

— St. Joseph Catholic Church —

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Dear Current or Prospective Parishioner:

One of the most important functions of parish leadership is to help people in the parish connect with other people. Over time and with God's grace, these connections grow into relationships of friendship and affection, enabling ministry to take on new dimensions of spiritual depth. By uniting people with common interests, the parish leadership plans to achieve real progress in helping the active membership of the parish grow, in reinvigorating the lay leadership of the parish, and in helping active members to share the life and ministry St. Joseph's has to offer.

To make this succeed, the parish pastoral council has formed a census committee to perform a parish-wide census and to revamp how we welcome new members to our parish family. Attached to this cover letter, there is a series of census forms the parish leadership will use to update parish records and to provide insight into where to focus our ministerial efforts. We ask you to complete these forms and return them to the rectory office by mail, in person, or by dropping them in the parish collection.

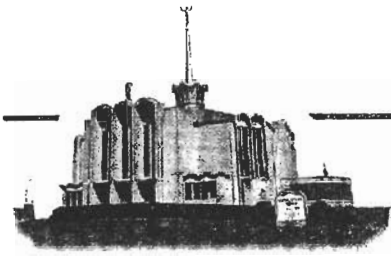
In this age of high-speed information technology, identity theft, and aggressive telemarketing, it is important for the parish leadership to reassure all the members of the parish that the information entrusted to it will be maintained responsibly and securely. All information collected in this process will be stored in the rectory office electronically through the Parish Data System ChurchOffice software suite mandated for use by all parishes in the Diocese of Erie. The computer systems in use at the parish rectory employ reasonable industry-standard security measures to protect from theft. The parish restricts access to the data to members of the parish staff and those who have specific, well-defined reasons to access personal data. At no time will the parish leadership sell, give, or make available any parish census data to any person or organizations outside the official establishments of the Diocese of Erie.

Your parish rejoices that you are with us and gives thanks to God for your presence and for the spiritual gifts God has entrusted to you to share with your parish family. We appreciate the time you will spend completing this process. You may reach the members of the parish staff at the above telephone number if you have any questions or concerns. We stand ready to assist you however we are able, and we look forward to working, laughing, and praying with you.

In Christ,

Rev. Glenn Whitman
Pastor

The Members of the Census Committee

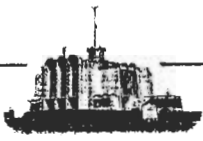


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Instructions

1. For each family, please complete the “Family Information Form.” The front side of the form captures information applicable to the whole family, and the back records personal information for the heads of household and their spouses.
2. For each member of the family, please complete the “Ministries Inventory” form. The front of this form describes your participation in the ministerial life of the parish. The back of this form is the “Ministries Growth” form, which we will use to help shape new avenues for community building and faith development. All adults and young adults (i.e. high school aged) should complete this form.
3. For dependent children, please complete the “Member Information—Children” form to help us record your family accurately. If you have more than four children, please use a second copy of the same form. Once adult children have finished college or entered the workplace, they should register under their own names, even if they have not yet moved out of the home.
4. If you are unsure how to respond to any question on these forms, or if you prefer not to answer any question, please feel free to leave the question blank.
5. When you have completed all the forms, please return them to the parish office. You may do so in person during business hours, by using the mailbox next to the office door, or by dropping them into the Sunday collection.



Census Information

Date:

Circle one:

New Parishioner	Participating in a Census Weekend	Responding by mail	Participating by Phone Interview	Participating by Home Visit	Leaving the Parish
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Family Name:

	Head of Household:	Spouse:
Last Name:		
First Name:		
Middle Name:		
Title:		
Suffix:		

Family Information:

Registration Date:	
ID/Envelope #:	
Address:	
Mailing Address: (If different from above)	
Home Telephone: (Check here if unlisted: <input type="checkbox"/>)	

(office use only) PDS date and initials:

Member Information (Head of Household)

Nickname:

Maiden Name:

Check if: Single Married Separated Divorced Remarried Widowed

Date of Birth:

Date of Marriage:

