

Pastoral Council

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- Cheri Coffelt



- Seth Hampel



Parish Pastoral Plan – Background and Preparation

- The Parish Pastoral Plan guides the ministries and activities of the Parish. Most recent Plan was published in September 2015.
- The refreshed 2023 Plan builds on the strengths of the Parish and the history of Total Stewardship, while addressing new needs and challenges
- Timeline of activities:
 - August 2021 – Bishop Rice promulgates new Parish Pastoral Council Norms and challenge to “move from Maintenance to Mission”
 - December 2021 – Pastoral Council begins work to refresh Pastoral Plan
 - March-June 2022 – Synodal Consultation listening sessions
 - August 2022 – All-Councils Retreat to determine focus of Pastoral Plan
 - December 2022 – Pastoral Plan focus areas defined
 - January-October 2023 – All ministries and activities at St. Francis consulted
 - November 2023 – Pastoral Plan refreshed with goals and needs
 - January 2024 – Share & publish Plan to Parish



The Plan is tied to the Parish Mission

St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners of Nixa, Missouri,
being open to the workings of the Holy Spirit,
are called to be a welcoming community
formed around the Eucharist,
a people of prayer
serving their faith
through their principle of Christian stewardship



Prayer, Sacraments & The Eucharist (Clark, Seth)

- Ministries/Activities included:
 - Liturgical Ministries, Children's Liturgy, Music, Prayer programs, Rosary, Sacrament preparation, Vocations team
- 3-5 year goals:
 - Focus on the Eucharist, through Real Presence catechesis, expanding Confession & Adoration times, catechizing Mass reverence, and minister retraining/formation
 - Encourage individual prayer by engaging more people in prayer activities (Rosary, Stations, after-Mass prayer, etc.)
 - Develop at least one vocation from St. Francis of Assisi
- Help needed:
 - Spend some time with Jesus... take advantage of the many Adoration opportunities
 - Increase volunteers roster for ministries
 - Recruit choir/musician members
 - Pray for and encourage vocations
 - Adult leaders for Sunday Children's Liturgy



Total Stewardship (Glenda)

- Ministries/Activities included:
 - Bulletin/Info Board, DDF, Finance Council, Money counters, Newsletter, Photography, Stewardship Council
- 3-5 year goals:
 - Capital Campaign and Building Expansion/Renovation
 - Align Total Stewardship activities (Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, Service) with the Parish Pastoral Plan
 - 2023-2024 Focus on the Eucharistic Revival
 - 2024-> Education and Growth of Total Stewardship for existing and new parishioners
- Help needed:
 - Prayerfully participate in the Capital Campaign
 - Interested in Pastoral, Finance, or Stewardship Councils? Please reach out!
 - Newsletter – more people to share or write stories
 - Please submit a Stewardship form if you haven't! Over the last 5 years, we're down 25% in forms submitted, with over 40% fewer volunteers. Reach out to the Office or the Stewardship Council.



Youth (Chris)

- Ministries/Activities included:
 - Children's Faith Formation/PSR, Youth/Social Ministry
- 3-5 year goals:
 - Space for education, expand youth programs, community connection
 - Involvement of youth in service activities
- Help needed:
 - Parent/Grandparents to encourage their youth to participate!
 - Substitutes for our PSR teacher aides (also in bulletin)
 - Ideas for social and service activities



Community Outreach/Service (Paul, John)

- Ministries/Activities included:
 - Adopt-a-Street, Ave Maria Rosary Guild, Card ministry, Outreach committee, Knights of Columbus/Ladies' Auxiliary, Least of These, Loving Stitches, Ministers of Care, Parish website/Facebook, Prayer Network
- 3-5 year goals:
 - Live the mission of being a giving parish, and be of service to others
 - Do more with and for the local community – share the true spirit of St. Francis and create visibility for our Parish
 - Get youth more active in service since they are wonderful ambassadors
 - Highlight activities at St. Francis of Assisi through internet and social media
- Help needed:
 - Volunteers needed in many ministries!



Welcoming Parishioners (Cheri)

- Ministries/Activities included:
 - Church cleaning, Maintenance, Liturgical Environment, Medical team, Mentoring/St. Francis Friends, Saturday Social, Welcoming Team
- 3-5 year goals:
 - Create a welcoming physical presentation of our facilities as well as the direct person to person contact with those who enter our doors
 - Establish new groups – Saturday Social and Medical Team
 - Restart welcoming/mentoring ministry for new parishioners
- Help needed:
 - “More hands make for lighter work for all!”
 - Please consider joining the Welcoming Team or newly formed groups



Evangelizing / “Finding” New Parishioners (Linda)

- Ministries/Activities included:
 - Adult Faith Formation, Book study, Hospitality team, Parish events team, RCIA
- 3-5 year goals:
 - Triple the participation in Adult/Small Group formation efforts (~25 to 75-100)
 - Grow to larger RCIA team and target 10-15 catechumens/candidates per year
 - Engage all age groups, young families, teens, and seniors in Hospitality & Events
 - Connect Parish events into the Nixa and surrounding communities
- Help needed:
 - Prayerfully discern your participation in Formation activities and Small Groups
 - Take initiative to invite people to “come and see”
 - Get involved in Hospitality or Parish Event teams (especially Reception/Dinner coordinator)
 - More inputs/ideas from Adults and High Schoolers on activities



Thank You!

- Your TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE enable everything that we do at St. Francis of Assisi
- This is OUR Parish plan to achieve our Parish Mission and to drive the Diocesan priorities of:
 - Growing in Holiness
 - Forming Intentional Disciples
 - Being Sent to Witness... to bring more people to Jesus!



Thank You!

- Get involved! St. Francis of Assisi is what it is because of YOU!
- The full Pastoral Plan will be published shortly, electronically and paper (by request... just reach out to a Council member or the Office)
- Please share any questions or ideas/suggestions!

