

Year of Saint Joseph Ideas and Initiatives

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- Diocese of Wichita [The Year of St Joseph 2021](#)

Suggested Articles

- [Why a new consecration to St. Joseph is spreading like wildfire](#) Catholic News Agency
- [Be Her Joseph!](#) ForYourMarriage.org
- [This Year Let's Go to Joseph](#) ForYourMarriage.org
- [Fifteen Ways to Gain an Indulgence in the Year of St. Joseph](#) National Catholic Register
- [Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"](#) Vatican News

Suggested Books

- *Saint Joseph Prayer Book*, Bishop Peter Jugis [Saint Benedict Press](#)
- *Joseph's Way: The Call to Fatherly Greatness Part I*, Devin Schadt [Fathers of St. Joseph](#)
- *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*, Fr. Donald Calloway [The Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary](#)
- *The School of Nazareth: A Spiritual Journey with St. Joseph*, Mark Hartfiel [Available on Amazon](#)
- *Father, The Family Protector*, James Stenson [Scepter Publishers](#)
- *Custos: Total Consecration Through Saint Joseph*, Devin Schadt [Fathers of St. Joseph](#)

Videos

- [The St. Joseph's Oratory Journal | Journal](#) Youtube, Shalom World
- [St Joseph Shrine Detroit](#) Youtube

Lay Groups and Initiatives

- [The Men of St. Joseph](#)
- [Fathers of St. Joseph](#)
- Knights of Columbus, [Consecration to St. Joseph—College Faith in Action Programs](#)
- [Project Joseph](#)

Ideas for Diocesan Activity

- Prayers of the Faithful to be used throughout the year
- Preaching resource for clergy
- Blessing for fathers on Fathers' Day
- Retreat for fathers, grandfathers, godfathers
- Pilgrimage to parishes named after St. Joseph
- Outreach to Vietnamese communities (whose patron is St. Joseph)
- Travelling icon/statue of St. Joseph
- Send a greeting card to all parishioners with the name Joseph for the feast of St. Joseph
- 33 Day Consecration to St Joseph - make books available (see above) to men in each parish

Prayers to Saint Joseph

- *St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church: Proclamation by Pius IX in 1870. Celebrating 150 years*

Oh, St. Joseph,
Whose protection is so great, so strong
So prompt before the throne of God,
I place in you all my interests and desires.
Oh, St. Joseph,
do assist me by your powerful intercession,
And obtain for me from your divine Son
All spiritual blessings,
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
So that, having engaged here below
Your heavenly power,
I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to

the most loving of Fathers.

- Prayer to St Joseph, by St. Francis de Sales
 Glorious St Joseph,
 Spouse of the Virgin Mary,
 Grant us your paternal protection,
 We beg you through the Sacred Heart
 of Jesus.
 O you who have power over all our
 necessities
 and can make possible the most
 impossible things,
 open your fatherly eyes on your
 children's needs.
 In the difficulty and trouble we
 experience (name them...)
 We have recourse to you with trust.
 Please take under your loving conduct
 these important and difficult matters
 that cause us to worry.
 Grant that their happy ending be for
 God's glory
 and the good of his faithful servants.
 Amen
 St. Joseph pray for us (3 times)

Monthly Inter-Ministry Ideas

St. Joseph Attribute	Theme/Topic	Resource	Secretariat/ Contact	Month
Patron of the Universal Church	<i>Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord</i> lay ecclesial ministry		Laity, Marriage and Family Life	
Father Educator	education as a grave responsibility of parents		Catholic Education, Superintendents of Catholic Schools	February (National Catholic Schools Week)

Chaste Spouse	encouraging chastity as a virtue among young people		Marriage and Family; Youth and Young Adults	February (National Marriage Week)
Father Protector	faithful father and protector of the family		Child and Youth Protection	April (Child Abuse Prevention Month)
Foster Father of Jesus	Fatherhood (adoptive, biological, foster-father)		Marriage and Family Life; Pro-Life Activities; Catholic Charities	May (Foster Care Awareness Month); St. Joseph the Worker (May 1)
Witness to Christ	fathers as witnesses to the faith, to family, to marriage, to the Gospel		Evangelization and Catechesis; Religious Liberty	June (Religious Freedom Week)
Patron of Chastity	chastity (pre-marital; in marriage) (NFP)		Marriage and Family Life; Natural Family Planning	July (NFP Week)
Just Man			Catholic Social Teaching	September (National Migration Week)
				September (Catechetical Sunday)
Advocate for Life			Marriage and Family Life; Pro-Life Activities	October (Domestic Violence Awareness Month; Respect Life Month)
Spouse of the Virgin Mary	vocations; family as the cradle or seedbed for vocations to every state in life		Marriage and Family Life; Vocations	November (National Caregiver Month; National Adoption Month); Also National Vocation Awareness Week; National Family Week
				Advent, Christmas, Solemnity of the Holy Family

