

St. Joseph Parish

The Jesuit Parish in Seattle

"The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship, and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach."

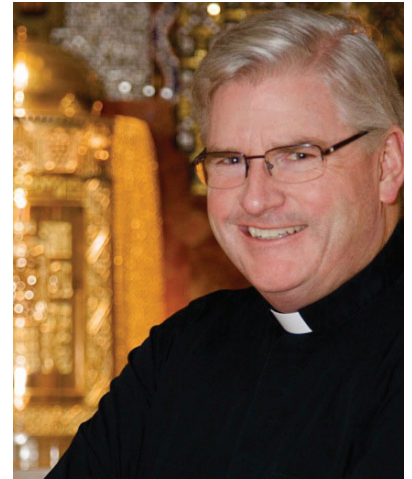
-Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium-

THE STATE OF THE PARISH 2019-2020



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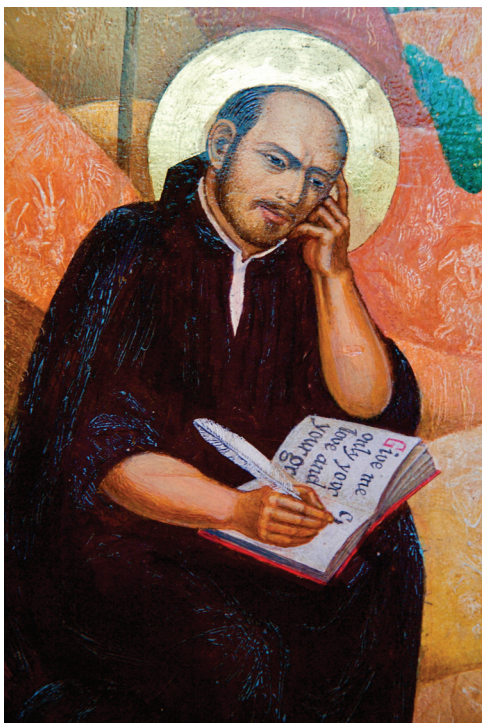


The State of St. Joseph Parish

Dear Friends & Companions: Peace of Christ!

Not long ago, while organizing some old files on my computer, I rediscovered a written copy of my first homily given at St. Joseph on Sunday, July 26, 2009. Rereading the text, I recalled the feelings I had that day: feelings of anticipation and desire, of joy at being right where God had put me and of hope that I might be a conduit of blessing to this already blessed community. Ascending the pulpit (I had not yet started to preach from in front of the altar), I can remember looking out at the faces—some of whom I knew, most of whom I had yet to meet—and wondering what we would become, who we could be together?

I began that first homily with a story about St. Ignatius of Loyola, who, five years before the Jesuits were founded, was climbing a mountain road on his way to a town in Northern Italy. As he climbed, the path narrowed and the cliff beside him grew so steep that by the end of the day he found himself crawling in the dark, unable to go back and terrified by the precipice at his side. Facing his fears, he made it through this great danger, only to slip off a footbridge at the edge of town and fall into the mud. I have always loved this story for the way it recalls how our courage can be tested without being overcome, and yet also reminds us of the inevitable slips that should keep us humble. For me, on that first Sunday, the story also offered a metaphor, through which I have continued to imagine our work at St. Joseph—a work of great value, but always because it helps others to get where they are going. As my homily on that day put it: *“For most of the people here, St. Joseph is not the mountain you are called to climb; it is not the primary path by which you find holiness and grace. Rather, this parish is the **base camp** for our ascent to God. Like Ignatius, we must come (and are called to come) to this church and to this table, so that we can receive the oxygen of the gospels and the food of the Eucharist, so that we can find companions for the journey and, perhaps, find others whose journey we might make easier.*



Some of you may come so that your children will learn to climb well; some may come because, like the people in the gospel, you are hungry for the food that Christ offers in this place; and still others may come because, right now, you are on your knees, like Ignatius on the cliff, and can barely find a way forward. But all of us come here, ultimately, so that—like Ignatius— we might go back out into the world: facing our fears with faith, our precipices with hope, and our humiliations with the love that raises us up and unites us as sisters and brothers in the service of all creation.”

I still believe, more than ten years later, that the mission of St. Joseph Parish is to be this “base camp” for all those in need of nurture and support, education and direction, companionship and the bottled oxygen contained in the word of God. And I believe, that by living this mission well, we inspire and empower the women and men of this Parish to be the Body of Christ not just at Mass, but while ascending all the mountains of this world. Renewed by the many graces offered at St. Joseph, parishioners are becoming the Church in all its richness: proclaiming the gospel of Christ in a million places, in a billion quiet ways, in all the seemingly common moments that they fill with grace and mercy.

