

**Parish Vision:**  
**Pillars of Christian Living at Holy Family Catholic Church**

*What does it mean to live as a Christian? What “progress” should we notice in our hearts & families after a year, 5 years, or 10 years of actively belonging to a Christian & Catholic Parish Community?*

1. **Personal Love for Christ:** Christians cultivate a personal friendship with Jesus Christ and strive to lead a life more centered around His Love for them and their response to Him. Like the home of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph, Christians...
  - devote quality time, daily, to prayer & faith formation. They take time, alone & with others, to get to know Him Who has loved them into existence, fought for them, & died to share His Life with them.
  - nourish their hearts on the Living Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and their minds on His Word and the teachings of His Church guided by His Spirit. Sunday is a special day for this.
  - Reflect prayerfully with the Holy Spirit upon the Gospel, pondering the Mysteries of Christ’s Life offered up for them. In that light they better grasp the mystery of their own life, so inconceivably precious & meaningful to Him.
  - become more familiar with His unique Voice in their hearts, discerning His call amidst competing pressures in decision-making, detached from worldly anxieties that may lure them away from Him.
  - keep vigilant watch, from within and from without, striving to “remain in His Love” as devoted friends. With integrity they reflect a more faithful image & likeness of Jesus in their attitudes, thoughts, words & actions. They find renewal in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
2. **Apostolic Mission-Focus:** Aware of the Love which they themselves have received, Christians...
  - view every person as one seen & loved by Christ & invited to share in His Promises.
  - discern their professional & social commitments as arenas for bearing authentic witness to Christ, devoting their time & talents towards introducing others to His Person & His Way.
  - take responsibility, as stewards entrusted with their Master’s affairs, for creating & promoting parish opportunities to extend His Love & Truth among their peers & within their community.
3. **Integral Human Formation:** Inspired by the person, passion, and mission of Jesus Christ, & grateful to the Author of their many gifts and talents, Christians...
  - manage as good stewards the financial talents entrusted to them, supporting the communal outreach to those in material need.
  - resonate in their own hearts with the Savior’s consuming zeal to gather the many who are scattered, wounded, or lost, wanting His Mercy to overcome our brokenness & social divisions.
  - allow themselves to be built up, like stones assembled among other living stones, into His Temple the Church: a growing team & “holy family” of intentional disciples of Jesus Christ, following His lead and accompanying others along our shared journey towards the fullness of His Divine Life.
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  - forge the raw material of their temperament, intellect, & will, into a matured, “Christian” personality—like clay in the hands of the Divine Architect. They know themselves well and tenaciously challenge themselves at home & abroad to develop their social, intellectual, physical, emotional, & spiritual potential.
  - seek guidance in their spiritual growth, while overcoming whatever personal weaknesses or defects may hinder the Divine reflection of Jesus Christ that was imprinted like a mustard seed at their Baptism—especially pride, anxiety, envy, indifference, pessimism, worldliness, or self-contentment.
  - judge other persons and themselves as Christ judges everyone: with great compassion and an eagerness to support the good. They seek to encourage others and to prudently maneuver the effects of peer pressure on themselves.
  - offer fully to God, family, & others the best of themselves, recognizing the utter tragedy of mediocrity or hypocrisy in the Christian life.