

What is a church?

A SERVING community:

Vibrant churches serve their neighborhood. Vibrant churches also serve their nation. Vibrant churches serve the whole world. Not only do we offer our service, but we also work to change the social and political conditions that lead to poverty and other forms of injustice.

Which 1/3 of your service repertoire needs some work? Local, national, or international?

A WORSHIPPING community:

The most defining characteristic of a church is its relationship to the great mystery that we call God. Through Sunday Eucharist and all of the sacraments, Catholics experience and express the presence of God in the world and unleash the power of God acting in and through all of creation.

Which St. Joseph worship ministry (Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Music, Usher) is right for you?

Serving

Worshipping

This

us!

Learning

Caring

Which St. Joseph program or website resource will you use this Advent to learn more about your faith?

Who at St. Joseph needs a caring gesture from you? How will you show it to him/her this week?

A LEARNING community:

The church and its individual members are lifelong learners because we never fully grasp the mysteries of faith. Adult learning is central to thriving churches. Learning for teens and children thrive only in the context of an adult learning community.

A CARING community:

Members express love by caring for and about each other. Not only do we take care of each other, but in an authentic church, members also genuinely grieve the loss of another member.