**Long Range Planning Survey**

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of the Parishioners of

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**

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As part of our long-range planning, we would like to take the pulse of the parishioners of St Joseph and solicit your thoughts, ideas, and concerns as we look forward over the next 10 years.

We will do this in three phases

1. July-August Parish Survey
2. September-October Small Group Discussions/Analysis/Distilling Surveys/Small Group responses
3. November Presentations /Outcomes

The Pastoral Council and our clergy asking that you prayerfully answer the attached survey with the goal that you convey to us what St Joseph is and might become over the next 10-year period.

This survey is crafted from questions provided by your Parish Pastoral Council. We have hopefully provided space for you express your thoughts, ideas, hopes, concerns, and aspirations. And, if we haven’t, feel free to add your own at the end of this survey.

We invite every parishioner to submit their own survey, as individuals, rather than families This survey is written by adults, but that doesn’t mean young people should not respond. We really want to hear what any young people have to say. So please, invite them to complete what they can/want to or add their own questions and answers at the end.

**The information below is optional. It is requested so that we might better organized the data as it relates to different life situations and, depending on your preference, as we assemble the Small Group Discussions**

1. Pick the generational group that applies to you:

* <13
* 13-18
* 19-30
* 31-40
* 41-60
* 61-80
* >81

1. What is your relationship status

* Single
* In-relationship
* Married
* Divorced
* Widowed

1. Gender

* Male
* Female

1. When assembling Small Group Discussions, which are again optional, and can be at St Joseph, Golden Girls, Sweet Café, at home, or online, would you prefer to be in a group that is my

* Generational group
* Gender
* Relationship Status
* Mixed Group

**Growth**

Having a sense for what growth is envisioned at St Joseph over the next 10 years is an important consideration

1. How much growth do you envision St Joseph will experience over next 10 years

* -20% to 0%
* 0% to 20%
* 21% to 40%
* >40%

2. What challenges will these changes pose?

1. What opportunities will these changes present?
2. Ten years from now, will the average parishioner be

* Older
* About the same
* Younger

1. What challenges will this pose?
2. What opportunities will these changes present?

**Growth**

1. Where do you think we will see the most growth by family demographic?

* Younger families
* Middle Age Families
* Senior Families

1. What are the challenges St Joseph will face with your envisioned family type changes over the next 10 years?
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**Outreach and Evangelization**

The following questions pertain to ideas on how we can reach out/be more inviting to your age group.

1. How might St Joseph be more responsive to what you want/need, from Church, as a person
2. How might St Joseph grow the Catholic community in the Norris and surrounding areas?

**Outreach and Evangelization**

1. What can we do to become more inviting to Catholics who are no longer active?
2. What might we do/what ideas do you have to reach out/be more inviting to the seekers/unchurched?
3. What can we do to become more inviting to those who are visiting/moving to the area and looking for a place to worship?

**Communications**

1. What’s missing? What’s lacking, in terms of communication?

What updates did you need that you haven’t gotten?

1. What’s the most effective way to reach you personally about important events at St Joseph?

* Phone Call
* Text
* Email
* Website
* Weekly bulletin
* Other

1. In general, what is the most effective way to communicate with your age group

* Phone Call
* Text
* Email
* Website
* Weekly bulletin
* Other

1. What is your age group?

* 0-12
* 13-18
* 19-30
* 31-40
* 41-60
* 61-80
* >81

1. Would an online directory containing contact information for all parishioners be a useful tool for you?

* Very useful
* Somewhat useful
* Neutral
* Not very useful
* Not useful at all

**Communications**

1. How can we improve our communications to you beyond just Sundays?
2. Are you getting enough information about what is going on at St. Joseph Church

* Yes
* No

1. Please rank website in the areas of ( 1 Poor-10 is exceptional)

* Appearance 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* St Joseph Info 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Diocesan Info 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Calendar 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Contact info 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Links 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1. What improvements to our website would you like to see to make it more beneficial for you or your family

**Liturgy**

1. What is needed (if anything) to improve your ability to participate in the Liturgy
2. Rate, in your opinion, the quality of Sound/Volume/Clarity ( 1 low and 10 high)

* Priest 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Deacon 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Readers 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Music 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Choir 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1. What improvements would you suggest
2. What changes would you make to improve your experience of church liturgy
3. Where can we improve your liturgy experience (check all that apply)

* Ability to hear Celebrants
* Ability to hear musical instruments
* Ability to hear the choir
* Flowers
* Religious Art/Statues
* Surfaces (paint, carpet, walls, lighting, etc)
* Cryroom
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Building Fund**

1. What should we do with our building fund

* Improve current building
* Add an addition to the current building

1. Why is this important
2. What are the most important facility improvements (please rank 1 least important- 10 most important)

* Kitchen 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Parking Lot 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Building Exterior 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Social Hall 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Rooms for Education 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Cry Room 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Bathrooms 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Office Space 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Storage 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1. What are the most important non-facility improvements (please rank 1 least important- 10 most important)

* More seating/tables 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Better seating/tables 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Better Electronics 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Lighting 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Décor-Surfaces 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Sound System 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Art/Statues 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Stained Glass 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Mobility issues 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1. What are the most important thing(s) we should do to prepare for the next 10 years?

