

Parish Weekly Update

Fr. Jason Johnston

I have been at Seton Hall University this past week with Meg Kanatzar our Director of Campus Ministry for a Campus Ministry Conference for new Campus Ministers. We had a great week with many other campus ministers and heard from some very impressive speakers who had a lot of valuable things to say regarding running a robust campus ministry program. Meg and I both found the information valuable and worthwhile and we will continue discussing how we can bring some of the things we gleaned to our already robust campus ministry program.

Office Manager Position

We are still taking resume's for the Receptionist/Office Manager position at St. Joseph. If you or someone you know is interested in working at St. Joseph please email me at frjason@stjosephstarkville.org. Hopefully, very soon we will have a working job description we will publish and a hiring committee to help us make a great decision together as a parish.

Office emails

If there is something you would normally email the office manager about, please send that to office@stjosephstarkville.org.



Lights in the Parish Center/Office Area

This past week, the work on the lights in the parish center has been completed. We can see again and this should help us save money on our electricity bill in the long-term.

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Credit Card Online Giving Donations now available

Many have been asking for a way to give by credit card to the parish through Our Sunday Visitor online giving. We have been working with them the last few weeks to have this option available. If you use a reward card you can increase your points by giving online by credit card. You can also make regular donations and it's also lower risk (depending on who you talk to).

To use you credit card, log into our online giving page by going to our website and clicking "Donate" or using this link: osvonlinegiving.com/592. Sign in, then go to Manage My Account > My Payment Methods. Then on the right side of the screen it should say "Add New Method" then underneath that, "Add New Credit Card."

Church Sign Exception Granted

On Tuesday, June 11 the City of Starkville Planning and Zoning Committee granted our exception to build a new sign for the church. Deacon Jeff attended the meeting and answered a few questions on our behalf. Our old sign was struck by a vehicle and destroyed in February. Hopefully, in the next few weeks we will see this project begin to take shape.

Homeland Security Investigation

A number of people have been asking if we know anything about what has been going on with the investigation by Homeland Security. We know that several parishioners and chancery employees were asked to appear before the Grand Jury in Oxford in April the week after Easter. At that time, we thought we'd have more information or even in May, we thought we'd have some when the Grand Jury convened again, if they did. It would seem that the Federal Grand Jury could convene again sometime this month or even sometime next month. So we don't know much more than we did earlier. What's important for all of us is to continue to be a people of prayer and patience. Let us hold fast to the tenants of our Catholic Christian ideals, encourage one another, and keep the faith.

Peace,

Fr. Jason Johnston