with an opening prayer by Joe Herro.

The agenda was approved.

### Committee Reports:

**Prayer and Worship:** Suzzanne Silman reported that the committee will be putting a prayer in the bulletin every week during the summer. She also said this year's First Communion was a wonderful experience for all who attended. One person commented that it was the most prayerful First Communion they had ever experienced. Suzzanne also reported that about 500 people are now listening to the homilies.

**Buildings and Grounds and Day School:** Carol Polivka reported that the parking lot is coming along. She said they are working on fencing for the retention pond and things that will need to be done in the Fall. She also said they are working on things for the school that need to be done over the summer. Julie McKendry told people to keep watching the bulletin for parking lot updates.

**Child and Youth Ministry:** Audrey Szews stated they are working on hiring a new person for this position. She said they do have a backup plan if someone is not hired before the program needs to be started for the upcoming year. Julie McKendry stated she is working on an updated job description to be posted on the Archdiocese website. The committee is looking for the right person to fill this position.

**Adult Formation:** Larry Barbian reported that Dennis Sylva has been doing the articles on the Eucharist that have been appearing in the bulletin and newsletter. This is in conjunction with the Year of Eucharistic Revival.

**Stewardship:** Duane Filtz said the committee is thinking of how to make the feast day of St. Joseph a special occasion at our parish. He said they have thought about building off of donut Sunday and new member welcome, but he would like it to be more involved. He would also like to revive the Thank You dinner for our ministries. He stated the committee is working on a flier about St. Joseph parish to be handed out at the rummage sale. This flier will also be available in church. Duane also stated there will be a stewardship training at the Archdiocese and that he will attend.

## **Continuing Business:**

Parish Mission Planning Team-SWOT: Tony Mallinger gave an overview of what has been done by the SWOT committee and how they would like to move forward. The committee has been working for four years to get to this point. They have had meetings with the school and parish staffs, as well as with committee chairs and pastoral council members. Based on the feedback received, they summarized the strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities for the parish. Tony stated the committee would like to keep the ideas from their work alive in the pastoral council for the next 3–5 years. He stressed it will be important to keep the opportunities for St. Joseph Parish in mind as we work on our weaknesses. He suggested we measure the results of what we enact to ensure that we are making viable progress. He thought the pastoral council could assign each committee and ministry one thing to work on. There will be accountability throughout this project. Joe Herro asked each pastoral council member to email him their top 2-3 items that each member feels is a priority by June 16, 2023. He will have the list available for the pastoral council at their June meeting. The SWOT Committee decided to have a small number of opportunities and plan for the parish to work on and then solicit comments from the parishioners.

Bible Study/Prayer Group List: Julie McKendry reported the list is almost complete. It will be on the website and listed in the new Guide Book.

Pastoral Council Invitations: Joe Herro asked the Pastoral Council members how they are doing in their search for new members. He asked the members to contact him with their thoughts and two names of people they thought would be good council members. Current council members asked for a list of those who have served on the pastoral council in the past five years so that the same people would not be asked to serve again. Joe is planning to extend invitations to parishioners to serve a three-year term to maintain continuity on the council. His goal is to get the council membership back to twelve members. His vision for the council is to have a mix of men and women of all ages who have diverse ideas. He is planning to speak to the congregation in August about the Pastoral Council.

## **New Business**

- A. Budget Review: Julie McKendry stated the Archdiocese requires us to show our numbers. The parish did that in February. She then handed out the financial statement from the Finance Council showing the current budget through February 2023 and the proposed budget for 2023-2024. She stated that our current financial situation is good. She stated that the budget for next year is going to increase contributions because we are doing well. They brought down fundraising. The school is going to do a fundraiser of their own. The school population is increasing slightly. She said the St. Joseph salaries are comparable to those in our area. All but one teacher is returning next year.
- B. Eucharistic Revival: Articles have been and will continue to be in the bulletin and newsletter. The committee and staff are currently working with Father John who will be presiding at Masses on Corpus Christi Weekend. There will be a procession on the last day of school led by Father John with lots of excitement. Hopefully this will have the children encourage their families to return for the celebrations on the weekend. There will be a book about the Eucharist by Bishop Barron handed out to group leaders. If they want the book for their group for fall study more books will be ordered.

- C. Directory: There will be a new pictorial directory for St. Joseph parish done in July and August this year. There will be articles in upcoming bulletins explaining this. The photos will be done by Olen Mills. When you have your photo taken there will be a hostess to work with you and gather your current family information. The parish is working on ways for parishioners to communicate.
- D. St. Joseph Day: The parish is looking for ways to celebrate the feast day of our patron saint in March 2024. Committees will be asked to share ideas. It was suggested that Archbishop ListECKi be asked to come celebrate with us. Suzanne Silman will receive these responses.
- E. Pray and Play: Audrey Szews said there will be Pray and Play after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 28, 2023. Watch the bulletin. All are welcome.

