



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



The State of St. Joseph Parish

Dear Friends and Companions: Peace of Christ!

In the early days of 1552, hearing that Francis Xavier had reached the shores of Japan with the first missionary outreach to that land, Ignatius of Loyola wrote from Rome a brief letter of encouragement and love, telling his dear friend, *“The Society’s affairs, by God’s goodness alone, are going forward and constantly increasing. . . : these, his least instruments, are being made use of by the One who—with them or without them—is the author of all good.”*

Today, almost 457 years later, we at St. Joseph might report the same thing. For, despite divisions in civil society and great anguish in the Church, God continues to draw us forward and to increase the ministry and scope of St. Joseph Parish. Through the grace of God—a grace made flesh by all the women and men who sacrifice and serve, who love and pray, who join together at the table and go forth into the world—the ministry of the Society of Jesus at St. Joseph has grown stronger and more diverse over the last several years. Whether in our School or in our ministry to young adults, our work among prisoners or our advocacy for migrants and refugees, in liturgy and Children’s Faith Formation, electronic outreach and our celebration of the Sacraments, we have grown through the goodness of God into a place of welcome, a community of pilgrims who still have far to go, but who, even in our weakness, are moving forward together, thanks to the abiding presence of the *“author of all good.”*

This fall marks the beginning of my tenth year at St. Joseph, and so, as part of this State of the Parish report, I would like to outline some of the growth we have seen, especially over the last five years. Using the area distinctions first developed during our visioning process in 2010—i.e., Liturgy and Worship, Faith Justice, Faith Formation, and Parish Life—and supplementing these with a brief overview of our School and administrative structures, I offer this reflection on my sense of the state of St. Joseph. Though it is not the last word (one of my experiences at St. Joseph is that *“last words”* are hard to come by), I hope it will offer us food for thought and discussion, and perhaps make our steps towards the next years a bit surer.

Liturgy and Worship

The primary work of St. Joseph Parish remains, as it has always been, the celebration of the Sacraments and the gathering of the community for worship and prayer. In the last few years, a number of new opportunities for prayer have been explored while others received greater support in the Parish. From Sacred Silence to Taize, from the Rosary Group to Centering Prayer, St. Joseph has been a place where various communal prayer experiences are offered. At the same time, the celebration of the Sacraments has remained vital to our identity and a primary draw to new members of the community. Over the last five years, St. Joseph has welcomed over 419 new members into the Church through Baptism, has Confirmed over 223 young adults, and has brought 493 children to the table through First Communion. At the same time, we have celebrated the lives of more than 140 people, through Funeral Masses and Celebrations of Life. Each of these liturgical experiences has been surrounded by preparation and accompaniment, and celebrated in a spirit of welcome and reverence for the unique and blessed identity of the women and men involved. Liturgy at St. Joseph—the music, the orders of worship, the selection and proclamation of readings, the composition of prayers, even the logistics of persons—always has as its goal what Vatican II calls *“the full conscious and active participation”* of the People of God. Sometimes that means a little bit of chaos around the baptismal font, or a special song in a funeral recessional, but it always means uniting the divine liturgy with the experience of real people, those to whom God has come in love through the grace of Jesus Christ.

This attention to detail combined with humanity goes beyond special liturgies, however, and is also part of every week’s celebration. And the result has been increasing numbers of people who worship at St. Joseph. Over the last years, attendance at Sunday Mass has grown every year, from an average of 863 people per weekend in 2012 to an average of 1077 in 2017 (excluding Christmas and Easter). In the current year (2018), the average has risen to 1113 people per weekend, including the summer season where, with just three Masses, we averaged 836 people—almost as many as were coming to the four Mass weekends of 2012. While, in the end, the effectiveness and vitality of our

liturgical life cannot be measured simply by the numbers of people attending Mass, this progression suggests the power of liturgy—i.e., the ministry of musicians and singers, servers and lectors, Eucharistic minister and ushers, priests and deacons, lay preachers and congregants—to *unite* us and then *ignite* us “to love and serve.”

There is one further note I would like to add, before moving on from liturgy, and that has to do with the “liturgical consciousness” that is present at St. Joseph. The abiding richness of the daily Mass, celebrated in the Arrupe Room and attracting people even from beyond the Parish, as well as the number of calls for the Sacrament of Anointing received by both Fr. Julian and me, suggest a desire and expectation in the prayers of this community. People want to be recalled during Mass at St. Joseph; they want their friends and relatives anointed in hard times; they look to this community as a place that holds them and supports them in prayer: none of which can be captured in statistics, but all of which suggest a vital liturgical community, i.e. one alive in the Holy Spirit and possessed with a sense of the Spirit holding us together. This is a great gift of God for us, one nurtured and sustained by many members of our community.

Faith Justice

Inseparably linked to the Catholic understanding of prayer—and to the Jesuit charism—is the work for justice. A living faith sends us from the altar into the world, and true liturgy breaks down the walls of the Church or Parish to unite us to all people. Just as Christ Jesus left the heavenly sanctuary to pitch his tent among us, so our prayer must be incarnated in our actions. At St. Joseph, this incarnational principle has long been an essential dimension of all we do, and it has continued to develop and deepen in tandem with our growing liturgical life. In the last few years, long-standing programs and relationships—such as our nearly 30 year affiliation with Arcatao, El Salvador—have taken on new life and vigor, becoming central to the life of the whole Parish. No longer merely a tangential exchange of a few people, Arcatao informs our prayer and our sense of ourselves, as we support scholarships for students, send groups down to visit, and understand issues of immigration through the eyes of our friends. These 30 years give a poignancy and humanity to issues of detention and migration that might otherwise seem arcane. In a similar way, programs that the Parish helped to birth, such as Shirts Across America—which continues to rebuild New Orleans while forming young people as leaders—and WestSide Baby—which merged with St. Joseph Baby Corner and now extends service across the region—remind us of the people behind the headlines, and shows the power for good alive in our community. Today, we are partners with numerous organizations who depend upon us for human and material support, and through whom we come to know and love the poor, living the gospel with them in our own backyard. In the last few years, through our Faith Justice Commission, we have focused and deepened our partnerships with various organizations, allowing us to grow as companions, to educate ourselves about issues, and to advocate with our considerable voice for those in need.

