

## Vision Committee Oral Report to Parish #16

February 1, 2026

Good morning/evening,

I am (your name) from our parish Vision Committee, here to give you an update based on our most recent meeting.

Are you looking for ways to support St. Joe's? Attend the Pocketbook Bingo on Friday, Feb. 13. To purchase tickets, go to the parish website or use the QR code in the bulletin. You can also support the bingo by donating an item that's requested on our giving tree. Items can be left at the rectory.

A second opportunity has just begun: Our Saints and Sinners Raffle. Chances are on sale in the back of church. There will be two drawings: one on March 21 and another on May 23. Two chances to win; two chances to support St. Joe's.

And finally a third way to support St. Joe's is by donating to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Those of you who participated in the Raise the Roof Campaign will remember that your donation to the Archbishop's appeal for 2025 was included in your pledge, but that was only for the first year of the three-year pledge. So if you receive a request from the Archdiocese this year, which many of you probably did, be sure to respond. The parish's contribution to that appeal relies on your generosity.

You'll be happy to hear that our well-received "Moments Series" will resume in Lent; this spring's series will feature **Catholic Social Teaching**, popularly known as **CST**. These brief reflections, shared after communion at weekend masses, will highlight the Church's seven principles for building a fair and just society. Information so important in our times.

You will recall that in the fall, we launched a new series called **Feeding the Faith**. Our fourth presentation in that series is scheduled for Ash Wednesday after the

8am Mass. Join us then to hear Sr. Rosemary Moynihan share her thoughts on Lent. The next installment, on Sunday, March 8 at 3pm, will feature Fr. John Ranieri whose preaching we've long appreciated here at St. Joe's. In late spring we'll host a book talk from one of our parishioners, Tom Rzeznik.

On another note: we really want to encourage more of you to join a small faith sharing group. Many options exist. Look for a time and topic that works for you. We encourage you all to give it a try; see if a small faith community is something that appeals to you.

To help you remember all these offerings, Fr. Jim, our resident graphic design artist, has created two handy flyers. They are at the end of the pew. Please pass them down. Take them home; take a set for a friend.

Finally, this past fall, we hosted our first official "Welcome Sunday" for new parishioners. If you are new to the parish but weren't here that Sunday, please see me or Fr. Jim after this mass to pick up a welcome packet. Oh . . . and don't forget to bring your warm clothing items to church next weekend for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade clothing drive!

**Thanks for Listening and for making St. Joe's such a vibrant parish!**