

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Church: 400 East Simpson Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6507

E-mail: officemanager@stjosephmech.org • Website: www.stjosephmech.org

MISSION STATEMENT: Saint Joseph Parish, Mechanicsburg PA

Like our Patron, Saint Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are called to foster the presence of Christ in all that we say and do. Our mission is to grow disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ.



Reverend Thomas J. Rozman, Pastor
Reverend Kenneth C. Roth, Parochial Vicar
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Parish Advisory Council, pac@stjosephmech.org

Masses: Saturday: 4:00 PM (fulfills Sunday Obligation)
5:30 PM Outdoor Mass
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:45 AM (ASL), 11:30 AM
Weekday/Holy Days: As listed in bulletin

Parish Office: 410 E. Simpson St.
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6507

Parish Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday 9:45 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday 9:45 AM - Noon

Telephone Numbers:
Parish Office: 717-766-9433
Video Phone for the Deaf: 717-610-0326
Mass & Confession Times: 717-766-8032
School: 717-766-2564
School FAX: 717-766-1226
Religious Education: 717-766-2472
Trinity High School: 717-761-1116

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Please notify the parish office when you or a family member has been admitted to the hospital or healthcare facility.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please contact the parish office, 717-766-9433, to schedule.

Common Policy for Baptism: Parents are encouraged to call the Parish Office to receive a copy of the Parish Baptism Policy containing essential information regarding the required instruction workshop and requirements for sponsors.

Sponsor Certificates: Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active members of the Parish who are registered in the Parish and receiving the Sacraments.

Sacrament of Matrimony (Marriage)

Common Policy: It is necessary for a couple to contact the priests NINE TO TWELVE MONTHS prior to the anticipated time of the wedding. (It is recommended to contact the parish priest as soon as a formal engagement is decided.)

Sacrament of Anointing: Call any parish priest as soon as there is any serious illness.

Holy Communion to the Sick: When a parishioner is confined to home because of illness, advanced age, or infirmity, please call the office and arrangements will be made to take Holy Communion to the person.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 9:00 AM by email submission: bulletin@stjosephmech.org

"There is need of
only one thing.
Mary has chosen
the better part
and it will not
be taken from her."

Luke 10:42





Masses & Events for the Week

+ Mass in American Sign Language ASL

WELCOME

SATURDAY, JULY 16 - VIGIL, SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42)

4:00 PM ☩ **Deceased Members of Correa Family**

5:30 PM ☩ **Special Intention of Gianna Regina Patrick (Patrick) - Gazebo Mass**

After Masses Welcome Kiosk (Narthex)

SUNDAY, JULY 17 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM ☩ **Jennie Meredith (Rosko)**

+9:45 AM ☩ **Frances Maceiko**

11:30 AM ☩ **People of the Parish Living and Deceased**

After Masses Welcome Kiosk (Narthex)

1:00 PM ☩ **Sacrament of Baptism (Church)**

MONDAY, JULY 18 - WEEKDAY; SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST

(Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42)

9:00 AM ☩ **Special Intention of Saucier Family (Collins)**

10:00 AM ☩ **All Day Parking Lot Crack Sealing (Campus)**

6:00 PM ☩ **School Furniture Move (Parish Life & Ed. Ctr.)**

7:00 PM ☩ **The Wild Goose Series (Zoom)**

TUESDAY, JULY 19 - WEEKDAY

(Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50)

9:00 AM ☩ **Robert Saynuk (Grzyboski)**

9:30 AM ☩ **Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)**

7:00 PM ☩ **Eucharistic Revival Ad Hoc Committee (Brindle Hall)**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20 - WEEKDAY; SAINT APOLLINARIS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

(Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9)

9:00 AM ☩ **Silvio Cribari (Cribari)**

10:00 AM ☩ **The Wild Goose Series (Lee Horan Rm.)**

6:30 PM ☩ **Legion of Mary (John Paul II Rm.)**

7:00 PM ☩ **Christmas Fest Group (Lee Horan Rm.)**

THURSDAY, JULY 21 - WEEKDAY; SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

(Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17)

9:00 AM ☩ **Kathy Martin (Martin)**

10:00 AM ☩ **Women's Summer Program (Lee Horan Rm.)**

5:30 PM ☩ **Contemporary Music Ensemble Rehearsal (Church)**

7:00 PM ☩ **Women's Summer Program (Lee Horan Rm.)**

FRIDAY, JULY 22 - SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

(Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18)