These days, I am overwhelmed by what God is doing in our midst: overwhelmed by the vitality of our Children's Faith Formation program and by the growing energy of Adult Faith Formation; overwhelmed by the renewal and deepening of our relationship with our Sister Parish and by our leadership in advocacy for justice; overwhelmed by the vibrancy of our Sunday worship communities and by the flourishing of other venues of spiritual growth, including our Rosary Group and Sacred Silence, Bible Study and Centering Prayer; overwhelmed by the commitment to growth shown in our Women's Ministry and by the innovative and multi-dimensional community being built by our Young Adults; overwhelmed by the adoption and implementation of a Jesuit vision at our Primary and Middle School and by the School's intentional progress on diversity and inclusion; overwhelmed by the deepened relationship between St. Joseph and the other Jesuit Ministries of Seattle and by the many ways St. Joseph parishioners are bringing the graces of this community into the various good works of Seattle and greater Puget Sound.

Working with a dedicated community of professional ministers, and a legion of volunteers, I have watched, in awe, as the People of God at St. Joseph have found their voice and their courage through evening presentations and spiritual retreats, through prayerful liturgies and discerning, engaged homilies. I have followed as this community has gone forth into jails and prisons, hospitals and nursing homes, the streets outside the Tacoma Detention Center and the offices of our Congressional representatives—carrying with them prayer and Eucharist, gospel truth and holy boldness. Every day, members of the St. Joseph community seek to incarnate the corporal works of mercy—living their faith in a manner that invites others to join us at the table of Christ and on all the mountains still before us.

These last years have not always been easy. At times, I have felt a bit like Ignatius, crawling in the dark near a precipice; yet, I am constantly renewed by the grace and goodness of St. Joseph parishioners. Even in times of painful scandal or heartbreaking silence from the larger Church, our Parish continues to nurture and sustain, to strengthen and send forth—i.e., continues to be the base camp needed by so many of us, including me.

In this, my last year as Pastor of St. Joseph Parish and School, I feel profoundly blessed by the generosity of God, who has allowed me to serve this community. But I also know, the work of God requires all of us. As Pope Francis says, *"When you see the poor, you pray, and then you feed them. That is how prayer works."* When we see the graces of St. Joseph, we pray in thanksgiving, but then we need to support those graces—that is how a parish works, as well. **And so I ask you now for the last time as Pastor: please help build this base camp, and sustain it by your prayers and actions. Pledge yourself to Stewardship, giving as God calls us all to give: fearlessly, generously, lovingly.**

May the grace of God, whose love has called us together in this good work of St. Joseph, keep our hearts united now and for all the years to come.

In the love of Christ,



John D. Whitney, S.J.
Pastor





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 2018-2019. It was quite a year!

Triumphs

- Successfully completed our Archdiocesan audit.
- Completed the Paint the Church capital campaign: though we currently have an \$80,000 loan from the Archdiocese, our outstanding pledges of \$144,000 will be used to pay off the loan, and allow for the purchase of the new Parish van promised in the campaign.
- Completed Building Maintenance projects: we increased door security for the Parish Center. We also remodelled a new choir room and an office space for a new Jesuit partner ministry.
- Emergency Preparedness: we're expanding preparations for St. Joseph to be an emergency shelter-in-place with medical supplies, water and food.
- Enhanced endowment: we were blessed last year with several bequests. We placed 75% into the Building & Grounds endowment, the remaining 25% is being used for emergency preparedness.
- Increased communication: we publish monthly bulletin updates on Parish finances, which have led to increased dialogue with parishioners. We hope you feel we are living up to our *glass pockets* promise.

Challenges

- Stewardship Income: we continue to struggle with receiving enough ordinary income to cover operating expenses and programs. While special projects are often generously supported, we still struggle to get support for St. Joseph's essential needs.
- Quality Staffing: though we have an amazing staff, it remains a challenge to retain the long-term staff we need to maintain excellence in the competitive Seattle employment market. Thus, salary and benefit expenses are up close to 7% this year.
- Building and Grounds Maintenance: faced with more needs than resources, we have postponed some important building and maintenance projects. We deferred our landscaping, completion of the walk way, and boiler upgrades to the 2019-2020 budget.

