

At our March 26th "In This Together" gathering, we learned that parishioners may not be aware of some things that take place here at Saint Joseph Parish. So in this article, we'd like to share some information in response to questions raised!

### ✦ Do we put resources into... SUPPORT FOR YOUTH AND PARENTS?

**Family Ministries Coordinator:** In December of 2021, we hired a full-time Family Ministries Coordinator! Becky Davis has already had an impact in numerous ways, including implementing an improved Baptism preparation program, adding fun kids' activities to our annual picnic, offering parent sessions during Vacation Bible School, and organizing a family movie night. Becky welcomes your questions, ideas and support! **Contact:** *Becky Davis at [familyministries@stjosephmech.org](mailto:familyministries@stjosephmech.org) or 717-766-9433*

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Each weekend we offer a special version of the Mass readings and homily designed to engage children in grades 1-5. Since the pandemic, these liturgies have been recorded and posted to our YouTube channel, "stjosephmech". In-person liturgies will resume at the 9:45 AM Mass on September 11. **Visit** [stjosephmech.org/childrens-liturgy-of-the-word-1](http://stjosephmech.org/childrens-liturgy-of-the-word-1)  
**Contact:** *Mark Rebeck at [cre@stjosephmech.org](mailto:cre@stjosephmech.org) or 717-766-2472*

**School and Religious Education Program (REP):** The generous people of Saint Joseph Parish support our children, whether they have kids in school and REP or not. For every dollar contributed to our weekend collection, 34 cents goes to subsidize tuition and operating expenses for Saint Joseph School, Trinity High School, and REP. We're so proud of the investment our parish family makes in our children! **Visit** *our parish and school websites for contacts and information.*

**Athletics, Junior Legion of Mary & Scouts:** Amazing volunteers dedicate their time each year to ensuring our kids have great programs. Check them out! **Visit** *the "serve" and "connect" tabs of our website for contacts and to learn more!*

### ✦ Do we offer... SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS WITH DISABILITIES?

**Specially Blessed Ministry:** This volunteer-led ministry reaches out to parishioners living with disabilities and, if they are interested, encourages and assists them in becoming more involved in our community of faith. Ministry members work one-on-one with families to discern their interests and the special blessings they have to share, for their benefit and the benefit of the Saint Joseph faith community. **Visit** [stjosephmech.org/specially-blessed](http://stjosephmech.org/specially-blessed)  
**Contact:** *Paul Zabroske at 717-659-1054 or [paul.zabroski@gmail.com](mailto:paul.zabroski@gmail.com).*

**Deaf Apostolate:** We provide opportunities for deaf persons who communicate in sign language to (1) learn about and practice the Catholic faith, (2) evangelize the faith to non-practicing Catholics and non-Catholics, (3) associate among themselves and other persons in the parish, and (4) serve the parish as needed. We offer Mass in American Sign Language each weekend at 9:45 AM. **Visit** [stjosephmech.org/deaf-apostolate](http://stjosephmech.org/deaf-apostolate)  
**Contact:** *Dawn Rose at [Love2kids3@gmail.com](mailto:Love2kids3@gmail.com)*

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