

**St. Joan of Arc  
Landscape Team Quarterly Report  
July-September 2013**

This is the report of the activities and responsibilities of the St. Joan of Arc Landscape Team volunteers. This report will inform you of the activities that this ministry has accomplished. Please direct comments and questions to Jim Orband at 898-9403. Thank you.

We had a significant and uncommon amount of rain fall in the spring and the month of August was no different. This caused a tremendous amount of weed germination in the landscape beds causing significant vigilance towards weed control. We have applied 31+ gallons of Round up to church grounds which includes the landscape beds as well as their edges, cracks and crevices, and weeds in the parking lot. In most cases, this includes two or more applications at different times. It is important to note that we do not use any herbicide that has any documented persistence in the environment. This means that we do not use Round Up in conjunction with a Preen or other herbicide in order to get 3-6 months of weed control. These 3-6 months of control is called "persistence in the environment" and we are not going to use an herbicide that has that quality. For the safety of our parishioners, we are using an herbicide that has been documented to NOT be "persistent in the environment". As a point of clarification, we do not use insecticides, miticides or fungicides on church premises. We remove plants that require these pesticide applications and we install plants that do not attract these pests.

**Landscape Team Quarterly Activities**

Throughout the month of late August and September- Spraying Round up

July 11, 2013

A large maple tree and oak tree fell in the back of Fr.'s home in the woods and caused damage to the surrounding plants. It took three men two hours to drag brush out of the woods and to load three trucks and one trailer to remove the debris from the area. We hauled the debris to the dump, raked the surrounding area and blew the parking lot.

July 16, 2013

In order to obtain a line of sight throughout the church property we cleared the tree screen between Fr.'s residence and the parking lot. This continues

to be the recommendation of the diocesan liability officer. We also picked up a significant amount of trash throughout the woods and especially in the curve of the wood line in the back of the church parking lot; beer cans, beer bottles, soda bottles, and fast food containers, bags of debris and such.

July 27, 2013

I have been working closely with Troop 307. They meet on Mondays at St. Joan of Arc. I am developing a good working relationship with them. The troop worked diligently to edge and weed beds and to spread 25 yards of regrinds mulch through Fr.'s landscape and along the concrete walkway to the Mary Fisher house. They also removed 5 truckloads and 3 trailer fulls of wood debris from the property. They were very effective with their work and I will continue to keep the line of communication open with them.

**Project Summary**

Product applied	Amount of labor	Cost to SJA	Cost for a professional
Clearing underbrush in wooded area	9 hours	\$0	\$720.
Bed edging and weeding	3 hours	\$0	\$240.
Spread 25 yards of regrinds mulch	30 hours	\$0	\$2650
Remove 5 truck loads and 2 trailer of wood debris	3	\$0	\$250.

August 20, 2013

I transplanted 6 Holly Ferns to front of landscape at Fr's home. I planted newly purchased Japanese Painted Fern, Christmas Fern, and Tassel Fern in front garden. I am working to increase the communities of plants in the front landscape. I am working to have evergreens in the front landscape to provide year round interest.

**Project Summary**

Product applied	Amount of labor	Cost to SJA	Cost for a professional
6 Holly Ferns	1 hour	\$0	\$80.
4 Christmas Fern 6 Japanese Painted Ferns, Tassel Fern	1 hour	\$25.	\$105.

September 7, 2013

We weeded, edged, and mulched with over 25 yards of mulch many of the landscape beds. 13 scouts from troop 307 teamed up with landscape team members to spruce up landscape beds. We pruned Abelia, Bayberry, Ligustrum, Nellie Steven's Holly, and the Burning Bush in the landscape beds and hauled away 3 truck loads and one trailer of landscape debris to the compost facility. The piazza was weeded and spruced up with specific pruning of plants and blowing the entire area.

**Project Summary**

Product applied	Amount of labor	Cost to SJA	Cost for a professional
Pruning landscape plants	10 hours	\$0	\$800.
Bed edging and weeding	1 hours	\$0	\$80.
Spread 25 yards of regrinds mulch	30 hours	\$0	\$2650

Thanks to all that contributed so much to the work accomplished is quarter. Thanks to Jim Quail for delivering 50 yards of mulch to St. Joan's. This is a real time saver for the landscape team and a financial help to the parish. Thanks to all members who are willing to share their tools, time, and expertise to keep the landscape at St. Joan's looking fresh throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Team members are clearing the line of sight in the woods around Fr. Mike's home.