



SAINTS MARY & JOSEPH PARISH

**Saints Mary and Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
October 13th, 2016**

Start Time: 7:15pm

- Badges have been distributed to all the new Greeters/Ushers/Collectors/etc. There were fourteen new volunteers in service to the Lord.
- We are looking into projectors for the St Joe's campus to be utilized at the 11:00 and 5:00 celebrations for the display of song lyrics. The projector will be hidden and no screen will be used.
- We have greatly improved the audio experience at St. Joe's, and have now added a second wireless microphone for the deacons.
- Side exit double-doors at MQP have been repaired/adjusted/primed/painted at no charge by two contractors.
- Sacristy entrance facade at St Joe's--wood trim was scraped/sanded/primed/painted.
- IT people for the parish are working on some minor MQP Livestream issues. Adding a notch filter to alleviate background hum. Adding HDMI line to provide high-def image at Narthex. Adding ability to archive homilies (audio-only at this point) at one mass per week for the parish website. Looking into possibility for video in the future.
- Two very large screen TV's and DVD players were donated for the Youth Groups at the St. Julie Hall basement level. One large screen TV and Bluray player were donated for use at the main level of St. Julie for the Family Faith Formation program.
- Lector training is complete and was very successful. Deacon Jay and co-facilitator held five meetings (total) at both campuses. Current and new lectors were at the sessions.
- Coffee and Donuts continues at the St J's 11:00 downstairs for the winter season, and is gaining traction. Faith Formation families are also helping to host at both campuses, and are now scheduled for Greeting duty as well.
- The first annual thanksgiving dinner for parents, elementary youth group brought together families from each church campus, as well as St Joe's School and a family who is choosing to participate solely in youth ministry.
- The parish float for the Holiday Parade is happening! Our parish will be visibly present and we will be distributing a token from the parish. We'll also be serving hot chocolate and hot apple cider on the sidewalk of the St. Joseph's campus. Sunday November 26th at 1:00 PM.
- The Community Garden for the poor progressing well.... Pete Klecan and Fr Bill marked it out and will roto-till a 35' x 35' area. All that is grown in the garden will be donated to the poor and hungry.

- 30 parishioners are staffing Cor Unum in Lawrence on Thanksgiving! We have now added a 2nd day of service which will be the fourth Saturday of each month.
- Hoops for Mercy has now been established. This is a monthly basketball tournament benefiting an Act of Mercy (clothing drive, food, building wells in third world country, etc). This new program will replace Open Gym on one Sunday per month.