Stewardship Campaign

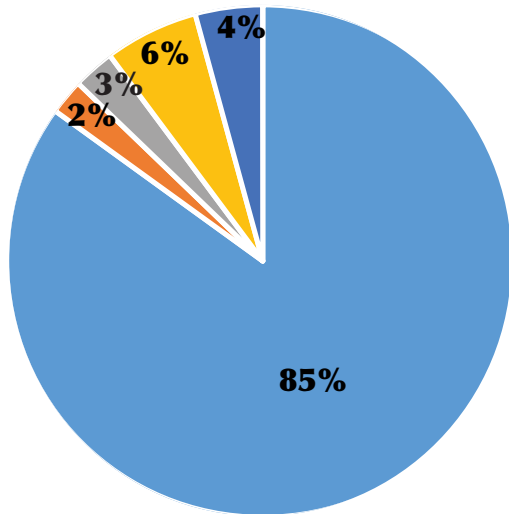
As always, our annual Stewardship drive is the crucial component for the fiscal health of St. Joseph. We need all our members to re-affirm their membership at St. Joseph with either a monetary pledge or a pledge of prayers (or both). Without pledges, we cannot accurately plan our budget. Currently, only 55% of our stewardship gifts come with a committed pledge. This year especially, we need all of our households to let us know what they can commit so we can plan effectively. Even if you regularly give, please let us know your plans and commitment. It really is important. Thank you so much for your love and support of our community!

I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to use my talents to serve St. Joseph. As always, you are welcome to reach out anytime.

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	\$1,622,962
Remembrances, Devotions & Targeted Fundraisers	42,500
Net Restricted Donations	50,000
Business Revenue - facility rental, interest, admin fees, etc.	113,503
Program Revenue - Adult & Children's Faith Formation	81,161
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,910,126

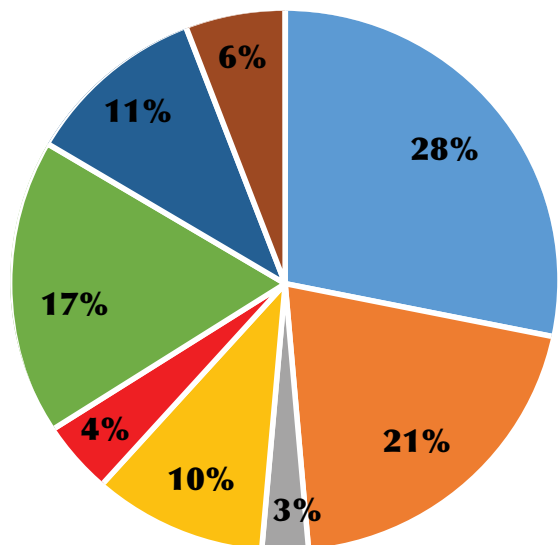
Behind The Numbers...

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

THE REVENUE & EXPENSES OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Administration	\$538,061
Liturgy & Worship Programs	391,984
Parish Life Programs	53,925
Faith Formation Programs	198,354
Faith Justice Programs	82,720
Buildings & Grounds	332,555
School Support	204,000
Archdiocesan Assessment	112,444
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,914,043

PARISH EXPENSE



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

MERCY WELCOMES EVERYONE



Ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve.

For more than a century, the community of St. Joseph Parish has been an example of God's presence in the world. *Ignited by the Eucharist to love & serve*, we are called to a passionate and personal relationship with God and our world.

Today, our parish is home to more than 1700 households and is a second home to countless others. Nearly 1/3 of our parishioners are active volunteers, contributing both time and talent to our 3 dozen ministries that serve our parish as well as the elderly, ill, and needy in our area.

Our parish school forms around 600 children from kindergarten through 8th grade. Our religious education and youth program ministers to nearly 350 families.

Week after week, Sunday after Sunday, hundreds of people gather here to pray and then go forth from this beautiful place to live their Catholic faith. If you aren't already, we invite you to become a part of the life and mission of St. Joseph by joining us for Sunday Mass and, if possible, by involving yourself in one of the many ministries and activities that are the hallmark of contemplatives in action.

We look forward to getting to know you better. Email welcome@stjosephparish.org for more information.

Key People At St. Joseph



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

WE ARE ST. JOSEPH

Explore And Get Involved In The Ministries of St. Joseph

A snapshot of how the Gospel is lived out year-round at St. Joseph Parish.

Liturgy & Worship

The parish community of St. Joseph gathers together to pray and worship throughout the liturgical year. Prayer, especially the celebration of the Eucharist, binds our community together to give honor and glory to God and to recognize the real presence of Christ and the Spirit in one another.

Daily Mass - Start your day with Holy Mass! Stop by the Parish Center at 7 am and introduce yourself. We look forward to seeing you. For more information, contact Peter Wurmbauer at dailymass@stjosephparish.org

Eucharistic Ministers - This ministry is open to all youth and adults who love the Eucharist, have been confirmed, and who strive to show Christ's love in their daily living. For more information and to become part of this important ministry, please contact team captain Mary Sepulveda at eucharisticministers@stjosephparish.org

Lectors - Lectoring is a ministry of proclamation, giving strong voice to the Word of God found in Sacred Scripture, and announcing the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. For more information and to become part of this important ministry, contact the lector coordinator, Jessica Smits, at lectors@stjosephparish.org

Ushers - Ushers greet people warmly, introduce strangers, help people sit together, distribute worship aids, provide hearing assisted devices and offer hospitality. For more information or to become a part of this important ministry, please contact usher captain Bruce Mirkin at ushers@stjosephparish.org or (206) 391-6155.

