

Vision Committee

Report to Parish #1 December 2022

Good Morning/Afternoon/Evening, my name is _____ and I am a member of the Parish Vision Committee at St. Joseph. The Parish Vision Committee was formed in response to the Synod, which was conducted earlier this year. As you may recall, the Synod asked two questions: *What do you think is the best way for our parish to listen to the voices of our parishioners?* and *What is the most important thing you would like to see happen to strengthen our parish?* The findings from our parish revealed that we have a welcoming, diverse parish community; engaging liturgical celebrations; and wide-reaching service opportunities. Moving forward, our parish would like to become more engaged in the life of the Church, have more opportunities for faith-sharing, and see a greater commitment to social justice. These results echo the larger effort of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to listen to the people of the Catholic Church.

To bring you uptodate: In September, the results of our parish synod process were handed over to a nine-person committee called the Parish Vision Committee. The objective of the committee is to take the findings of the parish synod, formulate a vision, and bring it to life. To assist us in bringing this vision to life, we need your help. The parish will soon conduct a Census to learn more about its parishioners and identify talent that can assist or lead various initiatives. In addition, the parish will have a Ministry Fair in early 2023 for parishioners to learn more about present opportunities for engagement and to suggest new ministries. Thank you in advance for your participation in these important endeavors.

The committee plans to meet regularly to assess its progress and make adjustments as needed. If you have any ideas for how to make life at St. Joseph better, then please reach out to Father Jim or see a committee member. If you are a member of the committee, then please raise your hand (Wait several seconds). We will be available after mass if you'd like to chat. Thank you, and may God bless you and your family.