



Saint Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 26, 2019 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

St. Joseph Catholic Church:
3600 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205

Parish Office Hours:
Mon. - Fri.: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Mailing Address:
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St. Joseph Catholic School:
3700 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205
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Welcome
We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are here for the first time! If you attend St. Joseph's regularly, please stop by the parish office to fill out a registration card.

Community Sunday
All are invited to enjoy refreshments in the lobby of the Rowland Education Building on the second Sunday of each month after all morning Masses.

Active Membership

The Facilities and Services of St. Joseph Church are available to active members. Three points determine active membership:

- Registration in the parish for a sufficient period of time and use of the envelope system/or electronic giving in support of the parish;
- Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days;
- Volunteer and participate in Parish activities with time, talent, and resources as means permit.

Special Needs

Special needs and wheelchair seating is available in the front row of the Church. Cars must display a valid handicap sticker to park in the reserved handicap spaces in the Church parking lot.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, 4:30 PM. Include name and phone number of contact person. All announcements must be copy ready.

Protecting Our Children

St. Joseph Church and School and the Diocese of Charleston are committed to the protection of children. The following numbers are provided for your information: Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister: (800) 921-8122; Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services: (843) 261-0431.

Parish Mass Schedule

Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM
Sunday.....8:15, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM

Holy Days:

Please check the bulletin or website

Daily Mass:

Tuesday to Friday.....7:30 AM
Please note that the church opens at 7:00 AM
The Rosary precedes morning Mass
Tuesday 5:30 PM
First Saturday8:30 AM

School Mass:

Friday (Sept. - May).....8:15AM
All are welcome

Adoration:

Tuesday.....8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Reconciliation:

First Saturday of the Month 7:45 - 8:15AM
Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM
and by appointment

Baptism: Parents must attend one adult seminar before having their child baptized. This session will be held at 1:30 PM on the 2nd Sunday of January, March, May (3rd), July, September and November. Baptisms will be scheduled approximately two times per month. Call the Religious Education Office at 540-1906 to register or for further information.

Marriage: Those contemplating marriage should contact the priest at least six months in advance of the wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office to request hospital visits and for individual anointing when anyone is seriously ill or having surgery.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): Individuals interested in becoming full members of the Catholic community participate in a process of Christian Initiation. Call the Religious Education Office at 540-1906 or e-mail nettie@stjosephcolumbia.org for more information.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Annual Offertory 1,440,000.00
YTD Actual..... 1,381,964.47

Weekly Offering

Budgeted28,172.15
Received 05-19-1924,964.47

Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. "But," the bishop' pastoral on stewardship reminds us, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

TRIBUTES



The flowers on the Main Altar this weekend are in honor of all graduates of the parish.

Congratulations and best wishes!

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Edith Asmer, George Brady, Peg Brandon, Arthur Brown, Dorothy Brown, Helen Corbett, Mary DeLay, Jameson Finney, Jean Fenner, Joseph Fricker, Laddie Gatling, Robert Greaney, Lester Johnson, Bill Jones, Mary Kahaly, Shields & Anthony Levatino, Leona Melson, Hope Mosher, Ernie Nauful, Ellie O'Shea, Stella Peeples, Maria Perez, Charles Rando, Jane Rando, Juana Rivas, Ann Royal, Vic Schwartz, Shirley Stiglbauer, Betty Stork, Fred Stork, Catherine Grace Stirling, Davis Bryan Stirling and Robert A. Williams.

Catholic Corner

St. Charbel Makhlof (1828-1898) led a life of exemplary holiness in complete obscurity as a monk in the Maronite Rite. From an early age he was devoted to prayer, piety, and solitude. When Charbel died at age 70, he was interred in the monastery cemetery, without a coffin, as was customary. Over the next 45 days, however, the place where his body lay was irradiated by white light, so after four months it was decided to open the grave. Charbel's body was found to be perfectly preserved despite the floods which had turned the area into a sea of mud, so his body was moved to the monastery chapel. An examination conducted in 1927 by doctors of the local French medical institute found that the body was still incorrupt, and this continued until some time after 1950. Hundreds of cures have been, and still are, reported by those who visited Charbel's tomb. He was canonized in 1977.



SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

All school facilities will be closed Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

The school is actively searching to fill both an elementary teacher opening as well as the Extended Care Director position. Please refer to our employment page at: www.stjosdevine.com

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Drama Camp

June 10-14 - 9:00AM – 12:00 PM

CN Performing Arts Center

Students ages 9-13

Visit www.cnhs.org for details about this camp as well as all of our summer athletic camps!

ST. JOSEPH YOUTH MINISTRY & CONFIRMATION PREP NEWS

Attention High School Teens - we have a few spots open for the Steubenville Atlanta Life Teen Conference on July 12 - 14. Cost is \$300.00, including hotel, transportation and conference registration. This is an event you won't want to miss! Deadline to register extended to May 29. For registration information, please contact:

tom@stjosephcolumbia.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our "I Care I Share" collection will be held next weekend. Special needs in the pantry are for canned fruit, cereal, juice, baked beans, and soups. Bring donations to the Narthex before Masses on Saturday and Sunday.

"If a man finds it very hard to forgive injuries, let him look at a crucifix, and think that Christ shed all of His Blood for him, and not only forgave His enemies, but even prayed for His Heavenly Father to forgive them also."
St. Philip Neri (1515-1595)



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all graduates of the parish and best wishes in all your future pursuits.

*Msgr. Richard D. Harris, V.G.
Fr. S. Matthew Gray
and the Parish & School Staffs*



The Church and Parish Office will be

CLOSED

Monday, May 27, 2019
in observance of Memorial Day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration forms for next year's CCD classes were sent home with the children. Parents are urged to return them promptly in order to secure their children's place in our program. Religious Education classes resume in September.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEWS

Photographs for the First Communion Masses are now available for viewing and purchase at:

<https://danrogers.instaproofs.com/gallery/#events>

SWEAT IT OUT 5K

Don't miss the fifth annual Sweat it Out 5K benefitting the National Foundation of Ectodermal Dysplasia.



June 1 ~ Old Woodlands Park
5K Run/Walk - 7:00 AM
Kid's Fun Run - 8:00 AM (under 8)

When registering use
discount code: SWEAT

<https://www.sweatitoutcolumbia.com/>

FATIMA STUDY GROUP

Please join us in church on Saturday, June 1, for the First Saturday Devotion as we seek to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. After Mass we will gather in the Senior Center of the Ministries Building for Lesson 5 in our **Queen of Heaven** study -- "Guadalupe: Mother of the Americas." We will journey with the Spanish missionaries back to Mexico in 1531 as they attempt to convert the Aztec people from their pagan and demonic practices to faith in Christ. We will hear of the amazing account of Our Lady of Guadalupe to a humble peasant named Juan Diego and see the miraculous image left on his tilma -- an image that resulted in the largest mass conversion in the history of the Church. All are welcome.

MONTHLY ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN

Please consider joining the monthly Rosary for the protection of all children yet to be born after the 8:15 AM Mass on Sunday, June 2, in front of the Shrine to the Unborn. St. Gianna Guild will lead the Rosary.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We extend a warm welcome
to the newest members of
St. Joseph Church:

Shannon Bear
Rosa Maria Schilder & Carlos Reyna
James Rowland
Lois Schmidt
Nicole & Timothy Storey
Sonja Underwood
Tatum Darby & Todd Wilkinson
Jaime Yarborough

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 26

8:15 AM Mr. Stephen Earl Smith +
10:30 AM Mr. Ray Morris +
12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

Tuesday, May 28

7:30 AM Reita & Harry Atkins +
5:30 PM Mrs. Janice Lenti +

Wednesday, May 29

7:30 AM Mrs. Carola Dietl +

Thursday, May 30

7:30 AM Mr. Curtis Carter +
8:15 AM Mr. Thomas James McCarthy +

Friday, May 31

7:30 AM Mr. Frank Halstead +
8:15 AM No School Mass

Saturday, June 1

8:30 AM Mr. Joe Guild +
5:30 PM Patty & Danny Justice +

Sunday, June 2

8:15 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph
10:30 AM Ellie, Teresa & Lech Chmura (I)
12:15 PM Mr. Edward Fahey, Jr. +



