

SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH COMMUNITY

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Purpose of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish is to be reverently and passionately committed to the Liturgy and celebration of the Eucharist. Our Parish Community is a Catholic family ignited by the love of Christ, embracing compassion, love, and mutual respect for each other. We encourage and welcome everyone to share our life journey bearing witness to the teachings of Jesus Christ and joyfully praising God in our everyday lives.

VISION STATEMENT

Through the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit, our Parish is committed to future growth and strengthening through involvement, support, and participation in liturgy, ministries, education, and faith formation programs. In so doing, our parishioners will experience spiritual growth providing intentional disciples for the evangelization of the teachings of Jesus Christ.

VALUES AND BELIEFS

Reverence – We are a people who hold a profound devotion to the Sacramental Presence of Jesus among us as well as a spiritual presence of Jesus among us. We deeply respect every person by acknowledging their God-given dignity.

- ◆ We will encourage an atmosphere within the church environment which is conducive to honoring and respecting the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament and allow the community to foster their relationship with God through their personal prayer and devotion.
- ◆ We will celebrate Mass and the other sacraments in a reverent and deliberate manner to experience the powerful Presence of God among us.
- ◆ We will form our liturgical ministers both in their personal faith lives as well as their ministry to the Lord and the worshipping community.

Community – We believe that community is the fundamental element of our Parish. We are an embracing and inviting family of believers with Christ as the center of our lives and we are united by our love for Christ and our love for one another.

- ◆ We will be a welcoming and inviting community seeking to engage all.
- ◆ We will educate our parishioners to increase an awareness of our parish ministries and services and promote the importance of parishioners' involvement.
- ◆ We will encourage our parishioners and others to participate in our in-person and online platforms.

Faithfulness – Believing in God's unconditional love, we are faithfully devoted to know, love, and serve Him. We are committed to deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ who guides us through our life's journey.

- ◆ We will revitalize our parish religious education and formation programs for our youth and for our adults.
- ◆ We will form intentional disciples who are willing and eager to share their faith and encourage others to do the same.
- ◆ We will encourage our parishioners to pray with others.
- ◆ We will explore new opportunities to engage the parish community in social justice issues.

PRIORITIES AND GOALS

FULLY ENGAGED IN THE MASS

DEFINITION

We desire that our parishioners be fully engaged physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually in order to experience the liturgy so as to be changed by the graces that come to us through the Mass.

RATIONALE

We find in the Mass the strength, guidance and support we need each day for we believe that the Mass helps us discover that God is an integral and essential presence in our daily lives.

SMART GOALS:

1. By January 2023, we will implement 2-3 initiatives to increase awareness of respect for the Lord and the congregation.
2. By January 2023, increase the number of ministers for each liturgical ministry by 25%.
3. By June 2023, we will implement 2-3 initiatives to enhance the parishioners understanding of the parts of the Mass.
4. By January 2024, implement 2-3 initiatives to assist parishioners in growing in their awareness of the need for conformity between our worship at Mass and our daily lives.

FULLY INFORMED LAITY THROUGH EDUCATION AND FORMATION

DEFINITION

We desire that our parishioners know and understand the beliefs, doctrines and practices of our Catholic faith so as to live in accordance with our Catholic faith.

RATIONALE

We are committed to nurturing and developing spiritual growth through a deeper knowledge and understanding of God, and His Presence in our lives. We are also committed to forming intentional disciples of Jesus Christ and to equip them to go out into the world.

SMART GOALS:

1. By June 2024, we will implement 2-3 initiatives to increase parental involvement in their child(ren)'s religious education and formation by 50%.
2. By June 2024, we will implement 2-3 initiatives to motivate adult parishioners to participate in various faith formation series.

3. By June 2025, we will implement 2-3 initiatives to motivate school age children's parents to engage in the practice of their faith and model such practice to their children.

4. By December 2025, renew and refresh the Parish Religious Education Program

INCREASED COMMITMENT AND INVOLVEMENT IN PARISH LIFE

DEFINITION

We desire to have the parish be the center of our parishioners' lives.

RATIONALE

Involvement in parish life furthers the work of Christ outside of Mass by bringing people into a greater sense of belonging to our Church community. We believe that a deeper commitment and involvement in parish life results in a richer experience of our Lord in and through others.

SMART GOALS:

1. By December 2022, we will identify one leader for each of the parish groups.

2. By June 2023, we will create a Parish Companion Family program to serve as welcoming contacts to the parish community by pairing these contacts with newly-registered parishioners/families within one month of their registration.

3. By June 2023, we will implement 2-3 initiatives to provide ongoing social interaction among parishioners for various age groups.

By December 2023 parish group leaders will implement initiatives to increase membership by 20%.

4. By January 2025, we will implement 2-3 initiatives to provide outreach programs which serve the marginalized members of the local community.

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