

# The Evangelization Plan of St. Joseph Catholic Church 2019-20

## Parish Vision

Disciples will be transformed by Christ to love and serve.

## Parish Mission

Fed by Word and sacrament, to love and to serve.

## Evangelization Goals

### Values of the Goals

Faith in Jesus—Our Savior understands us, saves us by his cross, and gives us hope through his resurrection

Encounter Jesus--We seek Jesus in Mass, the Church, the sacraments, through personal prayer and service

Discipleship – We sit at the foot of Jesus to learn from Him and act according to the Truth he taught

Hospitality – Welcoming all with the joy and compassion of Christ

Communication- Respectfully and actively engage others in the Gospel with integrity and love

## Goals

### **Administrative**

- **Goal**
  - **To support the work of evangelization through a new parish database**
    - Purchase a new parish database program which offers the best way to access information, create databases and promote staff collaboration.
    - Determine active and inactive parishioners.
    - Reach out to the shut-ins and inactive parishioners.

### **Youth Faith Formation<sup>1</sup>**

- **Goal**
  - **Bring the whole family closer to Jesus in the Eucharistic community**
    - Offer family special events.
    - Encourage Mass attendance each week.
    - Encourage a personal relationship with Jesus through sacramental preparation.

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<sup>1</sup> Youth Faith Formation is St. Joseph School and the St. Joseph Religious Education program. Tasks specific to St. Joseph School are indicated by (SJS). Those specific to the religious education program are designated by (SJRE). When no designation is given, the tasks are specific to programs.



- Provide Adoration experiences for all students.
- **Build the Eucharistic community**
  - Participate in “Drop Everything” PA announcement when all stop their activities and pray.
  - Institute cell phone free hallways to encourage meeting fellow parishioners and encourage community building.
  - Greet everyone at the door as a gesture of welcome.
  - Forego emails and office work during religious education sessions to build relationships with catechists, volunteers, and aids (SJRE).
  - Reinforce parent nights with home supplements (SJRE).
  - Offer the Sacrament of Penance to students during Advent and Lent (SJS).
- **Communicate with the Eucharistic Community Being Fostered and Built**
  - Deliver information about how to extend faith into everyday family life.
  - Bulletin inserts three times a year about the school (SJS).
  - Communicate the mission statement of the school on Facebook posts with #LeadLearnServe and encourage people to live it (SJS).
  - Use our #GoAnd to promote being a living example of the Good News in the spaces we occupy each day (SJRE).
  - Send High School Youth Group #GroupMe messages and Instagrams on a weekly basis to inform, invite and encourage attendance (SJRE).

### Adult Faith Formation

- **Goal**
  - **Lead people to the liturgical life of the parish**
    - Offer evangelization training for parishioners, teaching them how to share their faith, bring others to faith in the Church’s teachings and full participation in the liturgical life of the Church.
  - **Assist adults to connect with the goals of the evangelization plan**
    - Integrate evangelization training in all adult programs.
    - Create groups to develop faith sharing techniques to promote greater and more active sharing of the faith.

### Liturgical Life

- **Goal**
  - **Offer authentic hospitality at all liturgical celebrations to connect with people’s lives**
    - Empower and encourage all liturgical ministers to greet worshippers.
  - **Connecting the liturgical life of the parish with people's lives**
    - Touch the minds and hearts of all parishioners through an effective catechesis about the Mass.
    - Identify and share how minds and hearts have been affected by the Mass.
    - Establish a way of podcasting and/or posting the weekly homily on the parish website.

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