9:00 AM ☩ **Thomas McGee (Wilson)**

12:00 PM ☩ **Senior Leadership Team Mtg. (John Paul II Rm.)**

7:30 PM ☩ **Holy Hour of Adoration (Church)**

8:30 PM ☩ **Benediction (Church)**

SATURDAY, JULY 23 - WEEKDAY; SAINT BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS; BVM

(Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30)

6:15 AM ☩ **That Man Is You (Brindle Hall)**

10:00 AM ☩ **Junior Legion of Mary (John Paul II Rm.)**

2:15 PM ☩ **Confessions (Church)**

SATURDAY, JULY 23 - VIGIL, SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13)

4:00 PM ☩ **Helga Azizkhan (Weaver)**

5:30 PM ☩ **People of the Parish Living and Deceased - Gazebo Mass**

SUNDAY, JULY 24 - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM ☩ **Jean Celmer (Stupi)**

9:45 AM ☩ **RCIA (Brindle Hall)**

+9:45 AM ☩ **Special Intention of Schlegel Family (Legion of Mary)**

11:30 AM ☩ **Thomas John Manna (Cimino)**

1:00 PM ☩ **Sacrament of Baptism (Church)**

Join us for Mass! Our Masses are in person, and we livestream the 9:45 AM Sunday Mass and all daily Masses. They are available through our website, Facebook and YouTube channel. Please see the schedule of Masses listed for times and locations. Masses in the church can also be heard in the parking lot on your FM radio, station 95.5. All are welcome to join us!

We Remember

ALTAR FLOWERS: For the Living and Deceased members of the Simon and Staub Family.

DIVINE MERCY FLOWERS: For the Living and Deceased members of the Simon and Staub Family.

MARIAN SHIRNE: For the Living and Deceased members of the Simon and Staub Family.

TABERNACLE FLOWERS: For the Living and Deceased members of the Simon and Staub Family.

PRO-LIFE ROSE: Special Intention.

ALTAR CANDLES: Special Intention.

AMBO CANDLES: Special Intention.

RED SANCTUARY CANDLE: Special Intention.

TABERNACLE CANDLES: Special Intention.

\$180 Donation for Tabernacle, \$90 Altar, Ambo, & Divine Mercy Flowers, \$10 Donation for candles, \$10 Donation for Pro-Life Rose

Information on our website: www.stjosephmech.org

or
call the Parish Office: 717-766-9433

THIS Weekend Music Ministry

4:00 PM Organ/Cantor

8:00 AM Organ/Cantor

9:45 AM Organ/Cantor

11:30 AM Organ/Cantor

NEXT Weekend Music Ministry

4:00 PM Organ/Cantor

8:00 AM Organ/Cantor

9:45 AM Organ/Cantor

11:30 AM Organ/Cantor

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have recently died, may they rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let thy perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

WE REMEMBER OUR PARISHIONER:

Henry "Hank" Horstmann,

husband of Mimi Horstmann

PARISH
TRANSFORMATION

Ministry Highlight: Cursillo



My name is Phil Talarico and my wife, Barbara and I have been parishioners for over 30 years. We have served in many capacities at Saint Joseph parish over the years and still do. In addition to administering the Holy Eucharist to the sick, the experience that has totally revitalized me spiritually was making my "Cursillo Weekend" about twelve years ago.

The word "Cursillo" is Spanish for "a short course". During the "Thursday night to Sunday night" weekend, a man or woman not only hears talks or "rollos" on what it means to be a Christian, but also experiences the joy of building and/or recapturing a personal relationship with Jesus for a lifetime.

The Cursillo movement began in Spain in the 1940s to help renew the Catholic Church. It has developed into a "method" that is lived by over 8 million Catholics around the world and is also followed by many Protestant Christian faiths. Cursillo has received the blessing of Pope Paul VI who gave Saint Paul to Cursillo as its patron Saint! Cursillo is also encouraged and endorsed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

During the 3-day weekend, several talks are given by clergy and lay people. These talks emphasize the true meaning of Grace, the Sacraments, the Mass, the nature and need of prayer, living one's daily life in union with God, studying to understand the gift of God and introducing Christ to others by word and deed. The atmosphere of the weekend is joy and Grace. There is music, great food, fun and support for one another.