Saints' Quotes on Saint Joseph

(please note, not all are cited)

Saints

- Saint Alphonsus Liguori - "We should, indeed, honor St. Joseph, since the Son of God Himself was graciously pleased to honor him by calling him father...If, then, the King of Kings was pleased to raise Joseph to so high a dignity, it is right and obligatory on our part to endeavor to honor him as much as we can."
- St. Bernadette Soubirous - "If anyone cannot find a master to teach him how to pray, let him take this glorious saint as his master, and he will not go astray."
- Saint Bernard of Clairvaux - "St. Joseph was chosen among all men, to be the protector and guardian of the Virgin Mother of God; the defender and foster-father of the Infant-God, and the only co-operator upon earth, the one confidant of the secret of God in the work of the redemption of mankind."
- Saint Bernardine of Siena - "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying: 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'"
- Saint Faustina Kowalska - "St. Joseph urged me to have a constant devotion to him. He himself told me to recite three prayers [the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be] and the Memorare once every day. He looked at me with great kindness and gave me to know how much he is supporting this work [of mercy]. He has promised me this special help and protection. I recite the requested prayers every day and feel his special protection."
- Saint Gregory Nazianzus - "The Lord has arrayed Joseph, like with a sun, in all which the saints possess together in regard to light and splendor."
- Pope Saint John Paul II - "Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."
- Saint Josemaria Escriva - "In human life, Joseph was Jesus' master in their daily contact, full of refined affection, glad to deny himself to take better care of Jesus. Isn't that reason enough for us to consider this just man, this holy patriarch, in whom the faith of the old covenant bears fruit, as a master of the interior life? Interior life is nothing but continual and direct conversation with Christ, so as to become one with him. And Joseph can tell us many

things about Jesus.

Therefore, never neglect devotion to him—Ite ad Ioseph: ‘Go to Joseph’—as Christian tradition puts it in the words of the old testament (Gen 41:55).” (Christ is Passing By, no. 56)

- St. Joseph Marengo - “Be in good spirits under the fatherly mantle of St. Joseph, a place of safest refuge in trials and tribulations.”
- Saint Padre Pio - “Ite ad Ioseph. Go to Joseph with extreme confidence, because I do not remember having asked anything from St. Joseph, without having obtained it readily.”
- Saint Teresa of Avila - “Would that I could persuade all men to be devout to this glorious Saint; for I know by long experience what blessings he can obtain for us from God. I have never known anyone who was really devout to him, and who honored him by particular services, who did not visibly grow more and more in virtue; for he helps in a special way those souls who commend themselves to him.” (Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila, chapter 6)
- Saint Thomas Aquinas - “Some Saints are privileged to extend to us their patronage with particular efficacy in certain needs, but not in others; but our holy patron St. Joseph has the power to assist us in all cases, in every necessity, in every undertaking.”

Blesseds

- Blessed Conchita - “How greatly you suffered at the vision of her [Mary’s] martyrdom without you, the solitude of the wife whom you loved so well. Oh what martyrdom wracked your soul at the fore-vision of the Passion and the seven swords which would pierce the Immaculate Heart of Mary. You dreamed of her alone, alone without Jesus — and this affliction embittered your happy life.”
- Blessed William Joseph Chaminade - “To give life to someone is the greatest of all gifts. To save a life is the next. Who gave life to Jesus? It was Mary. Who saved his life? It was Joseph. Ask St. Paul who persecuted him. Saint Peter who denied him. Ask all the saints who put him to death. But if we ask, “Who saved his life?” Be silent, patriarchs, be silent, prophets, be silent, apostles, confessors and martyrs. Let St. Joseph speak, for this honor is his alone; he alone is the savior of his Savior.”

Venerables

- Venerable Margaret of the Most Holy Sacrament - “I am delighted to find you installed in your present post. I conjure you to unite yourself to our dear and amiable Child Jesus, who, in St. Joseph’s workshop, did not consider Himself the master, but merely as an assistant. Unite your labors to those of that Blessed Child: accustom yourself to look upon the sister whom you have been appointed to assist, in the same light as that in which He considered St. Joseph. I am also an assistant to one of our sisters, and I will endeavor to be faithful to the practices which I now recommend to you.” (A Manual of Practical Devotion to the Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, pp. 89-90)