Our Choir - Choir rehearses Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm and sings at the 9 am Mass on Sunday mornings as well as some holy days and the liturgies around Christmas and Triduum/Easter. The choir is open to singers who are high school age or older. For more information or to schedule an audition, contact Robert McCaffery-Lent, Pastoral Assistant for Music and Liturgy, at rmclent@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1649.

Children's Choir - The St. Joseph Children's Choir "Joyful Voices" sings the 9 am mass three or four times a year, and at the 4 pm Mass on Christmas Eve, with two after school rehearsals before each mass. All school age children are welcome, as long as they are able to focus on singing through rehearsal and Mass. Parents

of younger kids may need to sit with them and help them through the music. To sign up or for more information, please contact Jen or Matt Tilghman-Havens at childrenschoir@stjosephparish.org

Prayer Groups

There are myriad opportunities to take part in the prayer and devotional life at St. Joseph apart from Sunday liturgies.

Centering Prayer - We meet the first, third and fifth Saturdays of each month from 8:00 to 9:30 am for prayer, information, and sharing in the Brebeuf Room on the lower level of the Parish Center. For more information, please contact Mary Ettel at centeringprayer@stjosephparish.org

Rosary Groups - We are blessed to have two regularly meeting Rosary groups here at St. Joseph. The Holy Rosary Group meets each Monday from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Center Loyola Chapel. The Holy Hour Rosary Group meets each first Thursday of the month from 7 to 8 pm in the Loyola Chapel. Each gathering is usually followed by a reception and an opportunity to spend time together. Please contact Tom Cannon and Jackie Quinn for more information by emailing rosary@stjosephparish.org

Sacred Silence - We gather in the church, unless there's a conflict, on Monday nights at 7 pm and end at 8 pm. Time is spent in silent prayerful sitting and walking. It is a peaceful retreat from the busyness and distractions of the day. For additional information on Sacred Silence or silent prayer, please email Jim Hoover at sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org or call (206) 286-0313.

St. Joseph School

St. Joseph School is one of the largest parish grade schools on the West Coast. Key to the school's success is the participation of the School Commission, a consultative body that advises and supports the Head of School and Pastor on matters pertaining to the school. The School Commission published its strategic plan - *A New Messina* (referring to the first Jesuit school) - and begin the next steps for this major parish ministry. To learn more about the school and ways to get involved, please reach out to the Head of School, Patrick Fennessy.

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Parish Life Ministries

Grouped around some commonality of life experience, our Parish Life ministries provide places and times where we can grow and share our faith lives through active participation in community, social events and retreats.

Men's Ministry - Each year our Men's Ministry organizes a number of great events that provide opportunities for prayer and reflection and supportive discussions. These gatherings will charge the batteries of our faith and are always a lot of fun. For additional information, email men@stjosephparish.org

Women's Ministry - For women who seek a deeper relationship with God and with one another through spirituality, fellowship, knowledge, and service in action. We welcome all women seeking the path of God. For more information, email Theresa at women@stjosephparish.org

LGBTQ Ministry - For LBGTQ identified members of St. Joseph Parish who seek community and fellowship. We seek to grow and explore our spirituality through education, formation, prayer and service. For more information, email Theresa at lgbt@stjosephparish.org

Young Adult Ministry - Looking for community? A place to discuss faith and life with others? Our Young Adult Community focuses on building spirituality, friendship, and creating social, spiritual, and service opportunities. For more information, email Tom Sutton & Sabrina Fordyce at youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org

Seniors On The Go - Join us in the many ways we celebrate our community life together, including the Anointing Mass on the first Friday of every month, with a luncheon during the school year, and our *Aging Gracefully* support group the 3rd Wednesday of each month, as well as many outings and potluck dinners throughout the year. Call Mary Ott at 206-324-7459 or Dolores Dorn 206-322-2259 or email seniors@stjosephparish.org

Prayer Shawl Group - Founded by a group of parishioners wishing to come together in community to knit or crochet prayer shawls for those in need of comfort and healing. Our monthly gatherings are a time to share, pray, reflect, rejoice, and learn from one another. For more information, please email Sheila Prusa at prayershawlgroup@stjosephparish.org

