



Saint Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church
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2017-2020 PASTORAL PLAN

Our Pastoral Plan is a guide to our continued spiritual growth as individuals and as members of the Body of Christ. The *2017-2020 Pastoral Plan* reflects where we are and where we are called to go as a parish community. It is intended to sustain and enhance our many positive attributes and ministries in service to God and others.

The *2017-2020 Pastoral Plan* includes a new Vision, an updated Mission, a set of Core Parish Values for Living as Faithful Disciples and a set of six Pastoral Goals.

Look for weekly updates in the parish bulletin over the next few months. For more information and to offer your comments and feedback, visit the home page of the parish website (stelizabethparish.org) and follow the links for "Pastoral Plan." This week, we take a closer look at the second component of the pastoral plan: *Our Mission*.

OUR MISSION

Together with the Lord, we are committed to nourish and grow a holy, faithful and vibrant Catholic community rooted in the Word of God and the Sacraments.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we warmly welcome everyone and invite all to enrich their lives by sharing in the fullness of our Catholic faith.

As a stewardship parish, in grateful acknowledgment of God's abundant gifts, we generously share our time, talent and treasure in service to the needs of others.

By the conviction of our words, the goodness of our deeds and the witness of our lives, we reflect the presence of Jesus living within us. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we strive to extend God's kingdom every day, one person at a time.

Built upon the strongest elements of the original *Mission Statement* adopted in 2002 and updated to reflect new opportunities and directions open to the parish in the coming years, *Our Mission* expresses why Saint Elizabeth Church exists; it reminds us of our personal and communal identity in Christ and our shared responsibility to give witness to Christ for those around us and for the world at large. *Our Mission* articulates the intentions and actions needed to bring *Our Vision* to life in the everyday circumstances of our families, our neighborhoods, our schools and work places.

Our Mission is rooted in the fundamental affirmation of our identity as followers of Jesus Christ. We are called by the Word of God to welcome and accept Christ as the center of our lives and to celebrate His Death and Resurrection as the source of our eternal salvation. We warmly invite others to become a living part of the Body of Christ and to share in the sacramental life of the Church. We offer our daily lives as living witnesses to the Gospel, Good News for all humanity!

May God continue to guide and sustain all of us on our spiritual journey at Saint Elizabeth Church!