

Q & A about “Synod 2026 – Spreading the Fire of God’s Love”???

What is a Synod? Many families have a family meeting to decide where the family wants to go on vacation or a boss might call a team meeting to hear everyone’s ideas about a particular project. Bishop Rhoades has called a Synod of our parish family to listen to the experience of every person so that we can build more vibrant parishes who “Spread the Fire of God’s Love”. Synod means we will journey together as a parish and a diocese to work toward this goal.

What are the parish phases of the Synod?

1. Prayer: personal prayer for the Synod; praying the Synod prayer at Mass; participating in our parish’s **Evening Prayer on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 6pm.**
2. Prayerfully reflect on your own experience of parish life using a booklet provided by the diocese focusing on: What’s working well, what are our most pressing needs and where do we need to grow both in our own parish and in the diocese.
3. Participate in our “parish family meeting” (the Parish Consultation day) on **Saturday morning, March 7 from 9 – 11am** This is our day to simply LISTEN to each other’s experiences, to give each parishioner a chance to share his/her reflections without interruptions or comments. Stay for lunch afterwards to share fellowship if you are able.

Why should I participate in this Parish day? Everyone in the parish shares responsibility of helping one another grow in relationship with God. We get the clearest picture of our parish’s strengths and needs by listening to everyone’s experience. Your participation makes a difference in our parish’s vibrancy.

How do I sign up? Fill out a registration form found at the church doors or in the pews on the weekend of Feb. 14 – 15; use the Sign Up Genius on the parish website at stjudefw.org; or call Jessica Heise at the Parish Office (484-6609).

Can I come if I don’t sign up before hand? Certainly, but it does help our planning of space and food to have an idea of how many parishioners will participate.

