

To Connect to our Hearing Loop, you need one of two devices:



1. Hearing aids (traditional or cochlear implant) with a T-Coil.
2. Hearing loop listener. They come with a T-Coil.

If you own hearing aids,

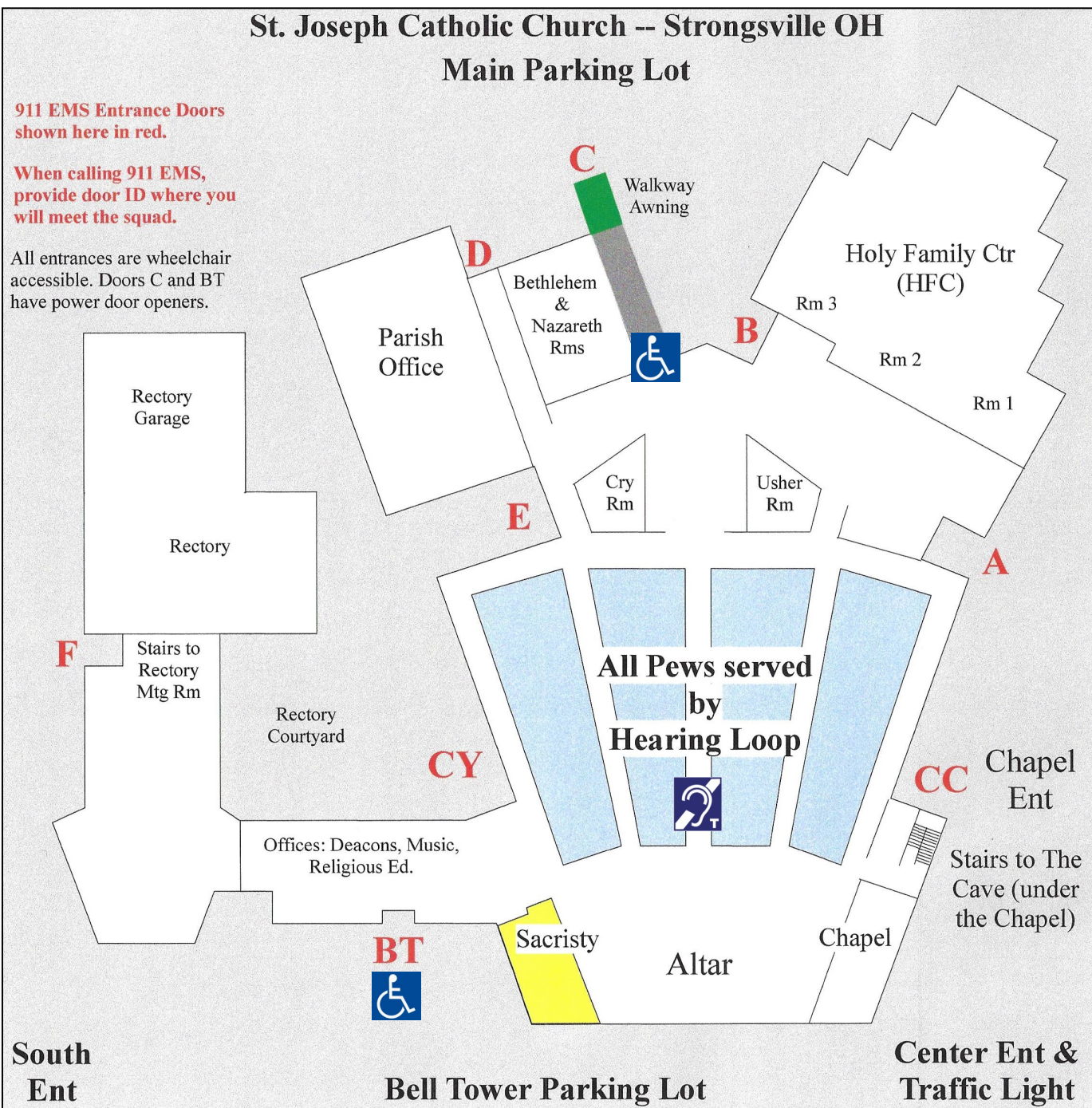
- Call the place where you bought your hearing aids. Ask if your hearing aids have a Telecoil (T-Coil).
- If yes, get an appointment to have them activate the T-coil.
- They will tell you the hearing aid button to push or the smartphone app to use when you step within a hearing loop.

If your hearing aids do not have a T-Coil,

- Go to the Sacristy and borrow one of our four (4) "Loaner Hearing Loop Listeners." Open the wall cabinet door bearing the blue and white T-Coil sticker. Take a PockeTalker 2.0 and (1) attach your earbuds/headphones or (2) take a set of new inexpensive sanitary earbuds for temporary future use. Keep earbuds.
- Buy better ones for under \$30 (get 3.5 mm jack, noise isolation, and stereo). If you prefer headphones, those around \$20 to \$30 work fine.
- Want your own hearing loop listener? The price spread on the four brands evaluated fell between \$135 to \$325.

If you or a friend are thinking about getting hearing aids,

- Borrow one of our hearing loop listeners described above.



Want to learn more or have questions?

- Look over the information on the reverse side of this flyer.