We Are St. Joseph Events Ministry - Parish-wide events celebrating our community and open to both family and friends include: *St. Patrick's Day Celebration*, March 7, 2020; and *We Are St. Joseph Service Days & Celebration Dinner*, May 15 & 16, 2020, and *St. Joseph Parish Picnic*, September 2020. To volunteer contact Deacon Steve at steve@stjosephparish.org

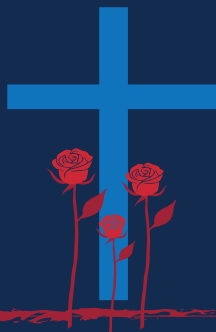
CYO Sports program - Opportunities for the youth of St. Joseph Parish and St. Joseph School to participate in various sports activities in a safe, well organized, and properly supervised program; and to develop skills, self discipline, and attitudes of sportsmanship based on the Christian principles of fair play and teamwork. CYO sports at St. Joseph are offered under the umbrella of the Archdiocese of Seattle and teams compete against other Catholic schools in the greater Seattle area. For more information about CYO, please check out the St. Joseph School website: www.stjosephsea.org or contact Robby Hayes at 206-329-3260, Ext 216.

Funeral Hospitality Ministry - Planning the details for the funeral of a loved one can be difficult. Our team exists to help lighten that burden. As part of our loving concern for the life of the community here, our ministry team provides assistance in the planning and hosting of a reception after funeral services. We are always in need of helpful and friendly assistance. For information, please don't hesitate to contact Mary Ott at funeralhospitality@stjosephparish.org or 206-324-7459.

Sister Parish - As we approach our 30th year in relationship with San Bartolomé Parish in El Salvador, our sister parish committee continues to build bonds between our communities. Areas of focus include addressing the root issues of poverty and emigration to the United States. To get involved, please email Daniel Stoner at sisterparish@stjosephparish.org

Join us in one of our active and vital Parish Life Ministries

CELEBRATE
MERCY



WE ARE ST. JOSEPH

Faith Formation

As a parish, St. Joseph nurtures intellectual curiosity, emotional maturity, and spiritual formation in all its members, while also seeking to foster a respectful dialogue with the culture-at-large and other religious traditions.

Children's Faith Formation

Baptism - Baptism is the first of three sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church. St. Joseph celebrates this sacrament through Sacramental preparation and weekend liturgical celebrations throughout the year. For information on infant baptisms, contact Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik at theresal@stjosephparish.org, for older children, contact Claire Hansen at claireh@stjosephparish.org (See RCIC below), and for adults, contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org

Children's Faith Formation - Raising a family takes love, effort, time, and community, and we provide dynamic faith formation experiences here at St. Joseph. We are here to support families' faith heritage through our Sunday CFF sessions and family-centered activities. We provide Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Adapted for Children (RCIC) - Children who have not yet been baptized by the age of seven years old receive full initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist) into the church during the Easter season. Children participate in preparation sessions as a group to learn about the Catholic faith. Parents and godparents are an active part of the child's faith formation during this time. Begins in the New Year. Contact Claire Hansen at claireh@stjosephparish.org

Altar Servers - For young people in the 5th-7th grade interested in becoming an altar server, please contact Claire Hansen at claireh@stjosephparish.org

Pathfinders Youth Group - Pathfinders has brought together hundreds of youth to form friendships and promote awareness of those in need through the lens of spirituality. Pathfinders is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders in our community and meets weekly on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 pm in the Parish Center. For more information, email pathfinders@stjosephparish.org

High School Confirmation - The sacrament of Confirmation is offered annually beginning with classes in early fall followed by the Confirmation Mass in winter. This year 2019 - 2020 is the last year of high school students only. If you have a high school student seeking Confirmation, this is the year! High school students must be 14 years of age, baptized and received Eucharist, and actively seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. Any questions, theresal@stjosephparish.org

The VOICE Youth Group - The VOICE is open to all high school age students interested in exploring their lives and spirituality more deeply – and just having some fun! This group meets once a week on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 pm at the Parish Center. For more information, email thevoice@stjosephparish.org

Adult Faith Formation

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) - We are blessed with a fantastic Rite of Christian Initiation process at St. Joseph. Through RCIA, adults enter into our Catholic community. Trusting that each participant's journey of faith and spirituality is a lifetime endeavor, RCIA initiates those who desire to enter fully into the Church, through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Adult Faith Formation Programs (AFF) - AFF programs provide a variety of opportunities to help encourage a faith that seeks understanding through academic study and prayer. These programs include: bible study, Catholic 101, Christology, and the study of church documents. Adult Faith formation also fosters the spiritual life of parishioners through retreats, the Spiritual Exercises, and exploration of Ignation prayer practices. For more information, contact Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik at theresal@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651.