The last year has also demonstrated the flexibility of our Faith Justice ministry, as we have read “*the signs of the times*” and have turned to better serve displaced and incarcerated persons. Working with the International Rescue Committee, we welcomed and helped transition the Saadawi family of Iraq, which then opened us to work in other refugee issues. We petitioned the government for separated families; hosted two immigration workshops; and with St. Leo Parish, the Ignatian Solidarity Network, and our companions in the Jesuits West Province, we celebrated Eucharist at the gates of the Tacoma Detention Center—remembering that those behind the wire, like us, are children of God and part of Christ’s Kingdom. At the same time, through the One Prisoner One Parish program of the Archdiocese, we reached out to a single prisoner, offering him a human face and hope for a future. We have begun study groups on racism, and members of our Parish have partnered with the Ignatian Spirituality Project to offer retreats for those on the streets. In all this, we have sought to transcend “*checkbox charity*” or that kind of service that leaves us apart; rather, we have sought the solidarity and accompaniment called for in the gospel.

Faith Formation

The vitality of any faith community may be seen in the ways it passes on its treasures to succeeding generations, and the seriousness with which the members of that community take ownership of their spiritual inheritance. At St. Joseph, Faith Formation is not just about handing down a lifeless artifact, it is about sharing with our children the Spirit that gives us life, and empowering those who already believe to make the Spirit their own.

In the last few years, our programs in Children’s Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation have reached hundreds of children and young people, helping build a knowledgeable and spiritually alive community. Each year, our Sunday programs have grown stronger, reaching out to the youngest members of our community, and through the help of able volunteers, teaching our children both the content of their faith and how to think about what they believe. The success of our CFF program is also seen in our flourishing class on Confirmation. For many years was held only biennially because of small numbers, this program has become increasingly attractive to our youth, drawing them in on Sunday af-

ternoons and preparing them to become fully active members of the Church. Similarly, the VOICE—our faith formation group for teens—continues to invite young women and men to search out the implications of their faith, taking them to New Orleans to build homes with Shirts Across America or to Los Angeles where they learn about Home Boy Industries' answer to gangs, and explore the work of Jesuit Parish, Dolores Mission, in welcoming migrants to the United States. Meanwhile, our Junior High Program, Pathfinders, also has grown, with weekly gatherings that allow children to think about faith while having a good time. One significant change, as we end the previous year, comes with the departure of Dottie Farewell, who has left the staff of St. Joseph to become principal at St. Pius X grade school. For the last 15 years, Dottie did much to build the Faith Formation programs, especially for children, and her experience will be missed. Yet, she leaves the ground ready for the work of the new Director of Religious Education, Marie Pittman, and with the help of volunteers and others, we expect the momentum of the last few years to continue.

While the growth of CFF has been remarkable, the growth of Adult Faith Formation lagged behind, until the appointment of Theresa Lukasik as Director of Adult Faith Formation. Through Theresa, what had been sporadic offerings are becoming more systematic, allowing for greater participation and growth. With programs such as Catholicism 101, online Bible study, Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching, Understanding the Gospel of Mark, the Seamless Garment and Catholic Thought, Sacraments, etc., Adult Faith Formation has become a vital part of what St. Joseph offers; and with an increasing ability to make offerings available online, through live-casting and recording, this dimension of our ministry will likely grow significantly in the future. Already the e-blast reaches over 3400 people, and the newly begun Sunday online homilies are proving popular. Now, plans are in place to broadcast Advent talks on the Gospel of Luke, as well as a series on the Church and our response to the challenges of leadership and lay empowerment. No longer able to trust in a cultural Catholicism, where all those raised in the faith know its traditions and teachings, we are, in some important ways, at the beginning of an era when the Parish may become the primary educator of adult Catholics, i.e., the place where women and men can take ownership of the deposit of faith entrusted to us all. In this moment, St. Joseph, with its Jesuit tradition and partnerships, seems particularly ready to play a role and perhaps set a model for others in the Church.

Parish Life

A living Parish is fundamentally more than functions: it is a *community* gathered in joy and sorrow, in celebration and struggle. In this sense, as well, I believe St. Joseph—which has always had a strong community—continues to flourish, and even develop. In the generational communities of St. Joseph, in the multigenerational families who gather here regularly and hold St. Joseph as a part of their family tradition, and in the increasing number of ethnic and other communities forming in our midst, we find a vital community structure. We see it when the whole Parish gathers at the Parish-School Picnic or for the We Are St. Joseph Service & Celebration Days. We see it in the flourishing of our small communities: the Seniors who gather at luncheon after the Mass of Anointing on First Fridays, the MOMS who gather to support one another and gain perspective between Sunday Masses. We see it in the growing vibrancy of our Young Adults, gathered for board games in the Arrupe Room or for adult refreshments at the unofficial St. Joseph annex in the Canterbury. In all of these groups, who make up the body of the Parish, the Church lives as more than a series of functions—lives in our hearts and bones. Yet, at the same time, our Parish Life is not static, and in the last year, we have sought to ensure that all women and men feel welcome: whether rich or poor; black, brown, or white; gay or straight; immigrant or native born. Through outreach and conscious, intentional inclusion, St. Joseph has taken up the work of recognizing the cultural variety in our midst, rather than just celebrating the historical communities which have so long been here. This work of inclusion—which has far to go—remains an unfulfilled but necessary part of the coming years, if we are to remain and deepen as a community that models the living body of Christ.

St. Joseph School

After the church itself, the first ministry ever taken up by those who founded St. Joseph was its School, and St. Joseph School continues to be the largest and the most complex ministry of the Parish. Though its structures are largely autonomous of the Parish—i.e., separate accounts, hiring procedures, etc.—the School and Parish serve a common mission, and together serve the mission of the Church and the Society of Jesus. In the last few years, this commonality, which at times has drifted, has grown more intentional, and today School and Parish are profoundly united in everything from the service of immigrants and refugees to the deepening of Jesuit spirituality and identity. The Parish continues to be one of the largest benefactors of the School, and members of the Parish are encouraged and supported in attending. Though the interaction of two such complex organizations, with different rhythms and needs, is not always perfectly smooth, the personal connections at every level—directors and ministers, parents and children, boards and commissions—has strengthened mutuality and vision in both bodies.