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Mass on June 1, at 8:30 AM
Reconciliation from 7:45 to 8:15 AM
Rosary at 8:00 AM



ST. JEAN VIANNEY RELIC PILGRIMAGE

The Heart of a Priest
The Incorrupt Heart of St. John Vianney
to Visit the Basilica of Saint Peter
on Monday, May 27

The Basilica of Saint Peter is pleased to host St. Jean Vianney's incorrupt heart as it tours the United States with the support of the Knights of Columbus. This major relic of the patron saint of parish priests will be available for veneration on Monday, May 27, (Memorial Day). The schedule of events is as follows:

11:00AM-6:00PM:
Basilica open for veneration
12:00 PM: Mass
5:30 PM: Solemn Vespers

Find more information about St. Jean Vianney and the relic tour here:



LOVING GOD AND LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR



One of the most merciful acts you can do as a Catholic in today's culture is speak the truth in love about God's gift of sexuality, marriage and family. But how to begin? A good place to start is to register for one of Family Honor's **online** courses, *Understanding the Human Person* or *Examining Core Issues*. Whether you are a parent, ministry leader, or single adult, these courses are excellent continuing education and can even serve as a spiritual 'mini-retreat.' Material is college-level and accessible 24/7 for flexibility. Continuing education credits provided. Some tuition assistance available for those who need it. Created in 1988, Family Honor provides a family-centered, Catholic approach to chastity education. If you've been praying about how you might grow in your faith and you find these topics interesting, we'd love to speak with you. Please call our office: 803.929.0858 or email: info@familyhonor.org

Registration deadline is May 28. Courses start June 3. What are you waiting for?

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Dear friends of Catholic Charities and the Clothing Closet, as we enter into the summer months we are in need of the following supplies:

Laundry Detergent, Vinegar, Bug Repellent, New Men's Briefs - S, L, XL & 2X, New Men's T-Shirts - L, XL, & 2X, New Men's Socks, Women Briefs - all large sizes, and new or gently used sneakers sizes 9.5 and up.

Please contact Deacon Ron Anderson at: (803) 726-7764 or randerson@charlestondiocese.org with any questions. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and needed. Thank You.

UPCOMING ORDINATIONS

It is with great pleasure that I announce the following ordinations for the Diocese of Charleston:

**Rev. Mr. Jimmy Touzeau
and
Rev. Mr. Bruce Barnett**

will be ordained
to the Sacred Priesthood
at 6:00 PM on Friday, June 7,
at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
in Charleston.

+ The Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmo

Fr. Touzeau will be assigned to
St. Joseph parish beginning June 17.



It's time to register for Vacation Bible School!

July 8-12, 2019

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/stjoschurch29205>

ST. JOSEPH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

November 5 - 15

Registrations are due before July 22, the sooner the better! Descriptive brochure with registration information available from Teresa, the parish secretary. For questions, email Dr. Monte Luker: LLuker@me.com

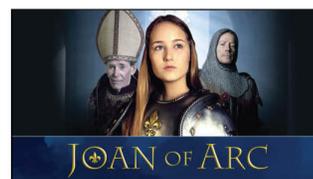
FORMED PICK

Joan of Arc

See Trust and Faith in Action

Join the adventure of the legendary warrior and saint, Joan of Arc, who, at seventeen, led one of the greatest military campaigns for freedom the world has ever witnessed.

[Watch on formed.org](http://watchonformed.org)



"Inspires perseverance in times of difficulty despite great obstacles."

—Joe D., Attleboro, MA





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May 24, 2019

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Father Gray, our parish staff, and I would like to thank all those who participated in the parish survey last fall. The survey was a tool to help us identify how we are growing spiritually as individuals and the ways in which our parish community supports that growth. It provided us with a “snapshot” of where we are as a faith community and an aid in what we need to do for the future.

The data collected assisted me and our church staff to reflect on what ministries, programs, events and activities are contributing to helping you grow in your faith as Catholics, and which areas need improvement. It has been an invaluable tool in our planning process as we set priorities and allocate parish resources. We had a total of 386 respondents out of 1,800 families. This is a 21% response rate.