Related Works - The journey of faith and spirituality continues after entry into the Church and so we embrace a variety of groups, programs, and organizations that assist us in bringing light and grace into our lives. These include the Ignatian Spirituality Center and its spiritual direction services and programs, IPJC and the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL).

For more information about Faith Formation programs at St. Joseph, please contact Claire Hansen at claireh@stjosephparish.org or Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik at theresal@stjosephparish.org



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Faith Justice

For more than a hundred years, St. Joseph Parish has served the greater community of Seattle in countless ways. Beginning with our own parish and growing out of the Gospel call to love God and to love neighbor, we have sought right relationship in companionship with each other.

Annual Events - Each year, the Faith Justice ministries of St. Joseph Parish team up with our Outreach Partners to offer four signature service events: the **Alternative Bazaar** happens each November; the **Giving Tree** is a annual opportunity for members of the parish to experience the goodness of giving during the Christmas Season; the **Epiphany Dinner** celebrates the end of Christmas by bringing together parishioners, Outreach Partners, and neighbors from all over Seattle; the **Spring Service Days** provide parishioners opportunities to make a difference in our community and gather together for our Spring Celebration Dinner.

Dialogue For Justice - The Dialogue for Justice is an Archdiocesan-wide initiative to strengthen Catholic advocacy on behalf of poor and vulnerable people in our communities. The goal of the Dialogue for Justice is to partner with parishes and Catholic organizations to effectively advocate to reduce poverty in our communities through educating grassroots advocates, convening advocacy gatherings, providing legislative briefings, coordinating and supporting in-district meetings with legislators, encouraging participation in Catholic Advocacy Day, and providing advocacy resources to parishes and groups. For more information, email stevew@stjosephparish.org

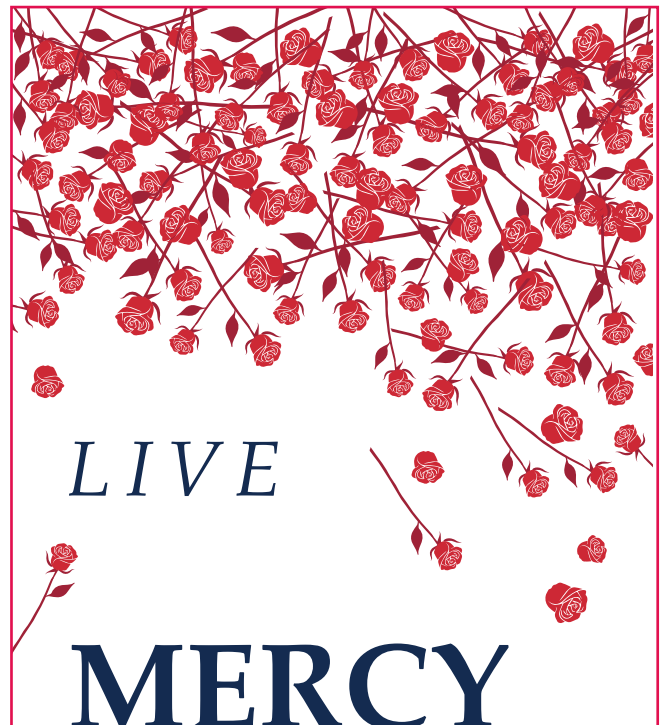
St. Martin de Porres Meals - Each Saturday of the month, St. Joseph parishioners and volunteers make and serve sandwiches, boiled eggs, fruit and milk for 212 homeless men. We have five teams of 20-25 people for each Saturday of the month. Please contact us at stevew@stjosephparish.org and we will be happy to welcome you to this ministry.

Winter Overnight Shelter - The St. Joseph Winter Shelter provides overnight shelter and "meal bags" for fourteen homeless men, age 50 and older, five nights a week from October through April. The program offers a night's rest with dignity, respect and safety. Shelter volunteers are men and women of all ages--special people who aren't afraid to face a population and a life style that might be different than their own. To volunteer, contact wintershelter@stjosephparish.org

St. Vincent de Paul - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Joseph Parish serves the poor by making in-home visits, listening to those in need and providing support as resources allow. The generous donations of St. Joseph parishioners, collected after Masses on the first Sunday of each month, provide the means by which we can help people in need with food, clothing, rent, bus fare and utility bills. We have no overhead expenses, so 100% of donations help the people we visit. If you would like to attend a meeting or are interested in learning more about the society, please email Joe Schumm at sudp@stjosephparish.org

Outreach Partners - St. Joseph nurtures our great relationships with outside organizations that work to support people in need. Many St. Joseph parishioners have found that working with these organizations has given them new understandings of their faith and the world. Organizations include: Chief Seattle Club, WestSide Baby, Habitat for Humanity, Jubilee Women's Center, L'Arche, Noel House, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Casa Latina, Bloodworks NW, Recovery Cafe, St. Francis House, Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center, Shirts Across America, St. Mary's Food Bank, and St. Martin de Porres. If you have yet to be directly involved with those in need, please explore volunteering with any of these organizations.

