

## Vision Committee Oral Report to Parish #7

April 20-21, 2024

Good morning/evening,

I am (your name) from the St Joseph Vision Committee. My fellow committee members and I would like to provide you with a brief update based on our most recent meeting.

I am sure you have noticed the handy QR Code placard in the pews. You can use it to access our website. Halfway down the web page is a link called Media Resources. There you will find copies of all oral reports, like this one, if you'd like to read them at your leisure.

Fr. Jim will be coordinating a Blessing Bag collection for the needy. The event is intended to engage the youth of our parish in service to their community. The date for assembling the bags and for making sandwiches for the hungry will be the evening of Friday, May 17. While all of us can help with collecting items for the blessing bags, we're hoping the youth of our parish will turn out from 7-9pm on May 17 to lend a hand. Remember, many hands make light work, so parents mark your calendars so you can remind your teens are available that evening. That's Friday, May 17 from 7-9pm. Come and lend a hand. Those who expressed an interest in the sandwich making ministry should plan on attending as well.

St. Joe's is noted for its hospitality and for being a very welcoming Church. Here is a fun fact: approximately 140 new families have joined us since Covid! Those families should expect a welcome email from Fr. Jim in the next few days.

All of us can keep up to date on what's going on by reading the bulletin and by looking for the Weekly Update email that Fr. Jim sends out on Monday's. If you haven't been getting those emails, contact Fr. Jim.

A project we'd like to undertake next 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! We'll be taking family photos next fall, so stay tuned. Right now, we are looking for **skilled amateur photographers** to help us out. If that's you, please make yourself known to Fr. Jim or one of us on the Vision Committee.

We are hoping you can join us for the Taco de Mayo event to be held on May 5 at 4:00pm at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Short Hills. Tickets can be purchased through the website. They're going fast, so don't wait to get yours.

Pentecost commemorates the birth of the early Church. Here at St. Joe's, we like to celebrate Pentecost as a parish family, so on that day, which is May 19 this year, let's welcome the Holy Spirit at the 11:30 Mass, the only mass that day. Wear red and plan to stay for the reception afterward. To volunteer to help with the reception, contact Joan Walsh.

Finally, Bishop Cruz will be confirming some of our young people on Tuesday, May 28 @ 7pm. Why not come out and support our young people while they celebrate this rite of passage?

Please talk to one of us after mass today or next week if you have new ideas, concerns, or questions. We'd love to hear from you.