

## Our Traveling St. Joseph, Our Guardian, is back for 2025

The “Traveling St. Joseph, Our Guardian,” is a statue of St. Joseph housed in a special case (shrine) that makes its way from home to home, **staying nine days in each home in a living novena**. After nine days the shrine comes back to our Parish for the next family to pick up and begin their Novena.



If you recall, parishioners Stephen Lewis and Don Somogyi brought this beautiful devotion to our Parish.

*History: Steve came to us with the idea and he also purchased a beautiful statue of St. Joseph. Don built the beautiful wooden shrine that houses St. Joseph, and Deacon Scott Wiese blessed the shrine. The front medals on the shrine doors came from a rosary that was blessed by St. John Paul II!*

This devotion begun in Grass Lake, Michigan by Father Leo Joseph, director of the Shrine of St. Joseph, Patron of the Suffering and Dying. “As protector of the Holy Family, who better to invite into our homes than St. Joseph?” according to Father Joseph.

Saint Joseph was a good father and husband to Jesus and Mary. Joseph isn’t just the father of Jesus; he is the spiritual father of the entire church and protects everyone who is a part of it. His role is to guide and protect anyone who is a part of the Catholic family.

Accompanying the traveling statue will be suggested prayers, although each family is free to pray however they choose. After nine days the statue moves on to a new family.

Our Journeys start week of Sunday, January 5th and will go to the end of this year.

Please sign up to bring St. Joseph into your home. Sign up with weeks detailed will be in the back of the gathering hall.