Administrative Structures

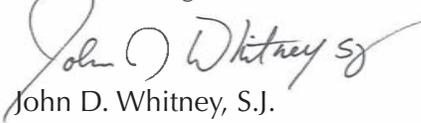
Finally, to assess the life of St. Joseph Parish, we must look not just at its ministries or even its community, but also at the practical infrastructure of our ministry: i.e., buildings and grounds, finances, etc. Although you will see many details regarding these areas in the following pages, I would note a few key features. First, by the end of November, we shall have completed the painting of the church and the necessary repairs to windows and roofs. In the course of this work, we were able to repair or replace all the broken or mismatched windows in the church, while staying within budget—though other issues arose which may cause us to seek some supplemental funds. These repairs were our generational responsibility, though they also revealed issues that may require further work in ten or fifteen years. Which leads to my second point: saving for the future. In the past, parishes were dissuaded from setting up funds for long-term maintenance, with leaders holding that capital campaigns encouraged direct responsibility. Yet, it is clear that such a policy also encourages defraying maintenance, to the detriment of the buildings entrusted to us. Thus, our current repairs have reinforced for me the desire to enhance our designated funds to maintain our buildings into the future. This means encouraging designated gifts for this area and forming policies with the Finance Council to better preserve endowments as we move forward. I believe, at this time, we are fortunate to have an administrative and development team in place who can help us to be better prepared and better organized for the needs to come.

The last thing I would mention, as regards administrative structures in the Parish, refers not to the staff or to the buildings, but to the community itself. As noted before, **St. Joseph has grown every year since 2012**—and, indeed, perhaps before then, as well. In this growth, greater pressure has been put on our resources through increased programs and necessary staffing. These are good problems to have, since they indicate vitality. Unfortunately, **our fund-raising has not been commensurate with our increased numbers**, and that can be perilous. **Today only 55% of registered members support Stewardship at St. Joseph**—at any level. In the coming years, we must raise that number if we are, together, to continue to offer to one another and to those who will come the same level of service and ministry that we do now.

In Conclusion

When I first came to St. Joseph Parish, I used the metaphor of a “base camp” to describe our work: here we provide oxygen and nourishment, rope and tackle, maps and history, support and rest for those who need it. Today, in a time when Church and civil society seem wounded and wanting, St. Joseph does not have all the answers, but we are still here, together, to support one another, the People of God, the women and men who climb the mountain and live the gospel in the world every day. Though we who minister for this Parish are still God’s “least instruments,” the State of St. Joseph is strong, because “the author of all good”—living in the heart of this community—continues to bless us and this world with loving grace and living mercy.

In the blessing of the One who loved us first,



John D. Whitney, S.J.
Pastor



P.S.

To quote the African proverb: without you there can be no us. If you are attracted to St. Joseph, and especially if you consider it “your church,” we need you to become a full and active member of this community, and to commit yourself to these three steps (some of which you may already have accomplished):

- 1. ACTIVATE:** *If you have never done so, please register officially as a member of St. Joseph, either online or by dropping a written form into the collection basket or by the office. This need only be done once;*
- 2. AFFIRM:** *Each year, please send in a pledge card, telling us that you choose to be a part of this community, giving whatever you can—prayer, especially, and financial support, if you are able. Send in an annual affirmation even if you have a recurring gift set up.*
- 3. PARTICIPATE:** *Everything at St. Joseph depends on those who share its life, in whatever way you can: come to Mass, serve in a ministry, sustain the poor, learn the faith—proclaim the Gospel in companionship with all of us. We are on a good road, but you will make it better.*



ST. JOSEPH PARISH
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Your Gifts & Their Use: The Financials of St. Joseph

I am pleased to present our financials for the fiscal year 2017-2018. It was quite a year!

During the past year, we:

- Audited all accounts to ensure Archdiocese accounting principles are adhered to
- Resolved cash flow challenges
- Updated our Mass gift counting procedures
- Implemented Financial Operations Review Procedures
- Accepted a \$161,000 gift from the School as a donation to the Paint the Church Campaign, retiring the final piece of the \$1.2 million loan taken out during the Centennial Capital campaign
- Added new members to our parish Finance Council and held regular meetings
- Worked on the Paint the Church Restoration project
- Addressed the budget shortfall through the generosity of this community
- Worked with staff to scrutinize expenses and prepare 2018-19 budget
- Paid off \$34,016.39 of 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal debt

You will notice a change in the way we are presenting our expenses to you. We wanted to better reflect how much our programs cost. Please note, because we paid off over \$34,000 in debt to the ACA, we ended the year at a loss of \$14,478.

Our attendance numbers have grown amazingly and the ways in which we respond to the needs of our faith community has also grown. However, despite our increase in numbers and expenses, our stewardship commitments have not risen at the same pace. Last year 55% of our registered households gave to parish stewardship.

Our financial reality is that our current stewardship level does not cover all of our operating expenses. In past years, we've been blessed with bequests that have helped us pay the bills, but it is not fiscally responsible to continue to rely upon bequests as a repeatable source of income. In the coming year, we need to raise an additional \$200,000 in stewardship, which translates to each and every parishioner prayerfully considering a 10% increase in their stewardship donation. And to those parishioners who don't donate because it "*appears*" we don't need your gifts, I can assure you--as someone who knows our financials intimately-- that we **DO** need your gifts. Every person who participates in the beautiful work of our community, needs to claim their place at the table. We are St. Joseph!

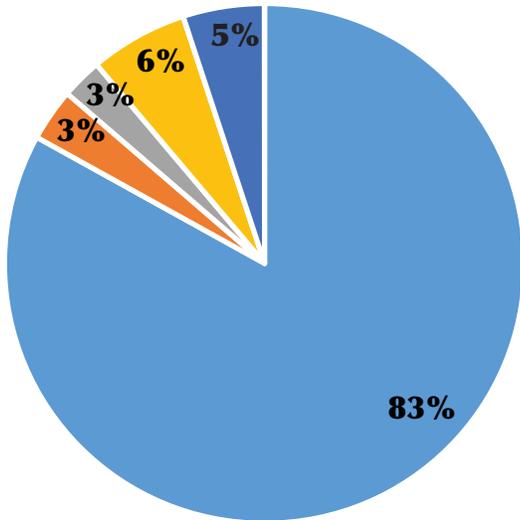
We remain grateful to our community for our continued support of those who look to us for help! We have been able to generously give to: Chief Seattle Club, L'Arche, the Association of Catholic Schools, Recovery Café, West-side Baby, the International Rescue Committee, Fulcrum Foundation, St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Community Services, Catholic Relief Services, Rice Bowl, St. Martin de Porres, St. Mary's Food Bank, Seattle Nativity School, Noel House, Jesuit Refugee Services and Shirts Across America.