For more information about any of our Faith Justice Ministries, please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org



JESUIT SEATTLE

St. Joseph Parish serves as the worship hub for many collaborative ministries and you will find parishioners who provide leadership at all of the Jesuit works of Seattle.

Ignatian Spirituality Center (ISC)

The ISC brings together all those trained in Ignatian spiritual experiences and other spiritualities, to provide programs designed to deepen spiritual growth. ISC helps provide spiritual direction, programs, and resources that assist us to serve Christ's mission of compassion, healing, and justice.

Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP)

Begun in Chicago, and brought to Seattle in 2011, the ISP offers the homeless and those in recovery from addiction the opportunity to change their lives. Ignatian spirituality and retreats are an effective and important resource in laying a foundation of hope which can lead to further and long lasting transformation.

Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center (IPJC)

The IPJC acts for justice in the Church and in the world, collaborating with ecumenical and interreligious organizations in carrying out this mission. We have produced over 20 publications, held 35 conferences, and offer workshops and presentations in parishes, schools, and communities of action.

Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative (JRJI)

New to Seattle, JRJI is a pastoral ministry of restorative justice that strives to heal broken relationships with those who are incarcerated as well as victims of crime. Through prayer, education, and advocacy, JRJI mobilizes constituencies to advocate for transformation of the justice system to become more restorative than punitive.

Jesuit Volunteer Corps: Northwest & JV EnCorps (JVC)

JVC: NW has helped form generations of leaders to serve local needs and ask global questions. With two houses in Seattle, JVC: NW, invites recent college graduates to live out the values of spirituality, simple living, community, and social justice, through a year of service with others. In the last few years, a new program, JV Encorps, has invited those aged 50+ to grow as a community of service.

Seattle Nativity School (SNS)

SNS is built on a model first begun in New York in the early 80's. It is a Catholic, Jesuit-endorsed, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) middle school, located at Mount Virgin Parish, off MLK. We seek to break the cycle of poverty through an education that nourishes souls and ignites leaders for love and service. SNS uses the historic gift of Jesuit pedagogy to move young people into better, fuller lives.

Seattle Preparatory School

Since 1891, Seattle Prep has been providing Jesuit education for service, teaching young people to "*find God in all things*," and preparing them to become people for others. Since 1976, Seattle Prep has offered a co-educational learning environment in the heart of Seattle and is united with other Jesuit schools in our commitment to the Grad at Grad.

Seattle University

Seattle University offers a Jesuit Catholic education in the heart of the city. With more than 7400 students in undergraduate and graduate programs, Seattle U has nine schools and colleges, is known for its strong emphasis on justice and mission, and is one of the top universities in the West.

Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL)

SEEL Puget Sound offers the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for those who cannot take 30 days out for a silent retreat, but who seek to experience this transforming spirituality over a nine month period, beginning each fall. SEEL Puget Sound, serves both the Seattle and Tacoma area.



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

St. Joseph Church was born when the trolley lines were extended to Capitol Hill, and people from somewhere else found a place in Seattle where they they could live. St. Joseph is still enriched by those who come from somewhere else, and then share their gifts and graces with our community. Today, we look at a wonderful, multi-generational family who have made St. Joseph their home.

Joan & Terry Earls: Following Children & Finding Home

Like many parents of adult children, **Joan and Terry Earls** knew that it was only a matter of time before they would move somewhere closer to their kids—and to their grandchildren. But with one son, Michael, living in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Victoria, and children, Theo and Henry; and with their daughter, Meg, living in San Francisco with her husband, Wellesley; and with another son, Tee, and his husband, Troy, recently relocated to Seattle from London, where to move was not an easy decision. But Seattle, was already attractive to Joan and Terry from their visits there, and so with the support of their other children, they made the jump to the Northwest in 2015.

It's a long way from Westwood, Massachusetts to Seattle, but when Joan and Terry decided to make that move, they knew two things: they wanted to be near their family (especially grandson, Erick) and they wanted to be close to St. Joseph. A graduate of Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA, Terry was already a fan of the Jesuits, but when he and Joan visited—even before they decided to move—they felt like they had found their place at St. Joseph. During those visits, they came to love the 5:30 PM Contemplative Mass, and

the quiet way it helped center their week. They loved the beauty of the liturgy—especially the music—and the real-world sensibility of the homilies. At St. Joseph, they found a place that valued the Catholic and Jesuit principles so important to them: the emphasis on a faith that does justice, the unwavering welcome offered to all people, and the commitment to intelligent and compassionate action. So, as they made the move to Seattle, one of the guidelines given to their real estate agent was that they be close enough to be involved at St. Joseph. And have they ever been involved.

