



Catholic Community of St. Augustine and Ascension

Strategic Plan Core Elements

MISSION STATEMENT

Humbled by God's mercy, we seek to follow Christ and live the joy of the Gospel through love and service.

We strive to follow in Christ's footsteps but know that along life's journey, we all stumble and fall. We recognize that through God's help – His love and mercy – we are lifted up on the path again. Having encountered His grace, we joyfully give thanks through worship and service to others.

VISION STATEMENT

To be a dynamic, welcoming, and passionate church – transforming the everyday lives of people, families, our neighborhoods, and the world

We believe God has big plans for the Catholic Community of Saint Augustine Church and Church of the Ascension—plans that require change. Change starts within each one of us and is our response to God's call for renewal. We believe that such interior change can fuel a movement that transforms families, communities, nations, and our world. That movement is the work of the Holy Spirit. Impelled by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to following Christ and living the Gospel so as to make this transformation a reality at the Catholic Community of St. Augustine and Ascension. Our vision is bold; yet we are confident that it matches God's vision for our church.

CORE VALUES

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are passionate about:

☞ **Love:** Love, invite, and welcome all

We believe in love. Acknowledging our imperfection and frailty as well as God's grace at work within us, we invite and welcome all to grow in the love of God and the love of neighbor.

☞ **Worship:** Gather as a family in joyful worship

We believe that the Eucharist is central to our faith. Each Sunday, we gather to be nourished by the Word, the Bread of Life, and the faith of our brothers and sisters.

☞ **Community:** Engage, connect, and empower our church family

We believe that every person within our parish, active, inactive, and undiscovered, is essential to our well-being. We are committed to reaching, inviting, and engaging our community.

☞ **Service:** Serve one another, our neighbors, and those in need

We believe that God sends us to love and serve one another. Eagerly accepting the commission, we are committed to sharing our time, talents, gifts, and resources to meet these needs.

☞ **Innovation:** Make God's Word fresh to every generation

We believe in finding new and creative ways to reach others. Guided by our Roman Catholic faith, we seek creative ways to share God's Word in a way that resonates with and transforms the lives of others.