The reverent celebration and sacredness of our offering of the Eucharist and the other sacraments, our adherence to Church teachings, and our clergy were rated as our parish strengths. Worship is where we received the highest marks. Areas of needed improvements identified are our lack of opportunities for bible studies, more fellowship opportunities, general adult faith formation and a stronger focus on our religious education program. The survey revealed a strong desire on the part of parishioners to be more involved with parish activities. We take very seriously our obligation to provide parishioners with the best experience we can offer. These are areas on which we have been working. Some of these issues have been addressed, and others we will continue to work to address.

One of the most requested changes from the survey is to move the day and time of our religious education from Wednesdays to Sunday mornings. We conducted an extensive study of other local parishes’ programs, and decided that in order to support involvement for all parishioners, we will be offering religious education classes for children and adults, some bible study programs, etc. on Sundays from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., with the religious education classes extended until the end of the academic school year. This will be our Faith Formation & Exploration time as a community. Additional opportunities will still be offered during the weekdays and in the evenings to accommodate parishioners with different schedules. RCIA will continue to be offered one evening a week, as well as on Sundays, and our wedding preparation workshops will remain every other month on a Saturday. In order for these changes to be successful we will be looking to you, our parishioners to volunteer your time and ideas to help with these endeavors.

It is with sadness, I inform you that Mrs. Nettie Taylor, our Director of Religious Education will be retiring at the end of June after faithfully serving at St. Joseph for over 12 years. We wish her

well in her retirement. Therefore, we are now in the process of searching for a new Director of Religious Education. We are also forming a Faith Formation & Exploration Advising Committee comprised of staff and parishioners. If you are interested in volunteering for this committee, please contact Adrienne Carroll @ 254-7646 ext. 439. To accommodate this change in our religious education programming, **Mass times will be Sunday at 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm.** This change will be effective September 8, 2019. We know parking may be of concern to some, so we have a plan for reserving more space for our elderly and parishioners who are mobility challenged. More information will be provided prior to September.

A request for a Sunday evening Mass was a priority for some parishioners. We acknowledge this desire, but due to the limited priest staffing at this time, we are unable to provide this additional Mass. Please know we have this listed as a goal for the future.

With the number of shootings of the innocent in recent years, especially in Houses of Worship, we have received comments and questions regarding the physical safety of our parishioners. Creating a safe place of worship and study has always been a priority for St. Joseph parish and school. Video surveillance cameras were installed starting in 2016 to assist with our physical safety, and to monitor our property. Panic buttons have been installed in numerous locations in the Church, school and the Ministries and Administration Building (MAB), which notifies the police immediately in the event of an active shooting. Ushers, musicians, Master Servers and staff are fully aware of their location, and how to activate them, if necessary. Cameras are on the exterior of all church buildings and grounds, in the parking lot, inside the Church, the MAB and in St. Joseph School. These cameras are recording 24/7. Two new automatic gates have been installed at the school that open and close as programmed, rather than remaining open when school is not in session. There is also an armed policeman at all school Masses and events. You will notice signage in the next few weeks on all exterior doors to the church and MAB regarding our security. This is to be not only a notification to all that the property is monitored, but an additional deterrent.

On the attached pages you will find more detailed information regarding the parish survey results. At a time when churches are confronted with declining numbers, we are experiencing a continual steady increase in our new parishioner registration. This is in large part due to you, our faithful parishioners.

It is clear that there are many good qualities about our parish, but there is also room for improvement. Our goal is to work with you, our parishioners, to grow our faith community. Thank you for your support, participation and commitment to St. Joseph Church.

God's grace and blessings,



Rev. Msgr. Richard D. Harris, VG
Pastor

St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Survey Results

What are some attributes of St. Joseph that assist in making it a thriving faith community?

- The clergy
- The parish is faithful to authentic Catholicism
- Sacredness of the Liturgy
- Saint Joseph School
- Preeminence of the Sacraments
- The start of fellowship events for our parish

What are the attributes that are hindering?

- Youth Formation and Religious Education
- Diversity in the Liturgy
- Lacking a parish-wide Bible study
- Lack of opportunity for Reconciliation
- Adult Religious Education/ parish retreats/ parish missions
- Want more fellowship opportunities

What do you think is the greatest strength of the parish?