Even as new members of St. Joseph, it did not take Joan or Terry long to find things that

interested them, and ways to get involved. Both joined-in wherever there was a need, moving through various opportunities until they found those that suited them best. They helped at community events and went to presentations, became important members of the Welcoming Committee, who could help others make the kind of transition they knew so well. Always with a smile and with an infectious joy, they immersed themselves in the whole life of the Parish.





Attending lectures and presentations on issues of the day, Terry soon found himself involved on the Faith-Justice Commission, and eventually becoming one of its co-chairs. He joined a men's book group, made up of members of the Parish, and got involved in several of our Ministry Partners—including the Refugee



Women's Alliance (ReWa), which helps immigrant and refugee women and their families settle well into their new land. Further, both he and Joan have become deeply involved at St. Francis House, a long-time partner agency of St. Joseph where women and men, many living on the streets, receive food and clothing, a warm welcome and a sense of dignity. St. Francis House, where the food collected each week at St. Joseph is distributed to women and men in need, offers a unique community of opportunity for Terry and Joan—one that allows them to help their grandchildren, Erick and Aubrie, fill the baskets on Sunday, and then enables them to distribute that food in the week.



Beyond work at Francis House and ReWa, however, Joan also joined a women's book group through St. Joseph, and has loved the chance to meet with these women of passion and wisdom, and to encounter ideas and perspectives that stretch and challenge her. But

perhaps her biggest gift to St. Joseph has been her participation in the liturgical choir, under the leadership of our Director of Music and Liturgy, Bob McCaffery-Lent. Though they loved the contemplative nature of the 5:30 Sunday Mass, both Joan and Terry knew that, if they were going to worship with their grandchildren, the 9:00 AM family Mass was more appropriate, and for Joan, that offered the opportunity of joining the choir. Through hours of rehearsal—especially around the holidays—Joan has found a wonderful community of fellow ministers and friends, who represent a great cross-section of the Parish and also bless the Parish with liturgical grace. (Those who have come to Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve, or who attend the Triduum during Holy Week have some sense of the amazing gift the choir is to St. Joseph, and the dedication of its members.)



For both Joan and Terry, St. Joseph is not just a Sunday-parish: it is a community, filled with women and men of diverse and lively interests; it is a cross-roads, which offers new directions and surprising opportunities; and it is a part of their home, where they can feel their family welcomed and their grandchildren encouraged and nurtured in a life-giving and world-engaging faith. As Terry notes, *"St. Joseph always makes me want to do more."*



Aubrie's shoes show she follows in her grandparents' footsteps.

Prayerfully Giving

Discerning a Level of Stewardship That Fits Your Call

Level One <i>The Mustard Seed</i>	<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.'" (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>
Level Two <i>Providing for the Mission</i>	<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." (Luke 8:1-3)</i></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>
Level Three <i>Sowing Bountifully</i>	<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." (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>
Level Four <i>Faithful & Prudent Stewards</i>	<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." (Luke 12:42, 48)</i></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>
Level Five <i>Spiritual Companions</i>	<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.'" (Acts 3:3-6)</i></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>

Membership At St. Joseph

Your annual affirmation and commitment is a visible statement of your active participation in the mission of our Parish. Together, we stand with whatever we can offer, as a faith community committed to be *Ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve.*



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 envelope, telling us that you choose to be a part of this community, giving whatever you can—especially prayer, and financial support, if you are able. Please send in an annual affirmation even if you have a recurring gift set up. Your annual pledge ensures that we budget appropriately and live within our means.*
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.*

Know Where Your Money Goes

\$250 for flowers for our All Saints Day Mass
\$500 for a Bagpiper for the Palm Sunday procession
\$850 for Communion Wine
\$1,050 for Communion Hosts
\$2,500 for additional musicians for our Christmas Mass celebrations
\$5,000 for Parish website hosting and updates
\$6,200 for Sunday Hospitality (donuts, coffee, juice, etc.)
\$10,000 for candles in church
\$15,000 for landscape & grounds maintenance of church
\$30,000 for heat and lights in the church
\$52,000 for the formation of 83 First Communicants

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 all of us.



A Gift to Last the Ages

*Thank you for your stewardship commitment to St. Joseph.
May 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
stewardship@stjosephparish.org or (206) 324-2522 ext 114.*



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