

Vision Committee Oral Report to Parish #9

October 5-6, 2024

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.

First of all, we'd like to extend a special welcome to all of you who have recently joined our Parish. St. Joe's is a vibrant, welcoming worship community and we are so glad to count you among our newest members. Please look for a Welcome E-mail that should reach you by the end of this month.

I am sure we all agree that engaging the young people in the parish is a priority. Do you remember the toiletry collection we held in the spring? This Fall, our new confirmation candidates, along with their parents, will distribute The Blessing Bags they made to the homeless. We also hope to repeat our sandwich- making ministry with the youth of the parish. Stay tuned for a date.

As we mentioned in our last oral report, a project we'd like to undertake this year is creating a Parish photobook. We did that early in the 2000's and we think we are overdue for an update, especially with all our new members! Special thanks to parishioner Dave McGrath, who has volunteered to lead this project. We'll be collecting family photos this fall, so stay tuned.

Thanks also to all who participated in the Feasibility Study for the Capital Campaign. More information on future action will be forthcoming.

We are opening up our Holy Family Meeting Room on Sundays during the 9:00am Mass for our little parishioners to have a place to gather under the supervision of volunteers. Activities will be available during their time there. We have many young children who come to Mass, and we are thrilled to have them.

Finally, there's nothing like becoming involved! Many opportunities exist at St. Joe's. Read the bulletin and refer to Fr. Jim's weekly email to seek ways to become active at St. Joe's.

To show our appreciation of all those who volunteer and minister at the Parish, Fr. Jim will be organizing a Ministry Appreciation Mixer scheduled for Sunday, November 17th from 5:00-7:00pm at Avenue Pub in Maplewood. Those who have been active this past year will receive an invitation via email by the end of October. Please be sure to RSVP.

Please let Fr. Jim know if you have new ideas, concerns, or questions. We'd love to hear from you.