

## 2018-19 Parish Strategic Plan

### Our Destination: Heaven

Hi! My name is Liz Gartland. I am a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. I would like to invite you to take a moment to read and familiarize yourself with our 2018-19 Parish Strategic Plan.

Each year, in our parish, we carefully design a strategic plan to assist all parishioners in living a more Christ-like life. Why Christ-like life? Because it is the life proper to Christian disciples – the life that gets us to our destination: heaven! To help us cover and live various aspects of Christian discipleship, the plan has five areas of focus, in simple terms: God, community, faith, service and generosity. Within each area, there are parish ministries and parish committees who help fulfill the objectives and carry out the activities. I encourage you to belong to a particular ministry or committee. And you, too, in your own way, may act on certain objectives and activities. Your participation can be as small or large as your current stage in life allows.

At the Welcome Tables, please find copies of the Guide to Parish Ministries. Learn about what ministries are out there, and which ones you might consider. Bring your ideas and positivity. Do not be afraid to commit! You have fellow Christian brothers and sisters willing to share the load.

**Area 1: Liturgy and Sacramental Life.** + *This area covers prayer, the sacraments, particularly the Mass. + Reverence the Holy Body and Precious Blood of Jesus. + Help promote the regular reception of the sacraments, including weekly participation at Sunday Mass. + Avail yourself of the Sunday afternoon Mass. + Participate and experience the freedom that the Sacrament of Penance offers us. + Help inspire our youth to discover their vocations in life. + Serve at Mass with your whole family. + Get your kids involved, and watch their confidence soar. + Add your loved one to our prayer list, or make an intention using the prayer jars on the Welcome Tables.*

**Area 2: Membership and Parish Life.** + *The more of us go to heaven, the merrier! + Join our social gatherings and parish parties, even bring others with you. + Be an event planner who reaches out to all demographics in our parish. + Each parishioner has a gift to share and to enrich our community.*

**Area 3: Ongoing Faith Formation.** + *It is so important that we strive to continue our understanding of our Catholic faith and God's expectations from us. + Know how to give reason for your faith. + Find out available programs that appeal to your stage in life. + Access Formed.org (like a Catholic Netflix) for free, using code: 3KRJJK. + Be present at the Monthly Engaging Faith Series for Parents and Catechists. + Accompany your kids in faith formation. + Find out what prayers they should know at their age. + Give the Christ Life Program a try.*



2018 Corpus Christi Procession on Our Parish Grounds  
Jesus leads and guides our journey.

**Area 4: Social Ministry and Outreach.** + *Are you lonely, sick or feeling hopeless?* + *Can you help someone else who is?* + *Learn about our hosting of the homeless in our parish.* + *Encourage your teen to participate in the monthly Service Sunday, and service trips.* + *Be attentive to the many opportunities we offer throughout the year that we may encounter and help our brothers and sisters in need.* + *Pick up a prayer shawl for yourself or for someone who needs prayers.*

**Area 5: Stewardship.** + *What are your special talents, and how can they help you and me to reach our ultimate goal?* + *At this stage in life now, how can you share your time, talents and treasure?* + *Are you good at inspiring people and helping them find out how to best serve others?*

Holy Spirit, lead us to active and generous involvement, and guide the work of our hands!  
Saint Patrick, pray for us!

**Area 1: Liturgy and Sacramental Life** – Because Jesus taught us to pray to God.

Goal: *To promote a deeper prayer and spiritual life that is both personal and communal.*

Coordinators: Luis Barron (915) 227-8068, Pat DiNovo 203-1797, Liz Gartland 329-3168

- Objective 1: to provide opportunities that nurture personal prayer
  - + Catechesis on prayer + Reflecting on the Scriptures, e.g. Gospel of Mark + Daily personal prayer + Prayer Jars (prayer intentions) + Use prayer apps and digital reminders + Create your sacred space at home + Participation at daily Masses + Weekday Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction / 40 Hour Devotion during Advent and Lent + Use of resources on prayer provided through Formed.org
- Objective 2: to provide opportunities that nurture communal prayer within the family
  - + Catechesis on prayer + Grace before Meals + Prayer before Bedtime + Use of Holy Water (e.g. blessing children before school, or before bed) + Reflecting on the Scriptures, e.g. Gospel of Mark + Daily family prayer (Domestic Church Packets and the monthly Faith Formation bulletin inserts) + Activities rooted in the Liturgical Year, e.g. Advent Wreath Making, Rosary Making + Celebrate Milestones, blessings for engaged couples, expectant parents + Faith-sharing opportunities, e.g. sacramental preparation + Weekly presence at Sunday Mass + Use of Formed as online resource for families + Marian Devotions + Prayer for Vocations (traveling chalice and paten)
- Objective 3: to provide opportunities that nurture communal prayer in the parish
  - + Catechesis on prayer + Nurture welcoming and prayerful environment in the liturgies + Catechetical instructions (homilies, bulletin, pre-Mass announcements, liturgical workshops) + Involvement in liturgical ministries + Welcome and bless new members to the parish + Provide teaching Masses + Live-stream of Sunday liturgies to connect with home-bound parishioners + Acknowledge and promote cultural diversity in liturgies + Promote liturgical singing + Daily 3 PM Prayer + Connect those celebrating the sacraments and parishioners (display photos of candidates) + Prayer for Vocations (traveling chalice and paten) + Weekday Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction / 40 Hour Devotions during Advent and Lent + Offer blessings for special occasions (anniversaries, engaged couples, expectant parents) + Celebrate the saints + Monthly Sunday Evening Prayer (Vespers) + Novenas + Patron saint for parish ministries

Area II: **Membership and Parish Life** – Because Jesus called and formed the Church.