### **Miscellaneous**

- A. Joe thanked everyone for attending. He closed the meeting with a prayer.
- B. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.
- C. Next Pastoral Council meeting will be June 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm



*St. Joseph Congregation*  
*PASTORAL COUNCIL*  
*“Together we thrive”*

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*Thank you, Stephanie McDermot, for your help  
in creating a strong and inspirational  
Child and Youth Ministry Program  
here at St. Joseph's.*



*May love and laughter light your days and warm your  
heart and home. May good and faithful friends be  
yours, wherever you may roam. May peace and plenty  
bless your world with joy that long endures. May all  
life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours!*

*We wish you happiness always!  
With much gratitude,  
St. Joseph Parish and School Staff*

# Baby Shower

## 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at all Masses to benefit Catholic Charities – Pregnancy & Parenting Support Program

Please bring new, non-gift wrapped items. Monetary gifts are also welcome as cash or checks. Checks can be made out to "St. Joseph Congregation."

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- Diapers (sizes NB-pull ups)
  - Receiving Blankets
  - Wipes
  - Onesies
  - Blanket sleepers
  - Quilts
  - Breastfeeding supplies (nipple pads, nipple cream, breast milk storage bags, breast pumps)
  - Receiving Blankets
  - Gender-Neutral clothing size 0-24 months/2T, all seasons
  - Walmart, Aldi, and gas cards (Citgo, BP, Speedway)
  - Baby wash and lotion
  - Baby wraps and carriers
  - Car seats, particularly infant sizes
  - Lotion and personal hygiene items for mom
  - Basic maternity clothing sizes S-XXL

*Baskets will be available in the Sanctuary for your donations of money. Donations of clothing and other items on Saturday and Sunday should be placed in the Welcome Center. Collection baskets for monetary donations will be on the Sanctuary steps during Masses.*

Catholic Charities' Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program works with expectant parents, providing access to the tools, knowledge, and resources to ensure healthy pregnancies and development of important parenting skills. Services are provided in-home and through the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the baby's life. Please be generous.

Contact **Tim Taff** at 414-587-1591 or [timtaff@me.com](mailto:timtaff@me.com) with any questions.

May God Bless you for your generosity!  
Thank you, **The Respect Life Committee**



# Happy Father's Day!

## **DONUTS FOR DAD**

(and everyone else)

**Celebrate Father's Day with a delectable donut  
on**

**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 AM Mass**

**Center Street Church Entrance**

**A free will offering will be taken for the  
Human Concerns Committee's Pro Life Baby Shower**

# Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.  
Connecting families.  
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

*Directory Committee*

**TIME TO PICK OUT YOUR OUTFIT! Brush up on your smile 😊**

***Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.***

**Photos will be taken mid-July through August**

**Volunteers needed for setting up appointments and greeting folks for their photos. Please call the office to help**

**More news about this awesome opportunity coming soon!!**

**Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!**

**Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!**

You will enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.



*Gathering families,  
Connecting generations.*

# Your Church, Your Values, Your Ministry



## Connecting Families. Supporting Our Ministries. Building our Church Community.

*We are called to minister to one another in Christian Love.*

*A NEW Church Directory Program provides us with the tools to do just that!*

### **Yes! I would be willing to help with:**

- ☐ Publicizing our directory event. I am a media guru!
- ☐ Contacting Families. I love to talk to people
- ☐ Helping with portrait appointment sign-ups. I like to help others
- ☐ Greeting our families during photography.  
Social butterfly is my middle name.
- ☐ Taking and collecting photographs for our church's activity  
pages and ministries. I should be working for National Geographic.
- ☐ Creative design ideas for our new directory. I love letting my  
creativity come out to play!
- ☐ Gaining student community service hours working with this program.  
I know that looks good on my college application and resume:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank You!*

*For your support of this important event in the life of our church!*

## *From your Finance Council*

Our new fiscal year starts July 1, 2023

	Actual YTD through Feb.	Proposed Annual Budget (FY 23-24)
<b>Income</b>		
Contributions	594,884	1,032,000
Bequests/Donations	28,938	30,000
Capital Fund (B&G)	43,649	80,000
From Endowment	56,865	57,941
Stipend/Stole Fees	1,575	5,000
Tuition	694,200	978,691
Fund Raising	65,098	153,933
Other Revenue	50,551	63,417
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,535,760</b>	<b>2,400,982</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Salaries & Benefits	1,148,867	1,785,879
Supplies & Program Expenses	111,484	164,790
Outreach	14,000	30,000
B&G Expense	160,159	229,018
Capital Expense	38,755	62,000
Assessments & Other Expense	66,164	119,585
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,539,428</b>	<b>2,391,272</b>
<b>Net Income (Expense)</b>	<b>(3,669)</b>	<b>9,711</b>



# VIP/Grandparents Day

We celebrated VIP/Grandparents Day at St. Joe's last week and it was a very special day for all who attended! Our special guests enjoyed songs sung by grades K4-8, musical performances by our band students, and a performance from our school musical. Students and their guests spend time together in their classrooms where they enjoyed refreshments and special activities. We ended the day by joining together as a school community to pray the Living Rosary in church. Thank you to all the grandparents and VIPs who were able to attend!





# **ST. JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

**(FROM MEMORIAL DAY THROUGH LABOR DAY)**



**MONDAY—THURSDAY    8:00 AM—3:30 PM**

**FRIDAY    8:00 AM—12:00 PM**

**Please use the mail box located next to the office door if needed.**