

BUILDING THE KINGDOM AND CELEBRATING PARISH LIFE TOGETHER

Pastoral Council



What is the Mission and Purpose of our Pastoral Council?

Pastoral Council's role is to support and guide pastoral ministries within the parish. The mission and vision is set under the direction of the Pastor and in consultation with pastoral council.

We have leader reps from various ministries within the parish as well as various members at large from the congregation. Together we discuss how we can continuously improve and strategically grow our ministries to achieve the mission and vision of our parish.

So what is our Mission and Vision?

We have embraced the idea of Moving from Maintenance to Mission. We are challenging the parish to not be comfortable and only inward serving with our ministries, but also to stretch and challenge ourselves to welcome those who may have drifted away, and those who don't yet know Gods Love.

We are striving to do this with the following Core Strategies and Principles:

Core Strategies:

- Welcome new people by creating a culture that is accessible to them
- Create an excellent weekend experience around the mass
- Shaping a clear discipleship path for those people in the pews

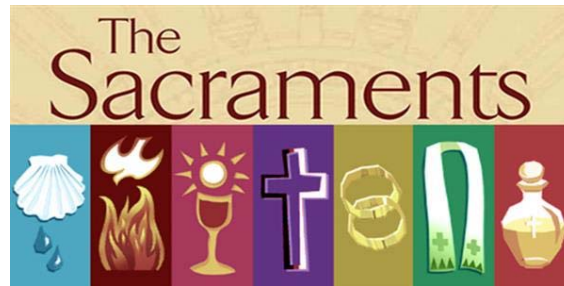
Core Principles:

- Support relationship building
- Create a sense of belonging to the community
- Create a positive experience so they want to come back.

How do we achieve our mission? We guide and influence our ministries to meet the challenges of becoming a missionary parish.

Examples:

This year we are working with the sacrament preparation teams to re-design how we deliver sacrament prep ministries – moving away from larger, classroom style approaches to smaller, more community building small group styles. This means not only teaching and growing the children’s learning but also highly focusing on engaging and fostering relationships with the parents. The goal is to create a sense of belonging and an encounter with Jesus that is authentic and meaningful on a personal level with parents and children alike.



Renewing our Youth Ministry – encouraging a new approach to youth ministry that focuses on parish support and engagement for our youth ministries. Moving away from a staff only led ministry to growing and deepening the engagement of the whole parish around youth ministry and support.



How can you help?

1. Pray for our church! That we all embrace Gods call to grow his Kingdom – within and beyond the walls of our church! Pray the Holy Spirit lights our hearts on fire to reach out and invite others to join us and be embraced by the love of Jesus!
2. Be community! – reach out – get to know each other, build relationships and share Gods Love! Invite those perhaps who have drifted away from the church to come home – welcoming them and loving them.
3. Get involved! Participating in ministries is more than volunteering for tasks and jobs, its really growing in our own relationship with Christ and with each other, and shining Gods love through you into the community!

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