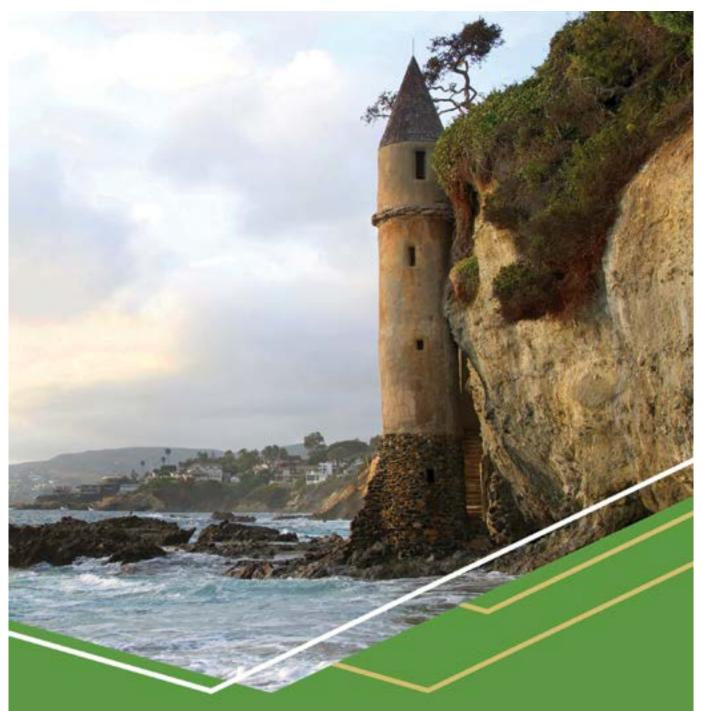


St. Joseph Parish

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, June 20, 2021 * 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time * www.stjosephparish.org



12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 20, 2021

Livestream Mass: 5pm Saturday on our YouTube channel (Available for viewing throughout the week) 9:30 AM Sunday 5:30 PM Sunday

> Weekday Mass Schedule Tuesday - Friday, 7 am, YouTube

Readings for June 27, 2021

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7,9, 13-15 Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

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SEEL Invites You to a Deeper Relationship to God

The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) is a 9-month retreat format of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, meeting at St. Joseph in Seattle. The SEEL retreat goes from September through May and is a dynamic, transformational program of prayer and spiritual direction that can be done in the midst of your daily life. SEEL is accepting applications now for the retreat starting in September 2021.

We hope to meet in person on retreat mornings. However, we are committed to having an online option for those who cannot attend in person, and if there is enough interest, a weeknight option may be available. Learn more at our website at www.seelpugetsound.org or call 206-721-3518.

We will also host an online SEEL information session on Tuesday, June 29 from 7:00-7:30pm. Email info@seelpugetsound. org to get the Zoom link!



Seattle INS Virtual Building Tour, Hosted by the Wing Luke Museum

Saturday June 26th

10:30am - 12pm via Zoom

Join us on a live virtual tour of Inscape Arts, the former US Immigration & Naturalization Service building that served as Seattle's detention and processing center for immigrants from the early 1900s to its final closure in 2004. Learn about the anti-Asian violence that fueled discrimination and exclusion. Hear the stories, see the spaces, and make connections to today as you remember this history.

Led by the <u>Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American</u> <u>Experience.</u> Spaces limited to 25. Free. RSVP to Mark Peterson at <u>markp@stjosephparish.org</u>



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prelude

Organ Instrumental (5:30) Always There

Bach Coleman

Entrance Song

Christ Be Our Light

Farrell



(5:30) Calm Me, Lord

Rizza

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm. Still me, Lord, keep me from harm. Let all the tumult within me cease, Enfold me, Lord, in your peace.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

- We praise you,
 we bless you,
 we adore you,
 we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God, almighty Father.
- 2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading

The Lord addressed Job out of the storm and said:

Who shut within doors the sea,
when it burst forth from the womb;
when I made the clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling bands?
When I set limits for it
and fastened the bar of its door,
and said: Thus far shall you come but no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stilled!

PsalmPsalm 107

Carroll/Gelineau

(5:30) Psalm 107

LaRosa

"Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting"

Some went down to the sea in ships, to trade on the mighty waters. These have seen the deeds of the LORD, the wonders he does in the deep. *Ref.*

For he spoke and raised up the storm-wind, tossing high the waves of the sea that surged to heaven and dropped to the depths. Their souls melted away in their distress. *Ref.*

Then they cried to the LORD in their need, and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper, and the waves of the sea were hushed. *Ref.*

They rejoiced because of the calm, and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the LORD for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men. *Ref.*

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Brothers and sisters: The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

Job 38:1, 8-11

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

"A great prophet has risen in our midst; God has visited his people."

Gospel Mark 4:35-41

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: "Let us cross to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

Reflection

Ray Manahan

Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us (men) and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
All bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
All stand upright.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory Song

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

Watts/Carter

- 1. My Shepherd will supply my need; Most Holy is His Name; In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways, And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
- 2. When I walk thru the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; A word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows; thine oil anoints my head.
- 3. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may Thy house be mine abode, and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come, No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

All my devotion is like sinking sand. I've nothing to cling to but your sweet hand. I've no clear emotions keeping me safe at night; Only your presence, like a candle light.

After everything I've had. After everything I've lost. Lord, I know this much is true, I'm still drawn to you.

I pour out my sorrows just like a precious oil. I kiss your feet, Lord, with a holy joy. My tears an offering of my highest praise; Your eyes say 'welcome.' And I receive Your gaze.

'Cause after everything I've had and after everything I've lost Lord, I know this much is true I'm still drawn to you.

After everything's been said. After everything love cost.

Lord, I know this much is true I'm still drawn to you.

You know I am Lord, I know this much is true I'm still drawn to you.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

Save us savior of the world, for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

Great Amen

Amen

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

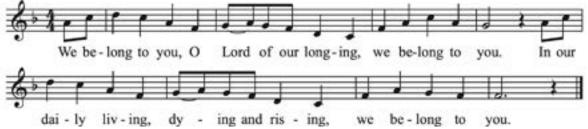
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion

We Belong To You

Thomson



In the waters of your mercy, when the old becomes the new, Souls united in the mystery; we belong to you. *Ref.*

Filled with gifts and filled with goodness, Spirit breathing life into all who seek to find their purpose; we belong to you. *Ref.*

When we share the bread you've broken with the many and the few, We are blessed and we are broken; we belong to you. *Ref.*

We are called to share your word, Lord, in all we say and do. As our journey moves us onward; we belong to you.





Postlude

Organ Instrumental

Go With God - Farewell to Matthew Samelak

This weekend we bid a fond farewell to Matthew Samelak, our parish Principal Organist/Pianist for the past six years. Matthew, a native of Toledo, Ohio, became organist for his home parish, St. Anthony (boasting Toledo's highest steeple of 267 feet), at the age of 10. He pursued a long career in church music, receiving degrees in Church Music and Organ Performance from Westminster Choir College and the University of Michigan. He also studied the art of Improvisation with the French masters at the Schola Cantorum in Paris, France. Over many years he served as a Music Minister at parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit, Michigan. Matthew moved to Seattle in March 2014 and pursued a Certificate in Culinary Arts from Le Cordon Bleu. Ultimately, St. Joseph was very blessed that, in between full time cooking duties, Matthew was willing and able to "squeeze in" several liturgies and a choir rehearsal each week, not to mention dozens of weddings and funerals, graduations and other special events.



So, after dedicating 50 years to music ministry, Matthew is retiring and moving to sunnier, warmer California. I am personally grateful for his dedication, his friendship and professionalism as a colleague. All of us in the St. Joseph music ministry will miss his musical leadership and his companionship, not to mention the delicious dishes he would prepare for choir parties! And finally we, as church, as the Body of Christ, have been richly blessed by the beauty that Matthew has brought into our midst, helping our spirits to soar! Blessings on this next part of your journey, Matthew!

LITURGY & WORSHIP

A Father's Day Blessing



God, our loving and merciful Father,
Your Son Jesus, learned the love of a father through St. Joseph,
who modeled to Jesus and to us the heart of a father.

We ask you to bless all earthly fathers,
fathers who share in the giving of life and generation,
fathers who, like Joseph, raise and love children through adoption,
fathers who have lost a child through death or separation,
and all fathers of spiritual life and heart,
with the grace you gave St. Joseph.

May they be given the strength, courage, and faith it takes to be loving spouses and gentle dads.

May they be gentle in their speech,
& caring through the work of their hands.

May they teach their daughters & sons the power of dreams & the grace of fidelity.

May they labor & be rewarded,
to share from the abundance.

May protect the children given into their care and teachers of your way.

May they be, as you are, Father God: givers of grace & lovers of all that is.

We ask this through the intercession of St. Joseph and in the name of your son, Jesus.

Liturgy Notes for Ordinary Time

By Katy Huston, MAPS

You might not know this about Ordinary Time: it is not called "Ordinary Time" because we are all done with Easter and all feasts associated with Easter — Assumption, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and The Body and Blood of Christ. And it's not because we are just hanging out, waiting for Christ the King, Advent and Christmas, and then Lent and Easter again.

Ordinary Time is actually "Ordinal Time," relating to numbers. Most of the Sundays in Ordinary Time are numbered, as opposed to named. For the typical year, there are 33 Sundays in Ordinary Time. You will notice in the bulletin that this is the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. We had the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time back on February 14. Then we went into Lent. The count picks up again with the named feasts following Easter: The Assumption (7), Pentecost (8) Trinity Sunday (9) and The Body and Blood of Christ (10).

Now you know something that you might not have known! However, no matter how we name them, Sundays are still important. All Sundays in the Church year are solemn celebrations. They are how we practice the fourth commandment, to keep holy the Lord's Day. The color of vestments for Ordinary Time is green. And green is the color of hope. We live in hope, flowers and candles helping us to keep focused on taking this one day to rest and praise our Creator God.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, APPRECIATION, and ACTION JUNE 2021

The month of June reminds us of clearing skies and more warmth from the sun. In addition to the beautiful weather, the month of June is named after Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage, home, and family. But there is so much more occurring in this month. We honor our dads on Father's Day, celebrate the achievements of our graduates, and recognize the LGBTQ community with the Pride festivities.

During St. Joseph's transition, we thank Father Glen for his leadership and wish him well on his new journey.

We pray for Deacon Steve in his new leadership role. May God bless him with fortitude, wisdom, grace, and compassion.

"You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope." — Thomas Merton

Let us appreciate our **Dads**



EXAMEN...

Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse to death, separation, or divorce, and who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen all Dads by Your love that they may become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.

ACTION ...

Honor the father figures in your life - living or passed - with a hug, phone call, email, text, or a shared memory or tribute.

5 Saints who were great dads: https://aleteia.org/2018/06/17/5-saints-who-were-great-dads/

Let us acknowledge our **Grads**



EXAMEN ...

Surround those who are graduating with Your grace. Bless them with hope so they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. As they commence with their lives, may they become ever more grateful and wise.

ACTION ...

Congratulate a special graduate. Acknowledge their great achievement, especially with the challenges of the pandemic.

Let us act with our LGBTQ comrades



EXAMEN...

Help us become a community that shares each other's burdens and joyfully carries the weight of glory You gave us when You created us in Your image. Help us to continue our journey to equality with all our heart, all our soul, and with all our strength.

ACTION ...

Comfort an LGBTQ family member or friend; let them know you acknowledge their journey.

Let us hear the words of Jesus

June 6: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Mark:14 12-16, 22-26

"I shall not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God."

