



St. Joseph Parish and School
Communications Committee
January 13, 2026

1. Opening Prayer
2. Members Present: Fr. Slaton, Fr. Lapeyre, Judy Seger, Megan Scaggs, Molly Smith, Misha Mercurio, Amanda Imbrogno, Pete LaVoy

School Items

3. Open House: January 25th 11:30-1:30, all are invited to attend
4. Auction: April 18th

Church Items

5. Archdiocesan Restructuring
 - a. Next step is a 3-day workshop with all priests from the archdiocese, this is a time of discernment for all priests.
 - b. In the spring there will be local listening events for parishioners to attend
 - c. There have been parish leaders/representatives chosen that will also meet with the AoD regarding the restructuring
 - d. The Archbishop has also hired the Catholic Leadership Institute to aide in the planning and execution of the process
 - e. There is a chart of the planned steps on the AoD website - consider adding this to the bulletin
 - f. There are many factors that are being considered during the restructuring process including financial stability, mass attendance, number of registered families, number of sacraments performed, geography, etc.
 - g. The best way to help ensure our continuation at St. Joseph Parish is to continue supporting the parish with attendance at mass and tithing**
6. Update on the pews
 - a. Next batch is ready to be reinstalled, planning to send the next few for restoration
7. Is there a Paschal Council? If so, who is on it?
 - a. There is not an official council at this time, however, parish leaders/representatives have been chosen that will also meet with the AoD regarding the restructuring

8. Offertory collections are not meeting our goals. Are there concerns from parishioners that we can address? Or ways that we can reverse this trend?
 - a. Parishioners that are not comfortable with intinction - the plan is to not have intinction at Saturday mass as long as there are enough Ministers to assist.
 - b. Discussion about continued concerns of the music program, general dislike for the new hymnals that are less familiar. We will continue trying to use the hymns that are more traditional and liked by the congregation. Consider a social media or bulletin post introducing our new music ministers.
 - c. Remind the congregation that online giving is available through OSV, including automatic weekly or monthly options.
 - d. Consider increasing children's involvement during weekend masses. There was discussion of setting certain masses that are led by school/parish students as well as including the children's choir.
 - e. Discussions to move adoration back to the Church. Currently there is adoration in the Church on Tuesdays from 3 until mass at 6. Consider adding additional adoration after school adoration every other Thursday afternoon.
 - f. There was discussion about people still wanting financial reports published in the bulletin. Father Slaton will work with the new book keeper/accountant to get numbers together.

Action Items:

1. Financial reports in the bulletin
2. Reminders about online giving in the bulletin/on facebook
3. Add the restructuring chart to an upcoming bulletin
4. Consider posts/bulletin introductions to new music ministers
5. Consider planning a children-led mass
6. Consider additional times for adoration in the Church

Next meeting: TBD