But the "Cursillo Weekend" is just a beginning. Cursillo provides the opportunity to reunite on a regular basis to sustain the initial enthusiasm from the weekend and to keep Christ as the prime influencer in your life. This method is a small meeting of men or women who have "made" their Cursillo. It is usually weekly, but you come when you can! Each person shares their failures and successes in terms of their prayer life, their study and their evangelization as a means of support to one another.

There is a men's "group" here at Saint Joseph parish that meets each week after TMIY, around 8:00 AM. There are a number of women from Saint Joseph who also "group", but they do so at other locations, which can be made available to you.

For more information, please contact me at bstala1@gmail.com.

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revitalized me spiritually"**





Saint
Joseph
School



The following **Employment Opportunities** are available at our school for the 2022-2023 school year:

Saint Joseph School is seeking a full-time librarian for the 2022-2023 school year. The position includes providing library instruction, traveling to classrooms grades K-5 for library class, and providing appropriate books for students to borrow. This position also includes providing financial literacy instruction to grades 6-8 based on the provided curriculum. Interested candidates should send their resume to Mrs. Rebecca Bamberger, Principal, at rbamberger@stjoesmech.org.

The Early Learning Program (ELP) at Saint Joseph School is looking to hire part-time assistants for the program for the 2022-2023 school year. ELP follows the school calendar and is open from 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM, serving children 3-5 years old. Some duties include: assisting the children with learning centers, lunch, outdoor play, rest time, everyday tasks, and opening and/or closing the program. The position is 20-25 hours per week. Interested candidates should forward their resume to upelton@stjoesmech.org.

The Extended Day Program has an opening for a caregiver, 2-3 afternoons per week, from 2:15 PM to 5:30 PM. Responsibilities include playing with and helping children, assisting children with homework, helping to serve snack, cleaning up after snack, and other duties as required by the program director. Applicants will need to complete or submit (done within the past 12 months) all necessary employee clearances and background checks along with a valid driver's license. If you are interested in earning extra income while performing a very rewarding service, please contact Linda Schneider at lschneider@stjoesmech.org.

ATTENTION Would-be Volunteers! If you or someone you know is interested in helping with the many school activities at SJS, please make sure to apply for your diocesan security clearances now. If you already have your clearances, please check to make sure they are not expiring soon. All adult volunteers are required to obtain clearances every five years. You can find more information at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/safeyouth/background-certificates-and-youth-protection-requirements/#adult-volunteer-protection-requirements>. When you have completed the requirements, please take your completed clearance information to the Saint Joseph Parish Office. Thank you!

Welcome to Saint Joseph Parish!!!



Our Welcome Kiosk is open after all Masses this weekend; we encourage you to stop by and say hi, grab a prayer square, obtain information on how to join our parish, get information on our many ministries and ways you can serve our amazing parish, or ask any questions. For Hospitality

Ministry information please contact Marlene Steinour at tinysteiny75@gmail.com or 717-712-9457.

Weekly Stewardship Report: July 10, 2022

Regular Sunday Offerings:

Weekly Goal	\$ 27,530.00
Actual Basket Offerings -	
Weekend Offerings (envelopes & loose)	\$ 15,688.00
Electronic Check - Bill Payer	\$ 4,885.00
Online Thru WeShare	\$ 11,500.00
Total Offerings	\$ 32,073.00

Comparison Prior Year - June 11, 2021 **\$ 28,484.00**

Additional Offerings:

Catholic Communications	\$ 70.00
Pentecost Collection	\$ 20.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 1,035.00

"Building Disciples, Sharing Gifts"

Thank you for your continued generosity.



Please note that while our **Parish Offices** will be open, all our **Campus Parking Lots** will be closed on **Monday, July 18**, for resurfacing. The school parking lot will be closed all day starting at 7:00 AM and the church parking lot will be closed following our 9:00 AM daily Mass. Thank you for your kind cooperation and understanding!

Volunteers Needed! We are in need of Lectors, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. If interested or would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact the office at 717-766-9433.

Saint Joseph Parish Religious Education Program

STARTING SOON - REGISTER TODAY!