Goal: *To grow disciples in a nurturing parish community.*

Coordinators: Brian Samoriski 261-8380, Thomas Kolb 662-7126, Dan Lafferty 924-3898

- Objective 1: to invite and welcome new members to the parish community.
  - + Recognize new parishioners + Review and update our Parish Welcome Packet + Visibility in local community events + Communicate parish presence through parish magazine, local newspaper, Catholic Courier, social media
- Objective 2: to promote parish and local community life.
  - + St. Patrick's Festival Weekend + St. Patrick's Day Party + St. Joseph's Table + Stewards Appreciation Brunch + International Night + Hang Around Victor Day + Halloween Trunk or Treat
- Objective 3: to increase parish membership and participation.
  - + Establish a Membership Committee + Analyze parish census statistics and participation trends + Implement outreach activities

Area III: **Ongoing Faith Formation** – Because Jesus taught us his way of life.

Goal: *To give witness as Church to our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.*

Coordinators: Christine Hood 242-3743, Janet Zazulak 615-9258, Amy Lidestri 905-6839

- Objective 1: to offer various opportunities for parishioners to deepen their spiritual life and knowledge of the faith
  - + Parish-wide use of resources on Formed.org + Encourage faith-sharing through discussion cards on Coffee Hour tables + Parish Retreats + Promote participation in the Christ Life Program + Women's Group + Men's Group + Faith Enrichment Series for Adults + Couples' Night Out + Monthly Engaging Faith Series for Parents and Catechists
- Objective 2: to promote the regular reception of sacraments and the practice of devotions, which are tangible and practical ways of nurturing the faith.
  - + Monthly Engaging Faith Series for Parents and Catechists + Promote Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, and devotions + Celebrate various feasts that are pertinent to the parish throughout the liturgical year, e.g. St Patrick's Day, Corpus Christi, May and October as Marian Months, Divine Mercy Sunday + Offer blessings (milestones, anniversaries, homes, keys, rings, rosaries, etc.) after Masses + Promote Holy Days of Obligation
- Objective 3: to provide on-going faith formation for our children and youth through collaborative work between parents, catechists, and staff members.
  - + Reach out to families in faith formation, and youth ministry + Support parents in their unique role as first teachers of the faith to their children, e.g. leading prayer, faith-sharing in Faith Formation class + Monthly Engaging Faith Series for Parents and Catechists + Teaching Masses during Faith Formation + Family-oriented activities during Faith Formation + Use of special bulletin inserts for families in Faith Formation + Catechesis of the Good Shepherd + Integrate Life Teen Program into Youth Ministry + Strengthen connection between Sunday Mass and Faith Formation

**Area IV: Social Ministry and Outreach** – Because Jesus sent us to serve.  
Goal: *To personally encounter and serve our brothers and sisters in need.*  
Coordinators: Carlos CHaides 924-4659, Mark Hamilton 905-8240

- Objective 1: to work with Catholic Charities and local institutions in identifying needs in our area
  - + Sponsor events with Catholic Charities / Advocacy work with local elected public officials + Family Promise of Ontario County + Saint Joseph's House of Hospitality + Support Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard
- Objective 2: to promote parish-wide active involvement in the Christian mission to serve, guided by the seven themes of the social teaching of the church: (i) life and dignity of the human person, (ii) family, community and participation, (iii) option for the poor and vulnerable, (iv) dignity of work and right of workers, (v) rights and responsibilities, (vi) solidarity and (vii) care for God's creation.
  - + March for Life + Youth Service Sunday + Young People Who Care + Diocesan Public Policy Activities + Bottles and Cans Drive + Giving Garden + Community Dinner + Angel Care + Thanksgiving Dinner + Christmas Baskets + Advent Giving Tree + Family Promise of Ontario County

**Area V: Stewardship** – Because Jesus gave us gifts to serve God and neighbor.  
Goal: *To support and advance the mission entrusted to us by Jesus.*  
Coordinators: Todd Fleming 749-6493, Dave Keebler 208-6923, Deacon John Payne 385-1715

- Objective 1: to promote and encourage parishioners to make good stewardship a conscious way of living their relationship with God.
  - + Promote stewardship as a way of life in the parish. + Recognize and acknowledge good stewards in the parish. + Promote annual renewal of parish-parishioner commitment towards generous involvement with time, talent and treasure (financial resources). + Regularly share volunteer activities and financial reports to the parishioners, e.g. monthly collection, quarterly reports, annual reports.
- Objective 2: to encourage a healthy and balanced use of time, talent and treasure for God, for oneself, for family, for church and for our local communities.
  - + Catechesis on stewardship as we follow the liturgical cycle + Stewardship Fair
- Objective 3: to regularly check status of parish temporal goods, including buildings and grounds and promote proper maintenance and timely updates.
  - + Promote the work of the Parish Buildings and Grounds Committee + Communicate results of scheduled inspection of parish temporal goods + Promote the ongoing Building Campaign

*Bless the work of our hands, O Lord our God.  
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