I am grateful for your warm welcome as I returned to our community and am truly delighted to serve here again. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me for any reason whatsoever.

With warmest regards,

Marti McGaughey
Pastoral Assistant for Administration

PARISH REVENUE



- Sunday Collections & Stewardship Gifts
- Remembrances, Devotions & Targeted Fundraisers
- Net Restricted Donations
- Business Revenue
- Program Revenue

Sunday Collections & Stewardship Gifts	\$1,651,551
Remembrances, Devotions & Targeted Fundraisers	64,989
Net Restricted Donations	50,000
Business Revenue - <i>facility rental, interest, admin fees, etc.</i>	121,254
Program Revenue - <i>Adult & Children's Faith Formation</i>	100,805
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,988,599

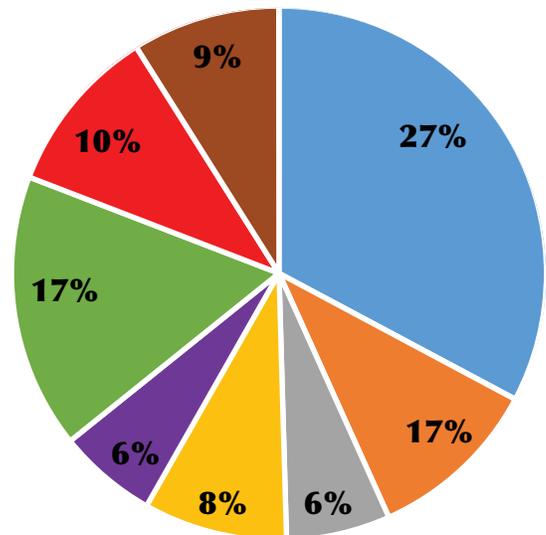
Behind The Numbers...

Beyond the abstractions of these numbers are hundreds of parishioners: donors & volunteers, parents & singles, young families & generational supporters, who create & enliven St. Joseph every day. We are grateful for every person who loves & serves our community.

THE REVENUE & EXPENSES OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Administration	\$534,412
Liturgy & Worship Programs	336,255
Parish Life Programs	123,032
Faith Formation Programs	172,818
Faith Justice Programs	119,805
Buildings & Grounds	333,303
School Support	204,000
Archdiocesan Assessment	179,447
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,003,078

PARISH EXPENSE



- Administration
- Liturgy & Worship Programs
- Parish Life Programs
- Faith Formation Programs
- Faith Justice Programs
- Buildings & Grounds
- School Support
- Archdiocesan Assessment

Paint the Church Restoration Project

Every decade, generous parishioners and friends of St. Joseph have provided the necessary resources to tend to our beautiful historic centerpiece, taking care of reroofing, remodeling, repainting, restoring, and repairing needs through both good times and bad. Because of this dedication, our beautiful art-deco Church with its bell tower has served our community well since it was built in 1929.

When we shared news last year of urgent needs, our community responded immediately! Because of your generosity, the following projects were undertaken over the summer:



Repair of the St. Cecelia and Coronation of Mary Stained Glass Windows, as well as the transom above the copper doors on 18th. These beautiful works of art are two of the most visible, valuable, and beloved components of our house of worship. To preserve the windows, they needed to be removed and taken to a professional studio, where they were re-leaded with new strips and solder joints. Window sashes were scraped, painted, and fixed. One window has been re-installed and the other will be in the coming weeks. In addition, we made necessary repairs to the large rose window and repaired and replaced 109 windows in the Church.



Repair and Painting of Building Exterior, including repairs to masonry and copper roofing, a task that happens every 2-3 decades. The Church was last painted 25 years ago and without the protection of a new coat of paint, the exterior walls would erode, resulting in very expensive damage. We cleaned, repaired and restored terra cotta joints and removed and replaced failed caulk at windows. Painting a church as large as ours is no easy task. Scaffolding was installed so workers could safely reach the highest points, ten stories off the ground. As with any paint job, old paint was scraped, and walls repaired where needed in preparation for painting. Our new paint contains a compound that repels dirt and streaking. We also improved safety for staff members who maintain our building.



Repair of Bell Tower Roof Membrane and Lighting. Torch down roofing was replaced, access points were made safe, and the lighting of the tower improved.

Purchase of a new Parish Bus. We rely heavily on our parish bus from providing transportation for seniors to and from Mass, to senior and youth group outings, to CYO sport teams, to transporting homeless men to our overflow shelter nights October through April. Our 15-seat 1999 Chevy Express is worn out and increasingly has mechanical issues which require frequent repairs. Our new parish bus will serve our parish community reliably for years and will be purchased in the coming weeks.

YET TO COMPLETE: Replace Outdated Boiler Controls. We still need to replace outdated boiler control systems and air draft dampers, install new bearings in original building fans, add new steam valves for increased energy efficiency and ability to target specific areas within the system, and replace or repair radiators in the Church classrooms. At the time of this printing, we have \$326,468 in outstanding pledges. We will complete the final work on the boiler once all pledges are fulfilled.



Paint the Church Restoration Project

We are delighted to report that our project will be completed on time and within budget!

How can we possibly begin to express our appreciation for Steve Trainer who led us through the remodel process? We are forever grateful for Steve's selflessness and sage advice, as well as members of the Restoration Advisory Committee Tom Foley, Laura Kelley and Catherine Mirkin for their willingness to provide robust consultation. Lastly, we are forever grateful for Bill Parks who walked alongside our staff and crew every step of the way. We are humbled by the love and commitment of this group of parishioners. Please thank them for their service if you have the opportunity.