- The clergy
 - Superb homilies
 - Approachable
 - Personal holiness / Trustworthy
- Parish's faithfulness to authentic Catholicism
- Altar Server Program

What is the greatest weakness or area in most need of improvement?

- Poor Youth Formation
 - Youth Ministry
 - Religious Education
 - Confirmation
 - RCIA
 - Sunday evening Mass
- Need Parish-wide Bible Studies
- Need Parish Mission/ Speakers
- Need more retreats
- Want more fellowship opportunities
- More information about our faith, including Theology of the Body
- Including marginalized groups (Singles, Young Adults, Divorced, Middle-aged, etc.)

Are you satisfied with the current Mass offerings at St. Joseph's?

- Strong desire for Sunday evening Mass
- Youth Mass
- Additional offerings for nursery/ Children's group

Do you have any recommendations for the parish in terms of faith formation programs?

- Dynamic Youth Formation
- Bible study
- Home-based small group studies
- Opportunities for apologetics
- Parish Mission/ Speakers
- Natural Family Planning
- Perpetual Adoration
- Family Adoration (Family Holy Hour)
- Healing Mass

Are there any programs the parish could incorporate that you are aware of or have had exposure to at other parishes?

- Dynamic Catholic/ Other speakers
- Stronger youth programs
- More fellowship events
- Walking with Purpose women's study
- Women's retreats
- Men's Conference
- Theology of the Body
- Empty nester/ older singles events

What do you see as the next steps in our growth as a parish? Where would you like to see our church in the next ten years?

- Stronger apologetics and evangelization
- Adult Religious Education
- Stronger Youth Formation
- Perpetual Adoration
- Family Mentoring Program
- Family Fellowship
- Pro-Life Ministry
- Social Justice Ministry

Is there anything St. Joseph's Parish can do to help you grow in your faith life?

- Small group Faith Formation
- Women's Bible study/ Men's bible study
- Sunday evening Mass (contemporary)
- Perpetual Adoration
- Homilies available online
- Parish Mission / Speakers

Can you think of any faith struggles of today's Catholics that you would like to see better addressed by the parish and its ministries?

- Apologetics/ equip Catholics to defend the Faith
- Continue open discussion on abuse scandals
- Real Presence/ fast before Communion

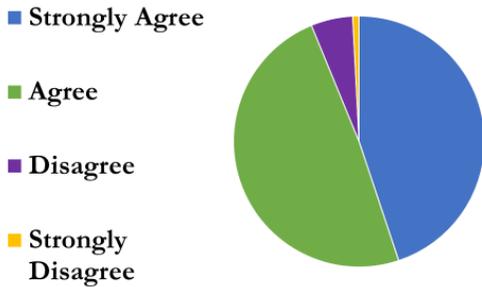
Do you have any recommendations for the parish for faith enrichment as it creates a Pastoral Plan?

- Vocation Cup
- Adult Religious Education / Speakers
- Fellowship Opportunities
- Theology of the Body
- Totus Tuus/ Nashville Dominicans to teach Vacation Bible School
- Cancer support group
- Adopt seminarians

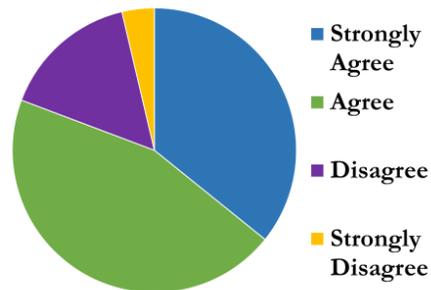
If your family is not participating in the youth activities, is there something that could be done to gain your participation?

- Offer more engaging, fun youth activities
- Need a balance of ages on the leadership team – perhaps invite USC college students to volunteer

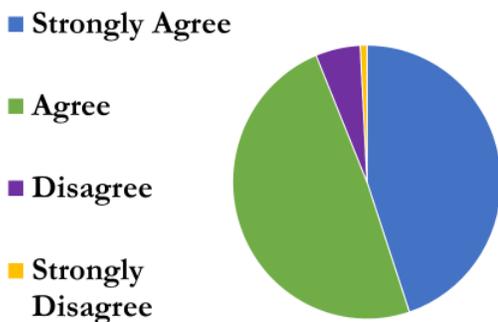
I have felt welcomed as a parishioner of St. Joseph. My experience is one of hospitality.



