

## St. Joseph Church Parish Survey

St. Joseph's Parish Pastoral Council is conducting a survey of parishioners to gather ideas on how we can become an even more vibrant faith community. Thank you very much for taking the time out of your busy schedule to answer these four quick questions. Your responses will guide the Parish Pastoral Council in developing action plans to ensure that the needs of our parish are continually met as well as making St. Joseph Church as vibrant as we can. In order to do this, we need your help.

This survey draws on the new *Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Youngstown, Trusting in Christ: A Call to Discipleship*. Within the Pastoral Plan there are seven themes:

- Christian Service - Assisting parishioners in developing a deeper understanding of the gospel as it applies to those most in need.
- Evangelization – The creation of a spirit of discipleship, attracting new disciples, engaging current parishioners and reaching out to less-active parishioners.
- Family Life – Recognizing the complexity and diversity of families, provide opportunities for members of God's family to develop and grow spiritually in the faith.
- Worship and Prayer – Liturgies will be unifying, reverent and environmentally attractive, characterized by care and enthusiasm, with full, conscious, active participation of the faithful as the source and summit of Christian life.
- Discipleship – Faith Formation / Catechesis – Recognizing and affirming the strong tradition and value of Catholic education as central to the mission of the church, the Diocese and parishes will continue to seek ways to provide quality lifelong formation in Catholic schools, religious education, youth ministry and adult formation opportunities.
- Finances – Promote a shared vision of stewardship and accountability regarding how parishes manage their resources.
- Administration – Recognizing the important role of the priest in parish life and responding to the declining number of priests, alternative forms of parish leadership and team staffing will be developed as necessary in accord with Canon Law 517.

We believe that these themes capture the areas which are important to all of us as we responsibly plan for our future. You may find the entire DOY Pastoral Plan by clicking the green button found on our parish's website home page (under Links in the right hand column).

Please read, pray about, and complete the survey below. All survey responses will be kept anonymous.

<b>Question #1:</b> Please rank the themes below in the order in which you believe is the most important (1) down to the least important (7).	
	Christian Service
	Evangelization
	Family Life
	Worship and Prayer
	Discipleship – Faith Formation / Catechesis
	Finances
	Administration

<b>Question #2:</b> On a scale from 1 to 5, (1 being excellent) and (5 needs improvement), how well is St. Joseph Church performing in each of these areas? Please circle your response for each theme.	
Christian Service	Excellent ( 1.....2.....3.....4.....5 ) Needs Improvement
Evangelization	Excellent ( 1.....2.....3.....4.....5 ) Needs Improvement
Family Life	Excellent ( 1.....2.....3.....4.....5 ) Needs Improvement
Worship and Prayer	Excellent ( 1.....2.....3.....4.....5 ) Needs Improvement
Discipleship – Faith Formation / Catechesis	Excellent ( 1.....2.....3.....4.....5 ) Needs Improvement
Finances	Excellent ( 1.....2.....3.....4.....5 ) Needs Improvement
Administration	Excellent ( 1.....2.....3.....4.....5 ) Needs Improvement

**Question #3:** Please use this section to explain the areas from the Pastoral Plan that St. Joseph Church is performing well. We want to make sure that we continue to perform well in these areas. Any examples that you can provide us will be greatly appreciated.

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**Question #4:** Please use this section to explain the areas from the Pastoral Plan that St. Joseph Church needs improvement in or isn't doing. Remember, these surveys are anonymous, so please be honest. We want to use this information to make St. Joseph Church the best it can possibly be.

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Thank you so much for your time and honesty. We will be publishing the results of the survey to keep you informed. Please return completed surveys by **May 15<sup>th</sup>** to the box in the Narthex or mail to St. Joseph Church - Attn: Glenn Turpin. If you would like to complete this survey online, please visit our parish website ([www.stjosephmantua.com](http://www.stjosephmantua.com)). The survey will be found under the News & Events tab.

*The Parish Pastoral Council*