Finally, we want to be sure to recognize our contractor, W.G. Clark Construction Co., especially Rick Workman and Paul Selby. Our construction team was simply extraordinary and we can't recommend them highly enough!

Thanks again to each and every person who supported the restoration of our beautiful Church! The care you provided to our church will offer future generations a beautiful and functional space for prayer and worship so that they may also be *Ignited by the Eucharist to love and to serve.*



What's next?

As we look toward the future, we know we'll need to address the following items in the coming years. Should you be interested in supporting any of these projects, please reach out to Tina O'Brien, our Director of Advancement at stewardship@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965-1654. Many thanks!!

- Update and expand the bathrooms in the Social Hall
- Update the kitchen in the Social Hall
- Update Sound and Lighting in the Social Hall
- Refresh Church classrooms to allow for additional meeting space on campus, as well as provide ADA access to select rooms
- Replace the chairs in the Arrupe room for Daily Mass
- Restore and Repair our Historic Willis Organ
- Restore and Reseal our Copper Doors

Explore St. Joseph

Ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve.

We are grateful to the following parishioners for providing their leadership and time to St. Joseph.
To get involved, call 206-324-2522 or visit www.stjosephparish.org for more information.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Staff: John D. Whitney, S.J. & Tina O'Brien - Chair: Rebecca Buettner -
Andy Perez, Fisher Key, Mary Karges, Julie Tilghman and Megan Wellings

PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

The Pastoral Council assists St. Joseph Parish as a whole by

- providing support and consultation to the Pastor,
- discerning the priorities of the Parish, and
- assisting the Parish commissions in the execution of their responsibilities.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Staff: Marti McGaughey - Chair: Dan Little - Tee Earls, Brian Hanson, Catherine Mirkin, Shannon Schneider, Mathew Van Wollen & Robert Baur

FINANCE COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

The Finance Council assists St. Joseph Parish as a whole by

- providing consultation to the Pastor on financial and property matters,
- examining and approving the budget and spending, and
- advising on issues of Parish advancement and fund-raising.

LITURGY & WORSHIP COMMISSION

Staff: Robert McCaffery-Lent - Chair: Diane Lostrangio - John Adams, Joy Sherman, Jennifer Kelly, Drew Becker, Mary Helen Bever, Mia Anderton, Jennifer Paquette, Sue Grady & Jenner Mathiasen

LITURGY & WORSHIP COMMISSION MISSION STATEMENT

The Liturgy & Worship Commission promotes and deepens the communal prayer of the St. Joseph community by

- sustaining the living traditions and practices of the Church,
- developing and supporting other forms of prayer and spiritual expression, and
- evaluating and discerning the on-going worship of the People of God at St. Joseph.



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PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

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PARISH LIFE COMMISSION MISSION STATEMENT

The Parish Life Commission strengthens the community of St. Joseph Parish by

- welcoming new members into the Parish,
- making current members feel welcomed through celebrations and social opportunities, and
- building and uniting various communities of life.

Men's Ministry men@stjosephparish.org

Women's Ministry women@stjosephparish.org

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Young Adult Ministry youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org

Seniors On The Go Ministry seniors@stjosephparish.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry prayershawl@stjosephparish.org

Sister Parish Ministry sisterparish@stjosephparish.org

We Are St. Joseph Event Ministry stevew@stjosephparish.org

Funeral Hospitality Ministry funeralhospitality@stjosephparish.org

Sunday Hospitality sundayhospitality@stjosephparish.org



FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

Staff: Marie Pitman & Theresa Lukasik - Chair: Jessica Smits - Kelly Keydel, Amanda Baumgartner, Patrick Healey, George Stein, Mike Crisera, Meaghan Roach, Mary Guerra, and Kelda Byrne

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION MISSION STATEMENT

The Faith Formation Commission forms and supports a spiritually and intellectually active community at St. Joseph by

- developing educational programs appropriate to age and circumstances,
- supporting programs that nurture holistic development, and
- fostering dialogue and discussion in the Catholic Jesuit tradition.

Baptism mariep@stjosephparish.org or theresal@stjosephparish.org

Children's Faith Formation cff@stjosephparish.org

Pathfinders Youth Group pathfinders@stjosephparish.org

The VOICE Youth Group thevoice@stjosephparish.org

Altar Servers mariep@stjosephparish.org

Adult Faith Formation theresal@stjosephparish.org

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) stevew@stjosephparish.org

Online Bible Study theresal@stjosephparish.org



FAITH JUSTICE COMMISSION

Staff: Deacon Steve Wodzanowski - Chairs: April Haydon & Terry Earls - Al O'Brien, Barbara Clinton, Chris Meyers, Diego Villasana, Enrica Marocco, Kaitlyn O'Leary, Leah Hollingsworth, Susan Fox & Terri Stewart.

FAITH JUSTICE COMMISSION MISSION STATEMENT

The Faith Justice Commission builds a community of gospel love and care at St. Joseph by

- sharing information and promoting opportunities for parishioners to engage in direct service with those in need,
- assisting in those events or programs that build greater companionship with the poor or marginalized, and
- developing collaborative avenues of advocacy to transform structures of poverty and displacement.



Annual Events stevew@stjosephparish.org

Alternative Bazaar

Giving Tree

Epiphany Dinner

We Are St. Joseph Service Days

Parish Groups

Choose Life Ministry chooselife@stjosephparish.org

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry stvdvp@stjosephparish.org

St. Martin de Porres Meals Ministry stevew@stjosephparish.org

Winter Overnight Shelter wintershelter@stjosephparish.org

Visit our website for information on our partner and affiliated groups.

Partner Groups

Partner Groups include organizations that St. Joseph and our parishioners work with on a regular basis including: Dialogue For Justice, WestSide Baby, St. Francis House, Noel House and Shirts Across America.

Affiliated Groups

We have a wonderful group of organizations that work with us on an occasional basis including: Bloodworks NW, Chief Seattle Club, Recovery Café, L'Arche, Jubilee Women's Center, Habitat For Humanity & PSKS.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL COMMISSION

Staff: Patrick Fennessy & Mary Dorn - Chair: Sean O'Donnell - LeAna Alvarado-Smith, Vicki Anderson-Ellis, Rosemary Dunigan, Courtney Heily, Laura Kelley, Andrea Lines, April Little, Kris Moore, Dennis West, Kim Nisbet & Larry Ward

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Joseph School is to create a faith-centered community that educates and inspires students to reach their God-given potential.



