

Background to the 2017-2020 Pastoral Plan

As Saint Elizabeth Parish enjoys its 17th year, the Pastoral Council has developed the new Pastoral Plan to guide our continued spiritual growth as individuals and as the Body of Christ in a highly complex and increasingly secular world. The Plan was conceived, prayed over and developed with reference to the *2011-2015 Pastoral Plan* and the original Parish Mission Statement. These have been updated to reflect where we stand on our parish journey, with input from interviews and surveys conducted with a cross-section of parishioners. The Pastoral Plan is intended to sustain and enhance our many positive attributes and ministries in our service to God and others. The 2017-2020 Pastoral Plan provides:

- a new Vision Statement for Saint Elizabeth Parish
- an updated Mission Statement
- a new set of Core Values for Living as Faithful Disciples
- a set of six new Pastoral Goals

The Pastoral Plan builds on past accomplishments while strengthening our desire and commitment to become a more engaging, Christ-centered parish for all whom we encounter. *Stewardship and Discipleship* remain foundational tenets of who we are and who we hope to be.

The six new Pastoral Goals reflect where our prayer, energies, financial and human resources are to focus, nurture and deepen our spiritual awareness. These Goals will evolve into more specific programs and initiatives based upon defined *Objectives* that will be articulated during the first half of 2017.

We hope that you are excited and enriched by this Pastoral Plan as we move forward as a faithful stewardship parish. We pray that all our parishioners may hear Christ's call to discipleship, leading us to a more faith-filled Catholic life. May God continue to direct us on our journey to eternal life with Him!

Father Thomas Mullin and the Pastoral Council



Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church 2017-20 Pastoral Plan

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Our Vision

We are called by Jesus Christ to grow as a community of disciples, deepen our faith and be grateful stewards of God's gifts.

Note: The alternative format presented as bullets below may be used in certain mediums/situations.

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- *Grow as a community of disciples*
- *Deepen our faith*
- *Be grateful stewards of God's gifts*

Goal 4: 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 5: Enhance Parish Communications

To expand the use of communication and marketing programs and tools to reach more parishioners, promote parish activities and become a more informed and connected parish community.

Goal 6: Encourage Leadership Development

To encourage leadership and to develop relevant skills within our parish community, parish school and parish staff to live out the parish mission.

2017-2020 Pastoral Goals

Note: Each of the following goals will eventually include specific objectives to define and clearly communicate the recommended activities and priorities in each of the six areas.

Goal 1: 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 2: Expand Family Faith Formation Programs

To develop opportunities at all stages of family life that enrich relationships and bring Christ into our homes.

Goal 3: 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.

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 acknowledgement 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.

Our Values



Our Goals