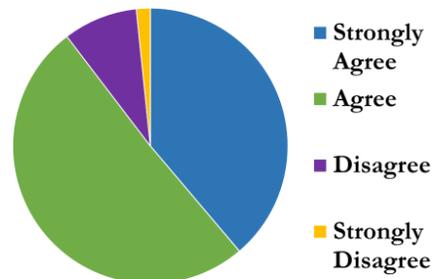
St. Joseph provides a nursery during the 10:30 AM Mass. If you have children under the age of 4, would you be interested in St. Joseph providing a nursery during the 8:15 AM Mass?
 (Note: 8:15 AM Mass will be moved to 8:00 AM effective 9.8.19)



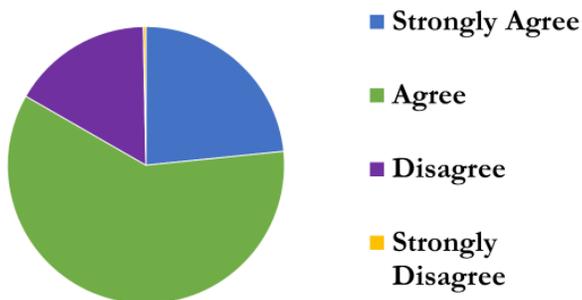
St. Joseph is a thriving faith community.



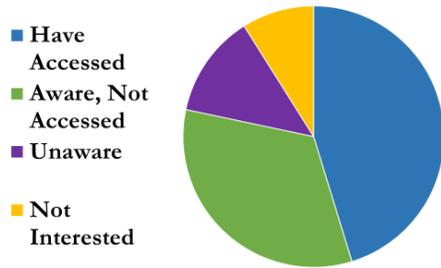
St. Joseph Parish adequately assists me in developing my faith life. In other words, St. Joseph Parish actively provides me with opportunities to grow in holiness.



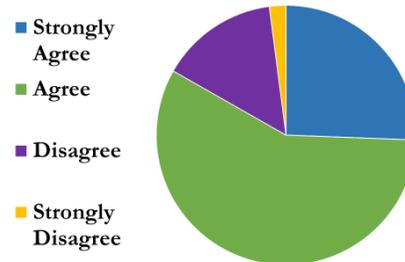
I am witnessing lives being transformed in St. Joseph Parish.



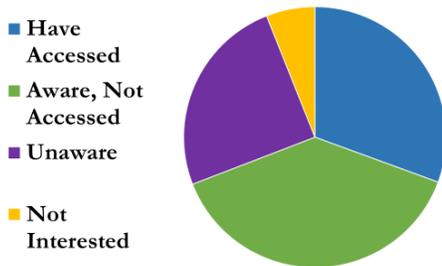
As a parishioner, which of the following responses best reflects your interactions with FORMED?



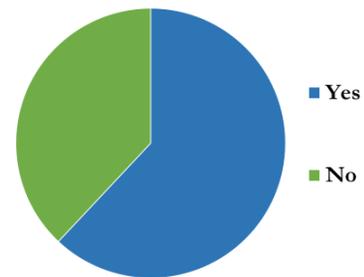
St. Joseph Parish does a good job of encouraging and assisting parishioners in becoming involved in the parish.



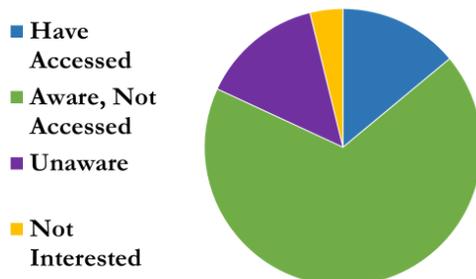
As a parishioner, which of the following responses best reflects your interactions with our Lighthouse Media Kiosk?



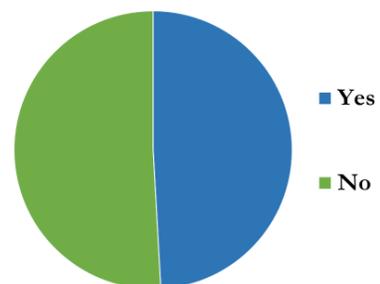
Are you currently involved in any ministries at St. Joseph?