St. Joseph Facts at a Glance 2017-2018

St. Joseph was dedicated to Christ
the King on October 26, 1930

Did you know, St. Joseph has had 19 pastors?
Our first was Alexander M. Dionedi, S.J.

St. Joseph received Seattle Landmark
status on March 19, 1980

Did you know our bells
have names?

George
(for George Hofbauer)
Katie
for (Katie McKay)
Mary
St. Joseph

**St. Joseph is so much more than these numbers.
It is the people within our community who
collectively breathe life into this data.**

Did you know, our organ has 1,820 pipes and was shipped
from London and installed at St. Joseph in 1981?

Did you know, the ceiling in the
church is made of horsehair?

Did you know, the St. Cecelia
window was shipped from Germany
in a vat of molasses?

225 ft
Tower height

96
Zip Codes
In the Parish

80,985
Hosts given during
Communion

3,806
Receiving Weekly
E-Blast

91
Baptisms

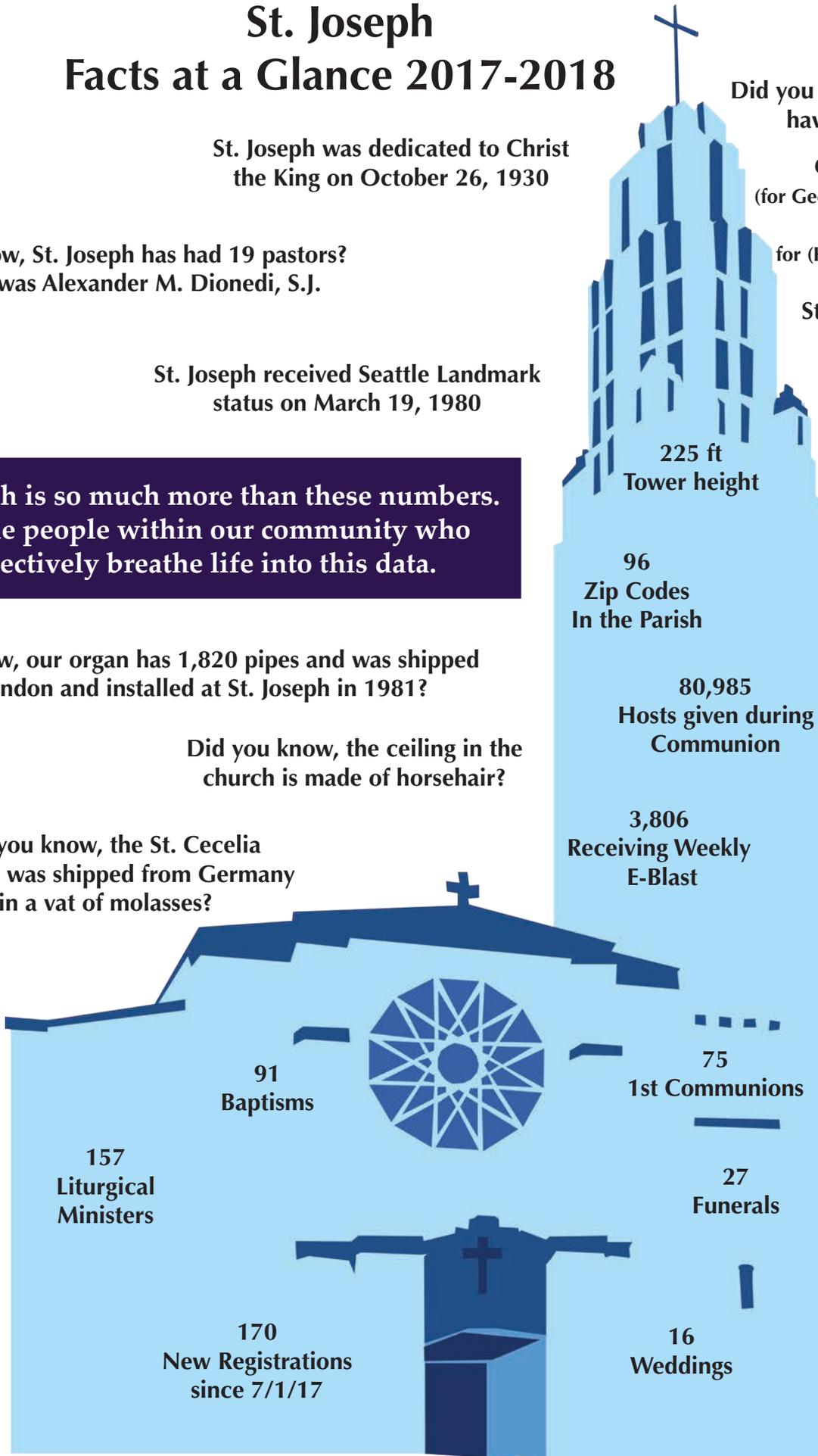
75
1st Communions

157
Liturgical
Ministers

27
Funerals

170
New Registrations
since 7/1/17

16
Weddings



Why we came to St. Joseph. . .and why we stay. . .

St. Joseph is blessed by a multigenerational community, a collection of families made up of parents and grandparents, of single adults, and of children just starting out. Some of these families have been at St. Joseph for years, and some have come from other regions. Here we feature two such families, and tell the varied stories of how they came here and why they stay and support St. Joseph.



The Calvert Family: Finding Our Way

It began with the 5:30 Contemplative Mass, when **Deanne**, then a young professional on her own in Seattle, discovered St. Joseph Parish: *"I loved that Mass at that time in my life; so quiet and peaceful."* Called to leave Seattle for work in Olympia, it took 6 years for her to get back, and she hasn't left St. Joseph since.



