

Holy Family Parish 2008—2013 Pastoral Plan

The Pastoral Council encourages our Holy Family faith community to support and help implement the following initiatives of the pastoral plan, through prayer, time, talent and treasure:

Expand the Welcoming Ministry & Community Outreach

- Study welcoming and outreach activities of successful congregations. Develop an action plan for implementing activities that foster a welcoming community for current and new parishioners.
- Obtain residential information to identify new residents within the parish's service area. Provide them with information and an invitation to join our community.
- Establish a leader (volunteer or staff) for Welcome Ministry.
- Introduce New Members to parish at Mass and in parish communications.
- Establish an Information Booth in foyer of church to be staffed before and after each Mass.
- Increase visibility of the Holy Family Parish through media, publicity, and other methods.

Expand Participation of Children, Youth & Family in Liturgy & Music

- Increase frequency of the Family Mass.
- Encourage participation of children and youth in the Liturgy & Music Ministries.
- Provide opportunities for staff and volunteers to attend conferences and other events with the goal of continually generating energy and enthusiasm in the Children and Youth Ministries.
- Integrate multi-media into our liturgy (e.g. projection of music, images and prayers).

Expand Ministry & Outreach to the Elderly in Our Parish

- Establish a leader (volunteer or staff) for Elder Ministry.
- Coordinate transportation to facilitate attendance at Mass.
- Survey the current services and needs of the older members of our parish. Develop and implement an action plan to meet those needs.
- Create and distribute information materials regarding Holy Family's Elder Ministry.

Growth & Expansion of Youth Ministry

- Reach out to non-participating youth and make available opportunities for growth in their faith.
 - Provide transportation options to facilitate attendance in youth activities.
- Seek a strong balance between catechesis and social support for youth activities.

Outreach to Young Adults and Parents

- Expand faith development programs for Young Adults and Parents
- Foster community development by helping parents come to know staff, volunteers, and teachers.
- Support mothers and fathers in their mission to raise healthy and spiritual families (e.g. start a support group for mothers who work outside the home).
- Increase involvement of parents in the sacramental preparation process.