

ST LUKE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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“St. Luke Catholic Church is a Eucharist-centered parish, loving God, serving others and transforming the culture by our witness to the message of the Gospel in the way we live our lives and generously share our gifts.”

The new Parish Mission Statement was developed by the “Pray For Me Servant Leadership Initiative” Pastor’s Advisory Team following a prayerful two-year formation process. The terminology chosen was discerned through a prayerful process that invoked the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The following operational definitions of some of the key words will help us all internalize the richness and focus of our Mission Statement:

“Eucharist-Centered” – This is the central focus of our Catholic faith. Jesus, fully present in His Divine Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, is at the core of everything we do.

“Loving God” – We worship our Triune-God through prayer, liturgy and our daily spiritual lives. As Jesus told us, we should love our God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind. This means total surrender of self to God.

“Serving others” – As Catholic people and disciples of Christ, we recognize that we are called to follow Jesus’ example of living His Gospel through truly loving our neighbor as ourselves, being good Servant Leaders, and serving the poor.

“Transforming the culture” – We are called to change the culture by first focusing on ourselves and our own daily conversion, then our families, our parish, our community, and finally the world. This transformation moves us away from a culture focused on secular and worldly values to a culture focused on attaining salvation through living the Gospel.

“Witness to the message of the Gospel in the way we live our lives” – Our witness comes through deepening our prayerful and sacramental life, spiritual development, and in how we respond to Jesus’ invitation to “Follow Me” and “Do not be afraid.” This witness occurs first internally, then at home, with our families, in our workplace, in our parish and in the community.

“Generously sharing our gifts” – We recognize that everything we have comes from God and we respond through intentional action to the 3-part call of Stewardship (sharing our Time, Talent and Treasure) with an open and generous heart and deep gratitude to Our Lord.

All Parishioners are encouraged to spend some time prayerfully meditating on our Mission Statement as it will be a visible, guiding document for our efforts and actions. All parish ministries, committees and events should be grounded in the essence of this visionary and inspiring statement of who we are, what we do, and how we live out our life of faith at home, at church and in our community.

The underlying factors in the development of the Parish Mission Statement are:

It incorporates the 4 aspects of the “Pray For Me Servant Leadership Initiative”: Exhibit Servant Leadership behaviors following the example of Jesus; Live the Gospel daily in everything we do; Embracing stewardship as a way of life; Commitment to dedicated participation in personal development activities focused on “becoming-the-best-version-of-ourselves” and the New Evangelization.

It was developed by the Pastor’s Advisory Team through a deliberative and visioning consensus-building process over the last two years.

It is congruent with the Catholic Church’s emphasis on the Church of the 21st Century, the call of the “New Evangelization”, and Jesus’ Commandment to “Love One Another As I Have Love You”.

It clearly articulates Father Andy’s vision for St. Luke Catholic Church as we grow and flourish, responding to the needs of our parish and the local community.