There, with her fiancé, **Phil Calvert**, Deanne went through marriage preparation, and in 2000, walked down the aisle of St. Joseph to begin her married life with Phil. One of her fondest memories of St. Joseph came that day: *"I remember our wedding, the beautiful church and Jessica, the Saturday night cantor, singing, 'How Can I Keep From Singing' as my brother walked my mother up the aisle."* Still, whenever that song is sung at St. Joseph, *"it always gives me a sense of a 'shout out' from God."*



For Phil, the marriage preparation and the years of going to Mass with Deanne drew him deeper and deeper into the life of the Parish, and so he finally decided to enter the RCIA program and become a Catholic himself. Since that time, St. Joseph Parish and School have become a big part of Phil's sense of family and tradition, a sense heightened in the years since his son, **John** was born, and since his parents moved to Seattle to be closer to Phil and Deanne (and, especially, John).



Phil's parents, **John and Kay Calvert**, moved to Seattle in 2005, after a lifetime of travel and work. As Kay notes, *"We wanted to live closer to our family since our son had a new baby and my husband was dealing with health issues."* Eventually, the elder John would be diagnosed with Alzheimers, the disease that took his life in 2016; yet by that time, Kay and John had become as much a part of St. Joseph Parish as had their daughter-in-law, son, and grandson. Young John was often with his grandmother, and like many students at St. Joseph School, was lucky to have his grandmother at various school events. But Kay also found her own community of friends at St. Joseph—especially among the Seniors who play Rummikub on Fridays in the Parish Center, *"I could come when my*



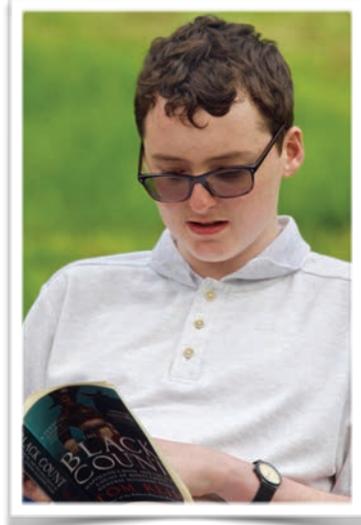
husband was limited by Alzheimers, and I come now for the Healing Mass. The wonderful people I have met!"

If there is a common theme in talking to the Calvert's about St. Joseph, it is the way both Parish and School have offered them an experience that blesses the whole family, making them feel part of the whole—both at the School and in the Church.

To Phil, the draw of St. Joseph has grown through his son's life at St. Joseph School. *"I remember the St. Joseph Jog-a-thons and all the little kids, including John, running their hearts out!"* Through 9 years at St. Joseph, Phil watched as little Jack matured into the gifted young man—who now goes by *"John"* and is studying at Seattle Preparatory. Always kind, John has always known St. Joseph as *"his"* Parish, and has added to the life of the Parish as an altar server and, later, as gifted musician.

Indeed, for John, music has been one of the gifts developed at St. Joseph, and his participation as a musician in both the Passion Play and the student Masses added much to his last year at St. Joseph. In fact, while his Grandmother points to his graduation—when he won a number of awards—as one of her fondest memories of St. Joseph, for John, the memory that stays with him is not so much about school, as about liturgy, and about the community: *"My fondest memory is playing 'Amazing Grace' at my Grandpa's funeral, and seeing my St. Joseph classmates who came to support me."* Few images better capture what St. Joseph School and Parish hope to instill in our students.

For Deanne, there have been many important moments at St. Joseph, some poignant, some funny, and some just surprising have revealed for her the unique community of St. Joseph: *"I remember arriving at my Mother's funeral in Bellevue, after the tremendous helplessness and sadness I experienced during her month-long battle with cancer, and there was Fr. John, on the altar, concelebrating with my Mother's parish priest, when I didn't know he was coming."* On the other hand, there was young John's First Reconciliation: *"He went to Fr. Jack O'Leary, and came back great relieved, saying, 'It was easy!' Then he asked Phil and I if we were going to go. . .so we both ended up going without ever planning it."* Of course, with Fr. Jack, it was still easy, and Deanne will note, graced. But it has been more than just the priests who have offered special kindness, as Deanne says: *"I got an e-mail this weekend from a fellow parishioner saying she missed me on the women's retreat, which I was not able to attend this year."* Such experiences tie back to those first days at the 5:30 Mass when Deanne felt that St. Joseph was to be her place—so it has become, and so it remains, but now not just for her but for three generations of family!



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The Murphy Family: Keep Coming Back to the Love

For **Matt and Cristina Murphy**, leaving Spokane meant leaving a community they knew well and family they loved, so when they married and came to Seattle, they wanted *“to find a parish to raise a family in the area where we lived. . .a community in Seattle that we could be a part of.”* Having grown up in a strong Catholic faith, and having known the Jesuits in Spokane, they found their way to St. Joseph 26 years ago, and have been a strong part of the community—sharing time and talent, treasure and the gift of their children with the Parish for all those years: *“We have found a wonderful community of people that drives us to keep coming back to the love.”*

The love they found (and brought) to St. Joseph has been tied up with the children whom they have raised here. **Maya, Aliyah,** and **O’Shea** have all been baptized at St. Joseph and have grown up, like their parents, as givers and receivers of the love of this community. Attending St. Joseph School—where O’Shea is in 6th grade—they each, in their turn, became altar servers and volunteers for various activities. O’Shea recalls, *“I always liked to read along with the Magnifikids, and now I enjoy the chance to light the candles and hold the book.”*



Though now graduated from St. Joseph and attending Holy Names Academy—where her sister also goes—Matt and Cristina’s daughter, Aliyah also recalls the opportunities to serve that she has known at St. Joseph. Indeed, when asked about her most lasting memory of St. Joseph, Aliyah thinks of service first: *“My favorite memories are the pancake breakfasts. It always amazed me how many people came from Mass to the breakfast! To me this shows the willingness of the community to support each other and come together. . . I love volunteering with my Mom.”*



For both of the Murphy daughters, graduation from St. Joseph School has not meant leaving the community, but has led to a development in relationships and participation. As eldest daughter, Maya, puts it, *“The school I attend now, Holy Names Academy, is very interactive with the Parish; but, also, I just can’t leave the family I have had for my entire life.”*



When asked for a particular memory that speaks to what makes St. Joseph special to her, Maya goes on: *“After an event at the church, we had to stay late to help. I was sitting outside when Fr. John came over and started talking to me. I remember him talking to me about my family, school, and future—and in the process I learned more about him. That one simple conversation with Fr. John and I talking, showed me how the parish is my family and*





that it would always be there for me."

