

Vision Committee Oral Report to Parish #11

January 25-26, 2025

Good morning/evening,

I am (your name) from the St Joseph Vision Committee. I am here to give you a brief update based on our most recent meeting.

As you know, Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a year of Jubilee. It is an opportunity for the church to renew itself. In this Year of Jubilee, we'd like to celebrate our call to be Pilgrims of Hope, travelling together here at St. Joseph's Parish.

One way to celebrate our wonderful community of hope is to participate in the Photo Journal Project. Our lead in the project is Dave McGrath. Dave's made the process easy. Everything you need is described in this handout. The QR code is also printed in the bulletin. You can send in your own photo or you can arrange to have your family's photo taken here in the church during the month of February. Stay tuned for details about signing up to have your photo take. The deadline for photo submission is March 15. We are hoping all of you will participate.

Another way to be attentive to the Year of Jubilee is to pray together. We will pray a version of the Pilgrim's Jubilee prayer, written by St. Francis, following the intercessions each Sunday for the remainder of 2025. Other opportunities for prayer and spiritual renewal will follow. One will be the return of our Liturgical Moments series in Lent. Another is joining a faith sharing group. We have three established groups. A fourth one, centered on the church's document Laudato Si, will be launched this Lent. Laudato Si concerns ecology and the environment, a prominent social justice issue. This group will meet on Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Holy Family Meeting Room

during Lent. See Fr. Jim if you are interested in joining that group, or if you'd like to start a group of your own. Wherever two or three are gathered, God is in your midst. Fr. Jim is happy to provide guidance and training.

This weekend also marks the inauguration of St. Joseph's Parish Raise the Roof Campaign. This capital campaign will enable us to replace the church roof and update our HVAC system. Many of you received a **snail mail invitation** in January to meet this weekend to discuss the campaign. **If you did not receive an invitation through the mail, please listen carefully.** Our Parish database was shared with the firm who mailed out the invitations. You may be in the database for on-line giving or even in the database for receiving envelopes. Or you may be on Fr. Jim's email list. That doesn't mean you are in the parish database . . . hard to imagine, but that's the case. So, if you did not receive the snail mail letter this past month about the Raise the Roof Campaign, you may want to call Jeanine at the rectory to have her double check your info.

Our ministries at St. Joseph are so vital to our weekly Liturgies and to our social outreach. In order to serve you better we are asking the leaders of these ministries to attend a meeting to be held on Saturday, February 22. You will receive an invitation by email as a reminder.

If you have any ideas or questions, please see Fr. Jim or one of the Vision Committee members after Mass.