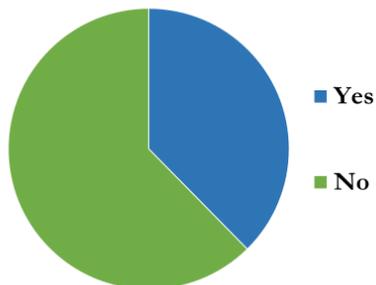
As a parishioner, which of the following responses best reflects your interactions with our Church Library in the Parish House?



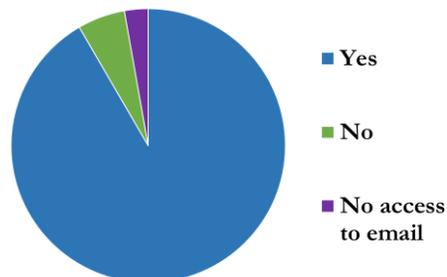
Are you interested in becoming involved with any ministries at St. Joseph Parish?



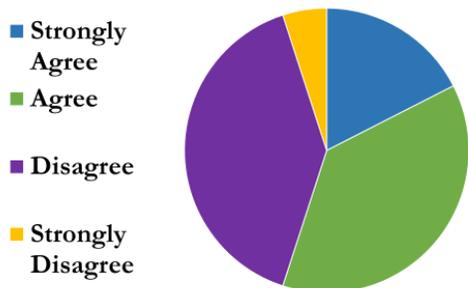
Are you happy with the current schedule of Religious Education on Wednesday nights?



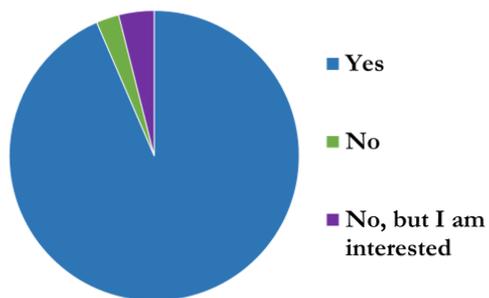
Are you currently connected to the Parish's electronic bulletin and email updates?



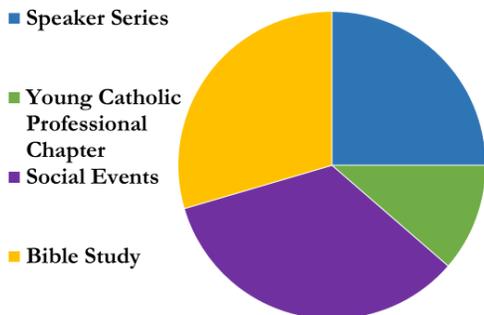
St. Joseph provides dynamic and engaging opportunities for young adults.

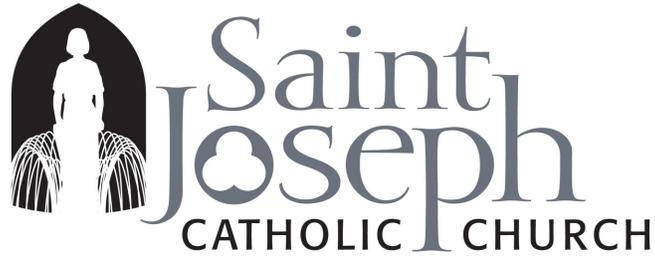


I am aware that online giving is conveniently available through St. Joseph.



As a young adult, I would be most interested in:





We would like to congratulate our
parish families and the graduates of
Cardinal Newman
Class of 2019.

This is a beautiful testament to our
parish support of Catholic education.

CLASS OF 2019

Declan Robert Carroll
William Palmer Dayhuff
Katherine Elizabeth Flowers
Anna Catherine Fuller
Vladimir Dyllan Gorrin
Ainsley Cooper Gossett
Shelby Elizabeth Hall
Caroline DuRant Muzekari

Jack Robert Nahigian
Madison Carroll Nahigian
John Thomas Parnell
Natalie Marie Pickel
Jacob Michael Rehling
Matthew Jenks Skipper
Matthew Church Weiland
Kathleen Lynn Williams