The community of St. Joseph has always been an attraction for the Murphy family; and as the children went through Baptism and First Communion, Matt remembers many of those unique moments: *"We have had so many memories over the years here at St. Joseph: from the time when our child got sick up on the altar to running around in the back of the church—chasing kids during the homily."*



But none of those moments meant as much as did those days following Cristina's diagnosis with cancer. As Matt recalls: *"The memory that stands out the most was the first time we were in Mass, hearing Cristina's name read aloud for the Prayers of the Faithful. The love and support we received from members of the Parish and School community was incredible! And prayers and support were just what we needed—I am a big fan of prayer."*



He goes on: *"I remember sitting with Cristina and Deacon Steve during the Anointing of the Sick, before one of Cristina's surgeries. We were touched by the faith and love that is so profound in this church, in all its leaders and lay people. Quite incredible."*



Today, cancer free and still giving to the St. Joseph community, Cristina can be found at the front desk of St. Joseph School during the week, and always, on Sunday, at the church—with Matt, her children, and maybe, if they're in town, her in-laws from Spokane (who have their own long relationship with Jesuits). For, despite all the ups and downs of the years, they all know how to come back for the love.



Prayerfully Giving

Discerning a Level of Stewardship That Fits Your Call

<p>Level One <i>The Mustard Seed</i></p>	<p>For those with great hearts but limited resources. <i>“What is the kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a person took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and ‘the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches.’”</i> <i>(Luke 13:18-19)</i></p>	<p>A. \$150 < \$350 about \$2 - \$7 a week</p> <p>B. \$350 < \$750 about \$7 - \$15 a week</p>
<p>Level Two <i>Providing for the Mission</i></p>	<p>For those who sacrifice to build the mission. <i>“Accompanying Jesus were the twelve & some women who had been cured, Mary called Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, & many others who provided for them out of their resources.”</i> (Luke 8:1-3)</p>	<p>A. \$750 < \$1,000 about \$15 - \$20 a week</p> <p>B. \$1,000 < \$1,500 about \$20 - \$30 a week</p> <p>C. \$1,500 < \$2,500 about \$30 - \$50 a week</p>
<p>Level Three <i>Sowing Bountifully</i></p>	<p>For those graced & willing to share their bounty. <i>“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, & whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”</i> <i>(Luke 8:1-3)</i></p>	<p>A. \$2,500 < \$3,500 about \$210 - \$300 a month</p> <p>B. \$3,500 < \$5,000 about \$300 - \$420 a month</p> <p>C. \$5,000 < \$7,500 about \$420 - \$625 a month</p>
<p>Level Four <i>Faithful & Prudent Stewards</i></p>	<p>For those blessed with substantial resources & able to share. <i>“Who, then, is the faithful & prudent steward whom the master will put in charge to distribute the food allowance? Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, & still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.”</i> (Luke 12:42, 48)</p>	<p>A. \$7,500 < \$10,000 about \$625 - \$850 a month</p> <p>B. \$10,000 < \$25,000 about \$850 - \$2,100 a month</p> <p>C. \$25,000 < \$50,000 about \$2,100 - \$4,200 a month</p> <p>D. \$50,000 < whatever grace moves you to give</p>
<p>Level Five <i>Spiritual Companions</i></p>	<p>For those who have only their hearts to give. <i>“When he saw Peter & John about to go into the temple, the beggar asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, & said, ‘I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you, in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean.’”</i> (Acts 3:3-6)</p>	<p>If you are not able to give financially, know that your prayers--the gift that animates all others--are still needed. Please pledge to pray for St. Joseph.</p>

Key People At St. Joseph



Top row: Deacon Steve Wodzanowski - Pastoral Associate, Patrick Fennessy - Head of School, Yuri Kondratyuk - Facilities Mgr
Middle row: John D. Whitney, S. J. - Pastor, Bob McCaffery-Lent - Pastoral Assistant for Music & Liturgy, Julian Climaco, S.J. - Parochial Vicar, Marti McGaughey - Pastoral Assistant for Administration, Theresa Lukasik - Director of Adult Faith Formation
Bottom row: Tina O'Brien - Director of Advancement, Caprice Sauter - Communications & Scheduling, Renée Leet - Administrative Assistant, Marie Pitman - Director of Religious Education (Not pictured Lianne Nelson - Bookkeeper)

Thank you for your prayerful discernment...

*For over a century, women and men such as you have prayed over their resources
and have placed their trust in the goodness of God.*

*Because of what their hearts told them, St. Joseph Parish has flourished
as a place where young people are educated with hope,
where seniors gather with joy,
where women and men of varied callings and ways of life seek God in prayer and community.
Through family, work, and service, all share the Eucharist they have received.*

*As a part of this history, we ask you to open your heart fearlessly,
and to commit, not out of guilt, but out of the love of God that has been
poured into your heart.*

***Thank you for becoming a part of St. Joseph.
Thank you for your annual affirmation of membership
and active participation in our community.
Thank you for prayerfully considering your stewardship
commitment this year.***

Thank you for the grace you have, and the grace you share with us all.





A Gift to Last the Ages

*Thank you for your stewardship commitment to St. Joseph.
Might you also consider a gift that would ensure that the graces of St. Joseph
are sustained for future generations?
Remembering St. Joseph in your estate planning offers a legacy of grace.*

You can make a bequest in 3 easy steps:

1. Create a will or living trust, or revise an existing one.
2. Decide what you would like to designate to St. Joseph Parish.
3. Provide your attorney with our suggested bequest language:

*I give, devise, and bequeath to St. Joseph Parish, Seattle,
a tax exempt organization located at 732 18th Ave East, Seattle, WA 98112
the sum of _____ (or) _____% of my estate (or property described herein)
to be used for _____*

*(Please specify the purpose , e.g., buildings & grounds, faith formation, liturgy & worship,
school scholarships, Jesuit presence, social ministries & outreach, or general use.)*

Our Tax ID Number (EIN) is 91-0588423

*Please let us know if you have included St. Joseph Parish in your estate plans,
so we can invite you to special events. If you have any questions
regarding a gift to St. Joseph Parish, please contact*

Tina O'Brien at stewardship@stjosephparish.org or (206) 324-2522 ext 114.

Thank you!

