



## Saint Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church

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### 2017-2020 PASTORAL PLAN

Through the month of March, the parish bulletin included a series of inserts (still available on the parish website) reflecting upon six key values that characterize Saint Elizabeth as a parish community and guide all of us in living as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. They serve as a measuring rod for everything that we do and all that we strive to become as we live out Our Vision and Our Mission together. These six **core values** are:

- Nourishing a Welcoming and Inviting Parish
- Building a Community of Grateful Stewards
- Growing in a Christ-Centered Life through the Sacraments
- Knowing and Practicing our Catholic Faith and Traditions
- Offering Compassionate Pastoral Care
- Calling Others to Christian Discipleship

The *2017-2020 Pastoral Plan* also includes a set of six **pastoral goals** that provide direction for the commitment of resources in personnel, facilities, time and money to existing and proposed parish activities. The six pastoral goals are:

**Goal One: *Become a more Engaging Parish*** - To be a faith-filled and inviting Catholic community that welcomes and engages all people wherever they are in their spiritual journey.

**Goal Two: *Expand Family Faith Formation Programs*** - To develop opportunities at all stages of family life that enrich relationships and bring Christ into our homes.

**Goal Three: *Strengthen Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation Programs*** - To offer relevant programs to nourish in youth and young adults a deeper personal relationship with Christ, their Catholic faith and the parish community.

**Goal Four: *Continue to Grow our Stewardship Identity*** - To increase participation and strengthen our commitment to live a stewardship way of life by sharing God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

**Goal Five: *Enhance Parish Wide Communications*** - To expand the use of communication and marketing programs and tools to support parish goals and to reach more parishioners, promote parish activities and become a more informed and connected parish.

**Goal Six: *Encourage Leadership Development*** - To encourage leadership and develop relevant skills within our parish community, parish school and parish staff to live out our parish mission.

Three pastoral council work teams are now completing a set of directional objectives for each of the six pastoral goals. These objectives will shape the development of existing and future parish activities and programs to enrich the life and ministry of the parish community. You can find more information about the pastoral plan and offer your own input into its completion by going online to the home page of the parish website ([stelizabethparish.org](http://stelizabethparish.org)). Look for additional updates about the pastoral goals & objectives in the parish bulletin in the weeks ahead.