* Enlarge the Sanctuary
* Upgrade the décor and decorations
* Enlarge the Family Room
* Add larger Kitchen
* Make more child and young family friendly
* Add/build more space for gatherings
* Add/build more space for meetings/adult education

**Building Fund**

1. Where should we spend monies from our Building Fund? (Rank 1 Low-10 high)

* Grounds/Landscaping 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Parking 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Building exterior 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Building interior 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Sanctuary Decoration 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Family Room 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Kitchen 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Meeting Rooms
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. How well does the Décor/interior design inspire you spiritually during your church experience

* Its perfect
* Its fine
* Never thought about it
* Not very well
* It doesn't

1. What other thoughts or comments do you have regarding the Building Fund and the physical growth of St Joseph

**Mission/Mission Statement**

*St. Joseph Catholic Community strives to strengthen the Kingdom of God through our worship, service to others, spiritual growth and evangelization. We are a family-oriented, welcoming community, with Christ as our focus. We participate with and support the greater community in works that encourage strong families and community development. Our growing family includes all age groups, caring for each other's needs.*

1. How well are we doing re what we say we do in our Mission Statement (1 Poorly - 10 Exceptionally Well)

Worship 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Service to others 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Spiritual Growth 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Evangelization 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Family Oriented 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Welcoming Community 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Christ is focus 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Participate in community 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Support Community 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Encourage strong families 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Community Development 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1. What is missing from our Mission Statement
2. What would you suggest as change(s) to our current Mission Statement?
3. What do you think is the most urgent problem St. Joseph should address to achieve our Mission Statement?

**Service/Outreach**

1. Are you familiar with the outreach programs St. Joseph parish is involved with?

* Yes
* No

1. What are the most important things we do re Outreach into the local community
2. How can we better service the needy in our community?
3. What outreach/charity is something we do well?
4. What do you think the objectives of St Joseph outreach program should be? What should we focus on improving?
5. Would you like to participate in St. Joseph outreach programs?

* Yes
* Depends on what it is. My interests are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* No

**Fellowship/Community**

1. How would you rate the Spiritual Health of St Joseph.

* Excellent
* Good
* Fair
* Poor

1. Please provide 3 reasons why you gave this rating
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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5. How can we improve our service to each other?
6. What are three defining characteristics of the community of St Joseph Catholic Church (place in order)
7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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10. Which answers best reflects your opinions/experience
11. I feel that St Joseph feels like a family

* True
* False

1. I feel that I am a valued member of the St Joseph family

* True
* False

**Fellowship/Community**

1. If you do not feel like a valued member, what can we do to make you feel more like family
2. What kind of activities would you like to participate in? (check all that apply)

* Family activities
* Men's activities
* Women’s activities
* Work projects
* Large Group Food/Social/Gatherings
* Small Group Food/Social/Gatherings
* Sport Events
* Outdoor activities
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Facility**

1. How do we get more people involved in maintaining our church?
2. How does the current interior design of the Sanctuary help you in your experience of church?This is a similar question that is under Liturgy, maybe delete one?
3. What, if any, improvements to the Sanctuary would improve your experience of church? Liturgy?
4. How does the current interior design of the Parish Center help you in your experience of Community
5. What, if any, improvements to the Parish Center would improve your experience of Community

**Faith Formation**

1. How well are we doing with ministering to our youth (1 Poorly - 10 Exceptionally Well)

* Faith Formation 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Worship 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Community 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Service Opportunities 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* Catholic Values
* Other 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1. How Well are we with Ministering to the Youth in the Parish?

* Excellent
* Good
* Fair
* Poor

1. What are your ideas re how St Joseph can build stronger faith in our youth?
2. How Well are we with Ministering to the adults in the Parish?

* Excellent
* Good
* Fair
* Poor

1. What are your ideas re how St Joseph can build a stronger adult faith community?
2. What are your ideas re how St Joseph can best provide Catholic education for our families?

**Youth**

1. Do you have children?

* Yes
* No

1. If yes, what are their ages

* Child 1 0-2 3-5 6-8 9-12 12-15 >16
* Child 2 0-2 3-5 6-8 9-12 12-15 >16
* Child 3 0-2 3-5 6-8 9-12 12-15 >16
* Child 4 0-2 3-5 6-8 9-12 12-15 >16
* Child 5 0-2 3-5 6-8 9-12 12-15 >16

1. When age appropriate, would you like to see then involved in a Youth Program at St Joseph?

* Yes
* No

1. What are three things that interest your child that might be part of the St Joseph Youth Program (Child
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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9. What can St Joseph do to improve both participation and activity in our Youth Program?
10. What kinds of activities/instruction do you think our youth want, need, etc.?
11. Do you think our youth would be interested in a Youth Outreach/Service program?

* Yes
* No

Thank you for competing this survey. Your contributions matter. We look forward to using this to create meaningful questions and topics for our Small Group Discussions.

**Below, please provide anything we should have asked and didn’t (and please provide your answers).**

Please supply the following so we can contact you to clarify answers and put together small groups

* Name
* Email Address
* Telephone number

Sincerely,

Your Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Richard

Deacon Dan

Lynnette Curry

Elizabeth Hamby

Mike Ferkany

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