Do we have the patience and perseverance to allow God into our lives?

June 13: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 4:26-34

"Using many parables, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it."

Jesus used stories to explain that the early church is growing and so is our Faith.

June 20: Happy Father's Day!

Mark 4:35-41

"He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm."

Jesus is a calming presence when life feels frightening or overwhelming.

June 27: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 5: 21-43

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid; just have faith."

Jesus shows us that with Faith, all things are possible.

Faith Formation News

Confirmation

Registration is now open on for 7th graders to prepare for Confirmation. Register here: St. Joseph Parish website. The program will begin in late September and conclude in February. Please contact <u>Claire</u> with any questions.

First Communion and Reconciliation

Registration is now open for 1st and 2nd graders to prepare First Communion and Reconciliation. Preparation for these sacraments is a 2-year process, beginning in 1st grade. Register here: <u>St. Joseph Parish website.</u> Please contact <u>Claire</u> with any questions.

Faith Formation Volunteers

We need you for next year's 3rd-6th grade classes. Volunteers must be faithful and excited to spend time with our youth! Lessons will be provided! Support from other grade level catechists is included. Come join us! Contact Claire Hansen to talk about volunteering: claireh@stjosephparish.org

Young Adult Community: Third Sunday Social

This Sunday, June 20, 6:30-7:30pm, Zeeks Pizza: 1830 E Mercer St, Seattle, WA 98112

Third Sunday Socials are back! After the 5:30 Mass, we will walk around the corner to Zeeks for food, conversation, and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic). Meet at the back of the church to walk over together, or meet us there.

Let us commemorate through an activity

Collage

You can collect some favorite pictures of your dad, or another father figure and the kids, make a collage and get it printed. Another fun way is to take a paper and give your child prints of some pics and let them paint or color the base and then stick the pictures in their own way. It will be a great way to keep them busy and create a beautiful gift for their dads.

Dad's Breakfast Pizza



Make (or take-out!) his favorite pizza. Stash it in the fridge until breakfast time. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Crack an egg on every other slice. Bake until the eggs are cooked!

Cardboard Castle Fort

If you've got extra cardboard boxes (and a fair amount of patience), you can make one for your house too. https://brandontran.com/a-kids-dream-cardboard-castle-boxes

Coloring page of St. Joseph

http://www.catholicplayground.com/joseph/mobile/index.html

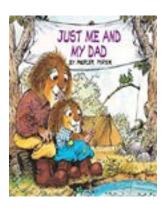
Other Activities ...

- Walk to Foster Island
- Bike Ride on the Burke Gilman Trail
- Hike up your favorite local mountain
- Make root beer floats
- Create your own sauce and have a BBQ
- Attend a Pride Event: https://www.seattlepride.org/ https://www.seattlepride.org/virtual-pride-2021

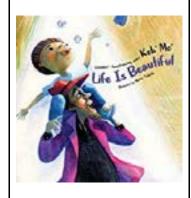


Let us read together ...

"Just Me and My Dad" by Mercer Meyer



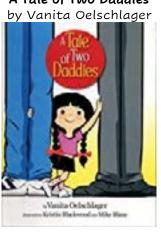
"Life is Beautiful" by Keb Mo



"Made for Me" by Zach Bush



"A Tale of Two Daddies"



Parish Life & Faith Justice

LGBTQ: It's All About Love

Welcome to the first LGBTQ (lesbian gay bisexual transgender queer) column in the St Joe's bulletin. Its purpose is to affirm and support our LGBTQ parishioners and their families and provide resources for our parish community.

June 2021: Pride Month

June is LGBTQ Pride month. It honors the Stonewall riots, a series of spontaneous demonstrations that began in response to a police raid on the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village, NYC, in the early morning hours of June 28, 1969.

In keeping with our motto, "It's all about love", each column will open with a reading from Scripture to ground us in the love and light of Jesus.

Scripture: Acts 11, 44-49: "While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the Word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?' He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ."

