

Stewardship Reflection John and Lillian Zink

St. James TV Ministry was started almost twenty years ago as a means to provide the weekly Mass to our parishioners who were in the hospital, assisted living or confined to their home. It was broadcast on Comcast through the technical services of Severns Valley Baptist Church. TV was a way to link our parishioners to their home church – St. James. And, they were so appreciative.



A digital recorder and a new computer were added six years ago to accommodate the digital age. We can now upload a file to the video sharing site YouTube. Respecting the wishes of those who sought to have Mass on the air those many years ago, we still transmit to Severns Valley for Comcast and Brandenburg Telephone Company to broadcast to those without the electronics to go to YouTube.



Now, through YouTube anyone can participate in the Mass held at St. James from anywhere in the country at any time from a computer, Smart TV or any mobile device with internet access. Broadcasting the Mass has proven to be a blessing during the pandemic when in-person participation has been restricted. This past year Mass in Spanish was included on YouTube. During the Lenten Triduum we had live streaming of the three days leading up to Easter. When gathering and travel is limited, we can provide live streaming of weddings and funerals. Our YouTube subscriber numbers have grown from less than 200 to over 900 in the past year.

I have been a part of the ministry almost from the start. My family members have helped me out on occasions. This family is getting older and needs HELP!. Recording the Mass is not too complicated. I can tell you that if you like playing video games you can record the Mass. And, you're a winner every time because you are bringing Mass into so many lives. It's a perfect ministry for families as well as older teens and parishioners in their 20's.

It would really be neat if we could get four or five teams to record. That way each team would be recording once a month and/or can switch when a team is not available to record. It usually takes a half hour prior to Mass to set up the equipment to record and half hour after Mass to transmit and turn off all of the equipment. Become a part of the broadcasting family.

Thanks,

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