- Feel free to call our volunteer at **440-487-0950. 7-days a week 9 a.m. thru 8 p.m. If no answer, leave a message.**

St. Joseph Catholic Church — Strongsville OH

Hearing Loop Explained

According to the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), Hearing Loops provide the greatest benefits to people who rely on assistive listening systems (ALDs) equipped with T-Coils. The hearing loop has a wire coming out of the audio mixing console serving the public address system. That wire is hidden and wraps around a seating area and returns to the audio mixing console.

The reverse side of this flyer shows the map of our church and its hearing loop. The lefthand column guides you on deciding on how you will connect to the loop — with either your T-Coil equipped hearing aids (which includes cochlear implants) or a borrowed or purchased hearing loop listener.

Step within the pews in the church — not the chapel. Switch on the T-Coil and start hearing the spoken words directly from our public address system — without echoes, nearby people whispering, and other ambient noises. You control the volume and tone.

Who Would Want to Use a Hearing Loop Listener? Someone who (1) has a tough time hearing Mass, (2) has not yet invested in hearing aids, or (3) has bought hearing aids without a T-Coil. All parishioners and visitors are welcome to use our PockeTalker 2.0s!

To learn more about hearing loops, go to www.hearingloss.org/hearing-help/technology/hat/hearing-loop-technology/

Let's go to Mass

If you know how to use your T-Coil hearing aids or have your own hearing loop listener, great. Take a seat in the church — not the chapel. Switch on the T-Coil.

- To borrow one of our hearing loop listeners, go to the Sacristy before Mass and borrow one of our four (4) PockeTalkers.
 - Open the wall cabinet door bearing the blue and white T-Coil sticker. Take a PockeTalker 2.0 and (1) attach your earbuds/headphones or (2) take a set of new inexpensive sanitary earbuds for temporary future use. Keep earbuds.
 - Please return it after Mass and keep the earbuds you used. If you accidentally take a PockeTalker home, please bring it back promptly.
- Best practices for using a PockeTalker:
 - Most users clip the Loop Listener to a shirt a pocket (inside or outside). It functions best in vertical position.
 - Other users use the attached lanyard as follows: (1) drape it around their neck, (2) slip an arm through the lanyard and then drape the lanyard over their head, (3) drape the lanyard over their “belt mounted” mobile phone. Users sometimes hold the Loop Listener in their hand.
 - Play with the volume and tone control wheels — sound quality is a personal preference — you might be able to compensate for poor microphone techniques of various speakers.

Want help getting started?

- Call our volunteer at 440-487-0950. 7-days a week from 9 a.m. thru 8 p.m. If no answer, leave a message.
- When you speak to him, expect a simple “Q&A” to help him meet your goals.
- Either on that call or a subsequent call or face-to-face meeting, you will be up, running and enjoying your T-Coil hearing aids and/or one of our loaner hearing loop listeners — the PockeTalker 2.0. For those who want their own, they sell for about \$225.
 - Before you call our volunteer, please look over the points covered on the reverse side of this flyer — top half of the lefthand column next to the map. Best if you have the flyer in your hand when you talk to him. Memory joggers are good.
 - Users can keep the no-brand-name earbuds. Most people spend \$20 to \$30 for better earbuds or headsets. Some folks buy headsets that fit over their head. Others buy those that fit behind their neck — they are more discreet and less likely to mess up hair.
 - If you provide your email, our volunteer will send you some short/interesting hyperlinks and portable document files (PDF) that will open on personal computers, tablets, and smartphones. Your email is kept private and will never be used for politics, jokes, etc. He hopes you do the same for him.
 - Bottomline: You will be hearing Mass much better than you expected.

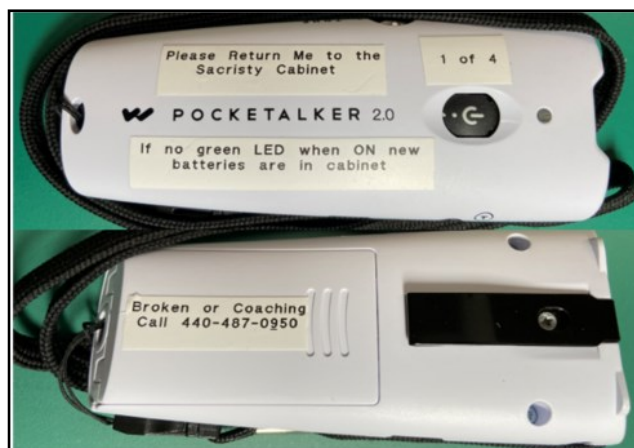
Checkout St. Joseph's Website

Go to <http://www.sjohio.org/>. Click on the blue and white American Disabilities Act (ADA) symbols. Bingo, our new “ADA / Accessibility” webpage appears.

Scroll down to **Hearing (Sound) Loop** and **Hearing Assistance**. Be sure to click on all hyperlinks and to watch the 4-minute video on the PockeTalker 2.0. Those with good hearing might be amazed. To share this flyer with others, click on download flyer.

The photos below show the front and back of a 5-inch long PockeTalker 2.0 with lanyard and pocket clip — which we loan for Mass. Simply plug in a set our free-to-keep earbuds.

Take a PockeTalker for a test ride. Hearing aids with T-Coils are better. Trying this device might suit your needs or motivate you into buying T-Coil hearing aids or a PockeTalker.



Hearing Loop

To better hear Mass, switch hearing aid to T-coil.

No hearing aids? Go to the Sacristy to borrow one of our Loop Listeners.