Check if: SJS Alum. KCHS Alum. St. Joseph CCD Alum.Education Completed: HS/GED Assoc. BS/BA MS/MA/MBA PhD/JD/MD
(Circle Highest) Other (Please specify):

Religion (blank for Catholic):

Occupation:

Place of Work:

Check if: Full time Part time Self-Employed Retired

Email Address:

Work Phone:
(Private:)Cellular Phone:
(Private:)**Member Information (Spouse)**

Nickname:

Maiden Name:

Check if: Single Married Separated Divorced Remarried Widowed

Date of Birth:

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(Circle Highest) Other (Please specify):

Religion (blank for Catholic):

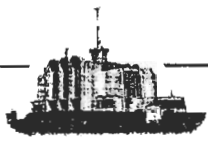
Occupation:

Place of Work:

Check if: Full time Part time Self-Employed Retired

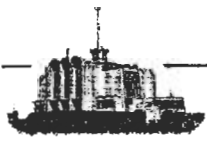
Email Address:

Work Phone:
(Private:)Cellular Phone:
(Private:)



Name: _____

Currently Involved:	Interested:		Currently Involved:	Interested:	
		Advocacy for the Disabled			Liturgy Committee
		Altar Serving			Parish Newspaper
		Baptismal Preparation			Parishioner Transportation
		Bingo			Pastoral Council
		Boy Scouts			Planning Committee
		Brownies			Prayer Chain
		Building and Maintenance Committee			Pre-Cana
		Care and Concern Committee			Pro-Life Committee
		Children's Liturgy of the Word			RCIA
		Choir			Religious Education, K- Gr. 8
		Cub Scouts			Religious Education, Gr. 9-11
		Cursillo			Sesquicentennial Committee
		Eucharistic Ministry			Small Christian Communities
		Eucharistic Ministry to Hospital and Home			St. Joseph School Alumni Association
		Finance Council			St. Joseph School Board
		Food Pantry			St. Joseph School Finance Committee
		Funeral Dinners			St. Joseph School PTO
		Gardening Committee			Thomas Merton Group
		Girl Scouts			Ushers
		Hospitality Committee			Why Catholic?
		Knights of Columbus			Widow's Group
		Lector			Women's Guild



How often do you attend Weekend Mass? (Check one:)

- Weekly or more often Once a month 3-6 times a year
 Twice a year Once a year Seldom or never

How often do you attend Daily Mass? (Check one:)

- Daily 1-3 times a week 5-10 times a month
 Once a month Seldom Never

How often do you seek sacramental Reconciliation? (Check one:)

- More than once a month Once a month 3-6 times a year
 Twice a year Once a year Seldom Never

If you have received a civil divorce, have you sought a church annulment?

YES NO

If you are married, were you married in the Church or had your marriage blessed?

YES NO

If you were seriously ill in the last year, did you ask to receive Anointing?

YES NO

Have you considered that God might be calling you to the priesthood or to religious life?

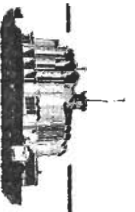
YES NO

Do you or your children attend classes at St. Joseph CCD, St. Joseph School, or Kennedy Catholic High School?

YES NO

Check any of which you want to be part:

Prayer Group	Scripture Study	Faith Growth	Social Group	
				Please name anyone you know to be part of this parish who does not attend, or anyone you know who does not belong who might want to be a part of St. Joseph's
				Youth Group (13-18)
				Catholic Young Adults (18-35)
				Men's Fellowship
				Couples
				Families
				Divorcees
				Single Parents
				Widowers



NB: If you have more than four dependent children living in your home, please use another copy of this form. Adult children who have graduated from college or entered the workforce should register in their own names and not be listed on this form, even if they live at home.

	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4
First Name:				
Middle Name:				
Last Name:				
Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth:	/ /	/ /	/ /	/ /
School:				
Grade:				
Email address:				
Baptized?:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Interested
First Confession?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Interested
First Communion?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Interested
Confirmation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Interested	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Interested

Address if away from home: