

**PLANNING TOMORROW'S PARISHES
DIOCESE OF SAGINAW**

**Parish Summary Report Form
(To Be Included in Cohort Portfolio)**

Name of Parish: St. Joseph

City: Saginaw

In 50 words describe the uniqueness of your parish, highlighting important historical or cultural aspects which the Diocesan Planning Commission would want to know.

St. Joseph's Church was established in 1873 and will celebrate 139 years as a community of faith this year.

St. Joseph's has undergone many changes but the faith of the Hispanic and African American community, which is the largest in the Diocese, remains a vital and vibrant aspect of our church.

After evaluating your parish based on the Criteria for Planning, what do you consider your three greatest strengths?

1. *The diversity and culture of our people based on faith grounded in the journey together and the burdens that may accompany the journey.*
2. *Faith foundation strengthened by multigenerational families that worship together.*
3. *Strong history of pastoral leadership and care due to the presence of Capuchins for the past 35 years.*

Based on the Criteria for Planning, what are three areas where you hope to improve?

1. *Finances*
2. *Faith formation*
3. *Evangelization of families*

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HOW IS YOUR PARISH STAFFED TO ACCOMPLISH ITS MISSION?

Please list all paid positions and check if they are full or part time.

Paid Ministry Positions (List Principal by name and the number of teachers in Catholic School)

Name of Position	Full/Part Time	Check if shared with another parish
Example: <i>Youth Minister</i>	<i>Full Time</i>	X
1. Pastoral Minister	Full Time	
2. DRE, Youth Ministry and RCIA Coordinator	Full Time	
3. Musical Liturgist	Part Time	
4.		
5.		

Paid Support Positions (i.e., Secretary, Bookkeeper, Maintenance, etc.)

Name of Position	Full/Part Time	Check if shared with another parish
Example: <i>Secretary Religious Ed</i>	<i>Part Time</i>	
1. Secretary	Part Time	
2. Secretary	Part Time	
3. Bookkeeper	Part Time	
4. Maintenance	Part Time	
5. Snow Removal	Contract per job	

Non- Paid Ministry Positions

Name of Position	Full/Part Time	Check if shared with another parish
Example: <i>Organist</i>	<i>Part Time</i>	
<i>Youth Minister</i>	<i>Part Time</i>	
1. Catechists	Part Time	
2. Parish Ministers	Part Time	
3.		

Non-Paid Support Positions

Name of Position	Full/Part Time	Check if shared with another parish
Example: <i>Secretary Religious Ed</i>	<i>Part Time</i>	
1. Maintenance	Part Time	
2. Lawn Care	Part Time	
3.		

Is there anything else you want the Diocesan Planning Commission to know about your parish that impacts long term planning for you and/or the Diocese of Saginaw?

- This year will be the 85th annual celebration of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena
- Over 500 children were born at a clinic founded in the 1950s to help meet the needs of the migrants and surrounding communities
- St. Joseph Credit Union chartered in 1949 to help those that could not afford the high interest rates of local banks. Catholic Family Credit Union is the offspring of St. Joseph Credit Union.
- The first school opened in 1877 and the Dominican Sisters came in 1855 to take charge of the school. The Dominican Sisters were the first Religious sisters to come to Saginaw
- Msgr. Bolton, along with Fr. LaMarre, recognized the changing face of the community, embraced it, and our community flourished. Fr. LaMarre continued to come to St. Joseph's until the year he died. He loved the people and the people loved him
- The Capuchins came to St. Joseph Church in 1966 and continue to maintain a wonderful pastoral presence to this day.
- We have a substantial mortgage that we are paying.