

# *Saint Andrew Catholic Church*

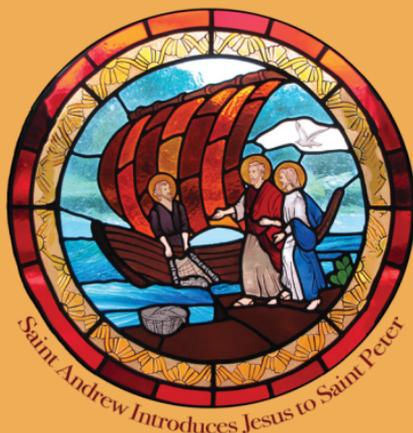
## **PASTORAL PLAN**

### **PART I**

**Vision • Mission Statement • Goals**

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**Continuous Parish Planning • Invitation to  
our Parish Community and Ministry Groups**



## **PART I**

### *Vision*

Called by Jesus to proclaim the Good News of Salvation to all, we embrace our discipleship with an ever-renewed faith, inclusive love, and joyful service.

### **Proclaiming the Good News of Salvation to all** *(from Vision)*

The Church exists in order to evangelize (*On Evangelization in the Modern World, #14*), and the parish is the place where the mission of the Church is lived locally. Evangelization, therefore, is at the heart of the Vision, Parish Mission Statement, and Mission Statement Goals included in this plan. To that end, we celebrate the immeasurable evangelizing graces at work in the lives and ministries of our parish community, and so we say:

**To all of our Parish Community and Ministry Groups  
To all at the Catholic Education Center  
To our Pastoral Leaders and Parish Staff**

***Thank you for sharing the Good News***

## ***Mission Statement***

We, the Parish of Saint Andrew Catholic Church, are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ, upholding one another on the journey of faith. Formed by the Word, Sacraments, and Prayer, we strive to live the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in our relationships, near and far. With joyful outreach, we invite all to the beauty of faith in Jesus Christ (*Approved in 2016*).

### **Forming a community of disciples** (*from Mission Statement*)

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As a parish community, formed by the Word, Sacraments and Prayer, we desire to be one in love of the Lord Jesus and to grow in support of the faith journeys of one another.

#### ***Goals for forming a community of disciples***

- To live out our Baptismal and Confirmation promises to share our faith freely, whether in our actions, words, or the witness of our everyday lives
- To be faithful in our prayer and parish participation in upholding one another in the journey of faith
- To grow in faith ourselves, even as we encourage others in their development of a personal relationship with Jesus
- To be a compassionate, Eucharistic people, fed by the Body and Blood of Christ, and sent forth to serve with God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure
- To open ourselves to the conversion power of the Gospel through fidelity to the Sacred Liturgy and to all the graces of the sacraments, to the reading of Scripture and the study of Tradition, to sharing fellowship with one another, and to participation in the transformative faith formation, retreat and renewal programs offered in the parish
- To encourage leadership development within all parish ministries to ensure strong continuity and the future well-being of the Saint Andrew Parish Community

***We welcome you***

***Come to the table of the Lord  
Be fed by Word and Sacrament***



## **Living the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy** *(from Mission Statement)*

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The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus. They give us a model for how we treat all others and they respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life (*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, USCCB*).

### ***Goals for living the Corporal Works of Mercy***

- To Feed the Hungry
  - To Give Drink to the Thirsty
  - To Shelter the Homeless
  - To Love and Care for the Poor
  - To Visit the Sick
  - To Visit the Prisoners
  - To Bury the Dead
  - To Care for Creation
- (Pope Francis: New Corporal Work of Mercy, 2016)*

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are part of the Christian tradition. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to “help our neighbor in their spiritual needs (*United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, USCCA*).”

### ***Goals for living the Spiritual Works of Mercy***

- To Instruct
  - To Advise
  - To Console
  - To Comfort
  - To Forgive
  - To Bear Wrongs Patiently
  - To Pray for the Living and the Dead
  - To Care for Creation
- (Pope Francis: New Spiritual Work of Mercy, 2016)*

## Inviting all to the beauty of faith in Jesus Christ

*(from Mission Statement)*

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With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we hope to bring about in ourselves and in all Catholics, a new enthusiasm for our faith and Catholic Doctrine; invite people to hear the message of Jesus Christ; and promote the dignity of the human person, the importance of the family and the common good of our society *(Go and Make Disciples, USCCB)*.

### ***Goals for inviting all to the beauty of faith in Jesus Christ***

- To welcome all in Jesus's name
- To develop and provide opportunities for faith formation for all the stages and states of life
- To reach out to all of our youth and young adults, with connections that are Christ-centered, joyful, and vibrant
- To seek out and attend to those least visible in our parish and environs; for example, the poor, the imprisoned, the immigrants, the afflicted, and all those longing for God's embrace in the community of his holy Church, that they may know that the "grace and mercy of God's Kingdom is available to every human being *(On Evangelization in the Modern World, 10)*."
- To reach out to those no longer active in the faith, or to those who may feel excluded, by praying for them, assuring them that they are welcome, inviting them to Mass or to a parish offering, and by responding to any of their church or societal hurts with compassion
- To foster Gospel Values in our society through prayer, engagement and participation in good works, so that all may continue to be transformed by the saving power of Jesus Christ
- To share our faith experience, from within the parish, to communities near and far, with relevant and responsive actions to meet the needs of all
- To enhance parish wide communications that promote parish goals and activities, and as far as possible, that engage the diversity of our parishioners
- To know and use the new media and all the means and methods of our time to evangelize: "This is a gift of God which involves a great responsibility *(Pope Francis on World Communications Day 2016)*."

## PART II

### ***Continuous Pastoral Planning***

*“God does not want a house built on stone, but on faithfulness to his word and to his plan (Pope Francis).”*

**Continuous Pastoral Planning is essential for the renewal of the parish and individuals. To live this Parish Plan, ministry groups and all parishioners are invited:**

- To share their specific action steps to accomplish any of the goals of the Parish Plan
- To report on the achievements of their action steps
- To note any changing realities in the Parish and respond with adjustments to planning

**For the renewal of the parish and individuals, this continuous planning can be reported on, recorded, and shared at large in various ways; e.g.:**

- At parish meetings
- Through the use of various parish media
- In informal conversations and meetings with one another



**For examples of the Parish Mission Statement Goals as they are lived out in joyful service:**

- A Directory of Parish Ministries is on the Parish Website.
- Videos of our Parishioners living the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in their ministries are on the Parish Website.

***Come to Worship  
Leave to Serve***

*Any questions and comments regarding this Plan are welcome, as well as any information for Continuous Pastoral Planning.*

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for Saint Andrew Parish Pastoral Works  
An Invitation to Faith and Good Works