

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastoral Council Candidates – January 2026

Philip Corr

**In which Saint Joseph Parish ministries do you serve?**

I serve as second in command in the Troops of Saint George under Rob Holmes.

Discuss one specific goal/opportunity you envision at Saint Joseph Parish.

On a pure logistics level, I would like to address the parking challenges. Emergency vehicles cannot enter some of our roads because people park on both sides. From a Mass perspective, I would like to champion an announcement at every Mass on the correct options to receive Communion. Several non-Catholics have come forward to receive, and lots of Catholics receive incorrectly. I would like to protect our Lord.

Sonny De Guzman

**In which Saint Joseph Parish ministries do you serve?**

I am a member of the sacristan team led by Julie Gilmore, regularly serving the Saturday 8 a.m. Mass. I am also a member of the “Men’s Evening of Reflection” team, an extraordinary minister of Communion, and the hospital ministry team.

Discuss one specific goal/opportunity you envision at Saint Joseph Parish.

Reflecting on Wayne Weible’s realization that, “God indeed wants His message of LOVE, renewed as through the apparitions at Medjugorje taken on the road,” our parish community must continue to serve and be available for others within Saint Joseph and the surrounding neighborhoods. I envision our community growing in deeper hospitality and outreach, becoming more open to others, and forming virtuous leaders. By fostering a spirit of welcome, we can ensure that every person - whether a longtime parishioner or a newcomer - feels seen, valued, and supported. This growth will be expressed through intentional acts of service, expanded fellowship opportunities, and stronger partnerships with local organizations. It is an opportunity to embody Christ’s love in practical ways, meeting both spiritual and material needs. As we grow in hospitality, we also grow in unity, becoming a parish family that reflects the diversity and richness of the wider community. Ultimately, this vision strengthens our witness and allows Saint Joseph Parish to shine as a beacon of faith, hope, and charity for generations to come.

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Vicki Hewitt-McNeil

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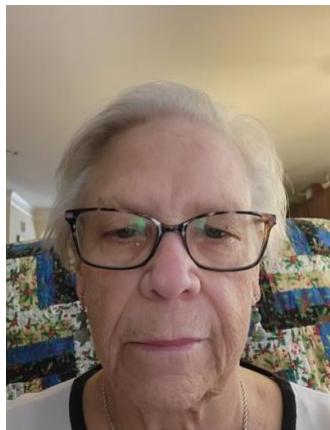
I serve as the secretary of the African Ancestry Ministry and Evangelization Network (AAMEN).

Discuss one specific goal/opportunity you envision at Saint Joseph Parish.

I believe that risk assessment is also a huge opportunity that can benefit the parish. Identification of risks and control measures with regular reviews/documentation and record keeping is a necessary part of effective oversight of the church.

A secondary part of this opportunity is encouragement of diverse perspectives and cultivation of an inclusive culture in decision making. This practice will promote increased participation in the many ministries of the church with oversight and benefits to the parish.

Alma Mellish

**In which Saint Joseph Parish ministries do you serve?**

A friend and I started the Saint Tabitha sewing circle, which gives everything we make back to Saint Joseph.

Discuss one specific goal/opportunity you envision at Saint Joseph Parish.

I became a member of Saint Joseph because of the feeling of family that is a big part of our community. The best thing I can see happening is that we share with each visitor and new member the joy of being part of this family.

Chet Pajerski

**In which Saint Joseph Parish ministries do you serve?**

I am a member of the altar guild and choir and serve as a sacristan and lector at weekday Masses.

Discuss one specific goal/opportunity you envision at Saint Joseph Parish.

I would like to continue with the beautiful liturgies, adoration, and expanding the outreach if possible. The only immediate opportunity I foresee would be to have an additional daily Mass - or two - on Monday and/or Tuesday to round out the Mass schedule.

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Ed Sopp

**In which Saint Joseph Parish ministries do you serve?**

I currently serve as one of two catechists for the eighth-grade children enrolled in the parish's faith formation program.

Discuss one specific goal/opportunity you envision at Saint Joseph Parish.

First and foremost, I would like to preserve and foster the parish's long-standing liturgical, sacramental, devotional, and educational customs and practices.

Secondly, I would like to plan effectively for and manage the resulting growth and increased demands on parish resources.

Bill Sulzen

**In which Saint Joseph Parish ministries do you serve?**

I teach seventh and eighth grade faith formation, and I am active in the Troops of Saint George (both for 10 years).

Discuss one specific goal/opportunity you envision at Saint Joseph Parish.

I love the reverence of Saint Joseph because it reminds us and our visitors that the Eucharist is at the center of our liturgy and our lives. I want to help preserve that reverence.