Religious Education Program (REP) registration for the 2022-2023 school year is available on our website <https://www.stjosephmech.org/rep-registration>.

Preschool Program, P2-Kindergarten:
Sunday mornings 9:45 AM

Grades 1-8, Monday evenings:
First session: 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Second session: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM


High School Program:
Wednesday evenings, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Questions?

Email Mr. Mark Rebuck at cre@stjosephmech.org.

Gardeners still needed! Thank you to all who have been weeding our flowerbeds at the school, church and rectory. We are still in need of gardeners between now and September. If your family would like to pick a week to weed, please sign up here: <https://ttsu.me/jpri4h>. Please bring your own supplies and come any time during the week that is convenient. Service hours are available. Contact Rudy Geisler with any questions parishmanager@stjosephmech.org or 717-766-9433 ext. 104.



Mark your calendars! The Ninth Annual Christmas Fest will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2022, in the Saint Joseph Parish Life and Education Center. This year's event will feature vendors, raffles, food, a silent auction, bake sale and crafts for children. If interested in helping, contact Valerie Spangler via email: vjdspn@verizon.net.

 **Calling All Cursillistas:** This July the Harrisburg Diocese Cursillo Movement will be sponsoring two Cursillo weekends.

Women's Weekend July 21 - July 24:

Mariawald Retreat House, 1094 Welsh Road, Reading, PA

Men's Weekend July 28 - July 31:

Saint Pius X Parish, 112 Fairview Drive, Selinsgrove, PA



Please contact Phil Talarico at bstala1@gmail.com for more information.

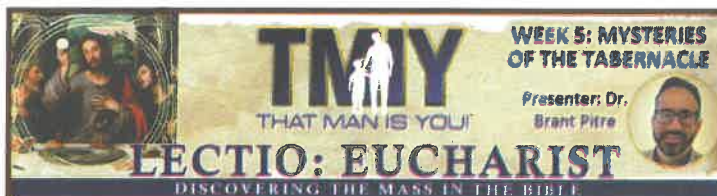
DeColores and God Bless you and your family.

Summer Outdoor Concert Sunday, July 31, 2022 at 7:00 PM

FEATURING THE GREATER HARRISBURG
CONCERT BAND

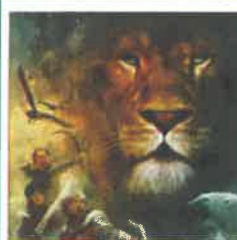
Bring your lawn chairs!!!
Free will donations gratefully accepted!!!

FREE Summer Concert featuring the Greater Harrisburg Concert Band. Held in the Brindle Hall parking lot - behind the Church. All are welcome! Rain location will be in the church.



LECTIO: EUCHARIST
DISCOVERING THE MASS IN THE BIBLE

Mysteries of the Tabernacle: Why did God draw the Israelites out into the desert, into relationship? Join your That Man Is You brothers on Saturday morning to learn about the feast of God drawing closer to His people in the LECTIO series, "Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible", from FORMED.org. We meet in Brindle Hall on Saturday morning at 6:15 AM for a men's program where food and fellowship are part of the program! Contact Tony Devlin at thedevlinfamily@yahoo.com for information.



Women's Summer Program: THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE

This summer, join with other wonderful women on a journey into this captivating story! It will help us reflect more deeply on our relationship with Christ, our own story of faith and redemption, and the invitation to adventure with God! This could be a great activity for Moms (or Grandmoms, Aunts, etc.) and teenaged daughters to do together!

- Dates: Thursdays, July 21 and 28
- Times: 10:00 AM or 7:00 PM
- Location: Lee Horan Room or via Zoom

Contact Becky for more info and/or Zoom link:
familyministries@stjosephmech.org or 717-766-9433.



Annual Pilgrimage to the Grotto of Lourdes August 4 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

The annual Pilgrimage to the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, Maryland, is scheduled for Thursday, August 4. Diocesan priests will hear Confessions from 9:15 AM-10:45 AM in the Saint Mary's Chapel. Bishop Ronald Gainer will be the celebrant and homilist for the Mass in Saint Mary's Chapel at noon.