Further Reading: Does Jesus Really Love Me?: A Gay Christian's Pilgrimage in Search for God in America, by Jeff Chu.

Educating Ourselves: It Gets Better Project The It Gets Better Project's mission is to uplift, empower, and connect lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) youth around the globe. Their YouTube channel has videos for LBGTQ teens from celebrities, political leaders, and everyday people sharing their stories about being bullied, threatened, shamed, abused, shunned.

<u>PFLAG</u> (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) A reassuring and supportive resource for friends and families of LGBTQ people.

Quote for Reflection: "When all Americans are treated as equal, no matter who they are or whom they love, we are all more free." ~ Barack Obama

Compiled by the LGBTQ Committee bulletin team. Questions? Comments? Email lgbtqbulletin@stjosephparish.org



Kino Border Initiative - Fall Immersion Trip Info Session

Wednesday, June 23rd, 7pm - In-Person at St. Joseph Church

Join us for an informational session as we plan our Border Immersion trip to the Kino Border Initiative in Nogales, Arizona, this fall. This is sure to be a life-changing experience – come and learn more! For more information about KBI, visit www.kinoborderinitiative.org/education/ Questions? Email markp@stjosephparish.org

Parish Life & Faith Justice

Becoming Anti-Racist - June 2021: Juneteenth

As we approach the Juneteenth holiday, the St. Joe's Anti-Racism Committee would like to invite you to reflect, learn, and grow as we walk the path of Jesus with radical love, working to become an equitable and inclusive anti-racist parish, where everybody feels like they belong.



Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:25-26 "For the body does not consist of one member but of many; that there be no division in the body, but that the members

may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together".

Juneteenth (June 19): Juneteenth is a celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation in the United States. While the Emancipation Proclamation took effect in January, 1863, it wasn't until June 19, 1865, that the announcement was made in Texas that all slaves were free. The observation of this celebration began the following year to celebrate the day in history that slaves in the far South were told they were free. In 1979, Texas was the first state to make Juneteenth an official holiday. Although 47 states (including Washington) currently recognize Juneteenth as a celebration or holiday, many Americans are still not aware of its importance. (Information from "The African Americans, Many Rivers to Cross, What is Juneteenth?" with Henry Louis Gates Jr. on PBS.org., PBS Learning Media, 2013.)

Further Reading on Racism in America: "We should hope not for a colorblind society but instead for a world in which we can see each other fully, learn from each other, and do what we can to respond to each other with love". (From the book *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander, 2012, pg. 244.)

Video Learning: Although on Juneteenth the freedom of slaves in America was announced, during the following years there were many Jim Crow laws and obstacles put in place that prevented black Americans from being truly free. For more about the era in America after Emancipation and the Reconstruction era (1865-1877) during which attempts were made to redress the inequities of slavery, watch Reconstruction After the Civil War https://www.pbs.org/show/reconstruction-america-after-civil-war

Reflection Question: How does the Gospel call us to celebrate Juneteenth in a way that shows solidarity with our brothers and sisters who still struggle for freedom in America?

Compiled by the Anti-Racism Committee bulletin team. Questions? Comments? Email <u>antiracismbulletin@stjo-sephparish.org</u>



Celebrate LGBTQ Catholic Pride June 27th after 5:30 Mass



Outside between the church and parish center

Join fellow parishioners as we celebrate the joy, faith and gifts that our LGBTQ families and individuals bring to our community. There will be rainbow cupcakes, lemonade, and other snacks for a post Mass Social. All are welcome to join in. If you want to volunteer to help with set up and clean up, please contact Theresal@stjosephparish.org

OUR COMMUNITY

Discerning Women Deacons

Zoom Conversation Circles Sunday, July 11 from 7-8:30pm & Monday, July 12th from 7-8:30pm

Are you aware there's an initiative going on right now to explore the possibility of ordaining women as deacons in the Catholic Church? As the discernment continues, we are inviting you to participate in a conversation to learn more and to share your thoughts and feelings about this possible way of renewing our Church! (Please explore <u>discerningdeacons.org</u> for a complete overview of what's happening with the initiative – this initiative is endorsed by many, including the Provincial of Jesuits West.)

