



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 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. 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 reflective look at *Our Mission*. To start off, turn back to the cover page of this parish bulletin and reread the full text of the updated mission statement. Some key elements of our parish mission include:

- ***".... nourish and grow a holy, faithful and vibrant Catholic community..."***

Our Mission commits us to take an active role in working together to build up and sustain a parish community that is fully alive, one in which all our parishioners continue to grow in faith and strive for holiness by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

- ***".... warmly welcome everyone and invite all ..."***

Our Mission commits us to open our hearts and minds in welcoming others wherever they are on their spiritual journey and to invite them to come to know, love and follow Jesus Christ. We are charged to reach out to families, children and young adults, middle aged and senior adults, inactive Catholics, and anyone seeking life's deeper meaning and purpose, for we recognize that everyone needs to experience again and again Christ's healing love.

- ***"... a stewardship parish, in grateful acknowledgment of God's abundant gifts ..."***

Our Mission commits us to receive, gratefully acknowledge, and develop the personal talents and skills God has given to each of us, and then to share these gifts freely and generously in response to the needs of others, both within and beyond the parish community. As disciples of the Lord, we, too, come not to be served, but to serve and to give our lives for the enrichment of others' lives, with a particular concern for the least of our brothers and sisters.

- ***"Together with the Lord With the grace of the Holy Spirit ..."***

Our Mission reflects the affirmation of our parish *Stewardship Prayer*: "all that we have and all that we are" comes from the hand of God the Creator. We proclaim our true identity: not as self-made men and women, but as beloved children of the Father and brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. In the words and actions of our daily lives, we give witness to our faith in Jesus and share His mission to realize the kingdom of God on earth. Striving to keep God at the center of our lives, we rely upon God's grace to live as faithful disciples of Jesus, our Lord.

Look for weekly updates in the parish bulletin over the next few months. May God continue to guide and sustain all of us on our spiritual journey at Saint Elizabeth Church!