A free-will offering will be received to cover the facility use and services. Lunch will begin at 1:00 PM; those staying for the afternoon should bring their own lunch. **Gates to the Grotto will close at 4:30 PM.** The Gift of a Plenary Indulgence is granted to members of a pilgrimage group who, out of devotion to the Blessed Mother and Our Lord, Jesus Christ, visit the National Shrine Grotto on any day of the year.

For further inquiries, please contact **Father John Hoke** (Saint Joseph Parish, Milton; 570-742-4356) or **Father Michael Reid** (Saint Vincent Parish, Hanover; 717-637-4625).



**21st National Conference for Single Catholics (NCSC)
September 16 - 18**

Join Catholics from across the country at the National Conference for Single Catholics at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, VA (DC Metro Area). The weekend includes dynamic speakers, music, Mass, adoration, confession, fellowship and more. The first 50 to register by **July 25** with **promo code (PARISH22)** get \$100 off general admission! Visit www.NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information. Reach out to Rachel, littlelach2011@gmail.com to get the Harrisburg area discounted group rate.

Morning Star is Hiring!

Morning Star Clinics is seeking a P/T instructor to teach nationally recognized curriculum in greater Dauphin County middle and high schools. The program empowers youth to make healthy decisions regarding relationships and risk behaviors. To learn more about this and other job opportunities, visit [//SupportMorningStar.com/get-involved/job-openings](http://SupportMorningStar.com/get-involved/job-openings).



**Annual Saint Joseph Parish
Yard Sale**

Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus
in the Parking Lot of
Saint Joseph Parish Life & Education Center
420 East Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg
Saturday, September 10, 2022
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Cost? 11' x 17' Space Donation \$10 (Rain or Shine)
Restrictions? NO SALE OF FIREARMS, DRUGS, DRUG
PARAPHERNALIA OR PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL
FOOD AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE!
Pre-registration and additional information call:

**Dan Uhazie
921 Eppley Rd.
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-9746
717-574-7458**

YARD SALE SPACE REQUEST

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

I request _____ space(s) at \$10 each. Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to Saint Joseph Council 12788

"If you want to
change the world,
go home and
love your family."

-Mother Teresa



Global Hug your Kids day is on July 18 this year.

The Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership Presents the 5th Annual
COMMUNITY DAY IN THE PARK

**Saturday
August
6th
10AM-3PM**

**Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Park
1 MEMORIAL PARK DRIVE**

**FOOD, MUSIC & FUN
FOR EVERYONE**

Looking for something fun to do with the family? Enjoy a day of activities, art, food, music, games and great community spirit. Admission is Free. Saint Joseph will be partnering with other Mechanicsburg Churches to provide inflatables and games for the kids.

Everyone is welcome to our monthly Charismatic Mass. On Tuesday, August 2, at 7:00 PM there will be a Charismatic Mass with prayers for healing at Saint Theresa Church, 1300 Bridge St., New Cumberland. Reverend Samuel I. DuBois, in residence, at Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, Annville, will be Celebrant. All are welcome. For information, please call Mary Ann at 717-512-3628 or Vicki at 717-364-6260.



"It is He whom we proclaim." Are you being called to proclaim Christ and the Word of God?

Call Father Jonathan Sawicki
717-657-4804, or write:
frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org

We thank our Sponsor of the Week:

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for sponsoring an advertisement in our parish bulletin.
Please patronize the businesses that underwrite all of the publishing expenses of our weekly bulletin.

Over the past several months, Catholics across the globe have been discussing if and how we “journey together in faith”; how we share our experiences with each other, listen to and encourage one another, and work together to build God’s Kingdom. Here at Saint Joseph’s, we referred to this endeavor as **“In This Together”**, with communications about it in the bulletin, on our website (stjosephmech.org/in-this-together), and in our Friday email blasts.

- ✦ We held an in-person discussion session on March 26th, and also provided parishioners with a link to provide feedback online.
- ✦ We collected the opinions shared both in-person and online (see reverse side) and shared them with the diocese in May.
- ✦ In coming months, the US Bishops and our Pope will receive documents influenced by our voices.

By the time this global effort is complete in 2023, it is our hope that all Catholics will gain a broad sense of what it’s like to be part of the Universal Church today. In the meantime, our Parish Advisory Council is considering the input we received locally to help us understand what it’s like to be a part of our parish family here at Saint Joseph.