Hosted by Jen Tilghman-Havens and Jennifer Kelly, there will be two Zoom conversation circles and would love for you to join us for one of these opportunities!

In this gathering, we will give a little bit of the history of how this discernment has gained momentum, a timeline for getting the initiative's findings to Rome and an invitation to join the national movement on the journey if you are so moved!

Please sign up at https://forms.gle/CaGpxwXSAkpoi2pz7 or email markp@stjosephparish.org



Looking for Ways to Serve Our Community?

Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps, a program of JVC Northwest, facilitates fulfilling opportunities for service, community, and spiritual formation for adults 50+ who are committed to social and ecological justice. In addition to part-time

volunteer service, members meet monthly online or in-person, creating spiritual community through shared reflection. Our values are rooted in the Catholic Ignatian tradition, and JV EnCorps is an inclusive and welcoming community of folks from all faith perspectives.

Already engaged in service through your parish ministry or a local nonprofit organization? JV EnCorps could be the perfect way for you to add additional support, reflection, and personal growth to your current volunteer service.

Learn more about what JV EnCorps service is like:

- JV EnCorps Spotlight: Patty Christopher (Bend, OR)
- JV EnCorps Letter: Jay Lyman (Portland, OR)

Priority application deadline: August 31, 2021. Opening Retreat in September. For more info and to apply, visit www.jvencorps.org.



A Message From Deacon Steve

June Greetings!

If you were not aware, June 30th marks the end of our fiscal year, and I'd like to take this opportunity to update you on our financial situation at the parish.

We were so fortunate to receive the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan (now fully-forgiven) last year to help cover the large decrease in income we have experienced due to the shutdown of Sunday Mass during the pandemic.

Our goal, when we received the PPP funds, was to save half of the total for the 21-22 fiscal year to give us time to grow our income to pre-pandemic levels. We are currently projecting to be approximately \$40,000 short of that goal.

However, we can shrink that shortfall! Any gifts we receive between now and June 30th will help us meet this goal, and we've secured \$20,000 in matching funds to make that even easier. Any financial gifts received until June 30th will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$20,000!

You can choose to give now by visiting our website: <u>www.stjosephparish.org</u> or drop a check by the parish.

Beyond the dollars and cents, I also want to both invite and challenge you to come back to Mass! The last few weeks, we have seen more and more people returning to Mass, and what I hear over and over again is how much folks have missed the community, and appreciate seeing one another in person.

We all need to be intentional in coming back and praying together, singing together, and celebrating together. Ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve. That's our parish mission statement. We still have plenty of work to do, together, if we want to truly be a faith community where Everybody Belongs.

If you want to chat, get involved, share an idea or a concern, please don't hesitate to email stevew@stjosephparish.org or call 206-965-1646.

Blessings,

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski Pastoral Coordinator



Are you tech-savvy and able to help out at the occasional Mass? We're looking for a couple of volunteers who are willing to be trained on the sound board and run it during Mass. It's easy, and we will make sure you are comfortable with the technology! Email rmclent@stjosephparish.org for more information.



A Note about Parish Emails

Scammers and bots have been harvesting online information (such as our website) and sending out emails or text messages purporting to be from the leader of the faith community saying he needs you to do something.

The easiest way to tell this is not Fr. Matthew, Fr. Glen, Fr. John, or Deacon Steve is that they would not ask anyone to send money in this fashion under any circumstances. Additionally, the phising emails never come from our email domain - @stjosephparish.org, but are often something like frpyrc.stjosephparish@gmail.com. Sometimes they send out texts stating this is so-and-so's new cell number.

Please never send money to anyone claiming to be from St. Joseph Parish except through our website and online OSV giving platforms that are linked through the website.