

The Meeting of the 3 Families
Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Pastoral Staff

In order to build community and be in tandem with one another and we participated in the following Strategic Planning exercise:

What are our: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and what Threats slow down or interfere with our moving forward. 5 Small groups were created by building a pizza – Steve Rojek was our facilitator.

Strengths

- Fr. Robert
- Spirit filled Liturgies
- Welcoming
- Music
- Knights of Columbus
- Diversity
- Hospitality
- Concerts
- Volunteers
- Social Events
- Commitment
- Funerals
- Ministries
- Outreach
- Environment
- Evangelization
- Homebound visits
- Seniors – Silver & Gold
- Members of parish work well together
- Leadership

Weakness

- Age of the staff
- Age of the parish community
- Lack of funds
- Aging facilities
- Lack of space
- Lack of education for Faith Formation catechists
- Reduced # of Parishioners
- Sparse # of Acolytes
- Parking lot loan
- No school/No parental support
- No Activities for Youth
- No Youth Minister

- Diocesan Control
- Not enough fair share contributors
- Leaving liturgy early
- Coming to liturgy late
- Lack of Adult Education
- Scheduling (lack of space)
- Lack of clergy/ordained staff
- Sound system/hearing impaired
- No social media presence
- Excessive printing cost (excess use of paper)
- Tracking parishioners who have left
- Lack of parishioner involvement
- Commuter parish

Opportunities

- Create monthly outreach for our parish
- Church supplies
- Use of tradespeople (sweat equity)
- Follow-up on missing parishioners
- Fundraising – Bunco – YLI - Bingo
- Encourage ownership
- Mentor with staff
- Small groups
- Home meetings
- Sound system
- Building Great Hall
- Better engagement with community (marketing)
- Youth Ministry
- Better use of technology
- Better use of website
- Timely training of ministers
- Better use of talent in Deanery – Lay

Threats

- Parking lot loan
- Diocesan control
- Age of staff
- Money
- Old Building
- Believing money will solve all our problems
- Diocesan hold
- Economics/Housing issue
- Crime

- Discontent
- Dissatisfaction
- Disgruntled
- Reluctance to change
- Takers/Givers
- Lack of involvement, engagement & ownership
- No Building
- Resealing of the parking lot

What dreams do we have to address some of the goals for the immediate future?

Immediate

- Welcoming place for people who don't have a place
- Galvanize the community to care for our wounded warriors
- Children's Daycare – 6 am to 6 pm
- Hub of social activism (15 churches meet at St. Ignatius to address the needs of the community i.e. violence, homelessness, etc.
- Hub of Interfaith –
- Gathering of all faiths in January for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity (St. Ignatius is hosting)
- Continue to reach out to others as Jesus taught us.

We didn't have a chance to discuss long term goals. 2 hours had passed and meeting was adjourned

2 years

5 Years