We’d like to thank those who participated by either attending our in-person discussion session or sharing their thoughts online. We had 15 in-person attendees, and 1 online commenter. With such a small sampling from a parish with close to 6000 adults, we cannot assume that the opinions offered are representative of the entire parish. However, we must and will listen to them carefully and be responsive. Following are the main topics we heard:

1. personal approach to faith companionship
2. support for families with kids with disabilities
3. outreach to the underrepresented or unheard
4. engaging in positive conversations about faith
5. support for youth and parents
6. understanding the Mass
7. asking people for input
8. understanding discipleship
9. church structure and decision making
10. diversity
11. understanding evangelization
12. reflecting God’s love; being positive & inviting
13. learn from other Christian denominations
14. help people discern strengths

The Parish Advisory Council looks forward to engaging with the parish on these topics in the months to come. We will share what we already have in place, and what we have accounted for in our parish’s 5-Year Plan (stjosephmech.org/5-year-plan). We will also look to see what new items are not yet accounted for, and determine an approach to address them.

And most importantly, we invite you to contribute to this discussion! Parishioners are welcome to attend council meetings and/or share their input in writing. If you’d like to do either, please contact us at pac@stjosephmech.org.

Thank you for keeping our parish family in your prayers, in particular asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If we are receptive to the promptings of the Spirit, we will discover new ways to draw closer to the Lord... together!

IN THIS TOGETHER - Synod Comments from Participants

CONTEXT: Saint Joseph is a parish of close to 6000 adult members. Besides our Parish Advisory Council members who facilitated our in-person session, we had 15 attendees. We also had 1 person submit input online.

The following opinions were collected from the 16 participants:

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

1. In order to increase participation in our parish ministries and activities, we should subtly approach people and ask them to give of their talents (also noted in "Authority and Participation" topic)
2. We should reach out to people who sit next to us at Mass.
3. There is little to no support for families with kids with disabilities.

LISTENING

4. Who are "the fringes"? We should find the people on the margins and reach out to them to show that we are a caring community. We should identify the specific groups that we wish to reach and plan our actions accordingly.
5. We need to break down the barriers within our ministries and activities groups so we are more inviting.
6. We find it difficult to listen to God in a secular world.
7. Christianity is based upon relationship. We need to have a one-to-one conversation with people.

SPEAKING OUT

8. Catholic values are not popular in society (also noted in "Sharing Responsibility" topic)
9. We are not very good at speaking out. When we do, we are defensive and speak with anger. We need a humble approach so we can break down barriers.
10. Our parishioners are seeing more openness now than in the past. Our parish has many opportunities to get involved, but members of these ministries need to encourage and invite more participation.
11. Our Church needs to put more resources into youth activities and youth ministries, including young parents.
12. We appreciate when the pastor and the pastoral staff are engaged with parish activities. Seminaries should stress this important part of being a pastor.

CELEBRATION

13. Do people truly understand the Mass or do some just go through the motions? We need a way to educate people, possibly providing special instructions for visitors.

14. Greeters have had a positive effect on our parish.

15. People need a personal invitation to attend Mass. (also noted in "Authority and Participation" and "Discerning and Deciding" topics)

16. We should also be asking people what they need from the Church.

SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR COMMON MISSION

17. Discipleship must be verbalized to our parishioners, but additional education is also needed for understanding of our role and responsibilities as disciples. Discipleship is not on everyone's mind. We are caught up too much in our daily stuff.
18. The Church can be too much of a hierarchical structure.
19. We are not as diverse as we should be. The role of women should be expanded.
20. What does evangelization mean?
21. The Church reminds us of our sin but also needs to remind us more of God's love. Our Church needs to come across as more positive and inviting.

ECUMENISM

22. We need to look at our commonality, not the differences between us and other Christian Churches, and see what we can learn from them.
23. Some other denominations seem to be more youth and family oriented than our Church.
24. The family unit is most important. Community starts with family. The problem is that many families are not engaged.
25. How do we get people to know their strengths?

DISCERNING AND DECIDING

26. Those who walk together and are making decisions are the priests along with older groups of people. Daily Mass and often meetings are during the day when no working person or child can attend. Families, young people, teens, and college age kids are not represented.
27. What does consultation or discernment mean? We need to communicate these more effectively.

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