

GOOD SHEPHERD FAITH COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2012

MISSION

We worship together, serve others, and strengthen our Spirit-filled Catholic community as we learn, teach, proclaim and live the Gospel.

VALUES

Community	We invite the active engagement of all members of the body of Christ.
Prayerfulness	We deepen our Catholic faith and express our love of God through communal and individual prayer.
Empowerment	We use our unique gifts to continually enrich our community.
Life-Long Formation	We grow in our Catholic faith through meaningful opportunities for people of all life stages.
Social Justice	We serve and advocate for others by responding to our brothers and sisters in need.
Joyfulness	We celebrate our faith in liturgy, learning, labor and leisure.

VISION

Good Shepherd is a vibrant and inviting Catholic faith community. We encourage the active involvement of all our members as we serve diverse needs. We are responsible stewards of our resources. We preserve our rich tradition of living the Gospel through worship and prayer, life-long formation, ministry to each other and commitment to outreach and social justice.

PRIORITIES

- Communicate and collaborate to enrich ministries and programs.
- Call the entire community to committed involvement.
- Encourage all to a deeper formation of our Catholic faith.

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CARING MINISTRIES COUNCIL

GOAL: Develop and expand the ministries for various needs, life situations and events of the faith community.

- STRATEGIES:**
1. Communicate the variety of caring ministries available to Good Shepherd members and to those presently living in care facilities in our area.
 2. Recruit and train individuals and leaders/coordinators for various caring ministries.
 3. Provide opportunities for reflection, personal renewal and continuing education for caring ministries.

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION COUNCIL

GOAL: To promote and develop quality and inclusive education formation opportunities which include all members of our faith community. To extend welcome to and embrace the broader community.

STRATEGIES:

1. Continue to provide a wide variety of opportunities for faith formation and enrichment for all ages.
2. Evaluate formation programs and restructure them to meet identified needs.

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FACILITIES COUNCIL

GOAL: To recognize the value of the facilities for the faith community and to manage the facilities with prudence and thoughtfulness.

- STRATEGIES:**
1. Ensure the full and effective utilization, proper maintenance and aesthetics of the grounds and buildings.
 2. Identify corrective and preventive maintenance needs and strive to meet such needs to obtain the most value from the buildings and equipment.
 3. Plan and budget for major maintenance, replacements, and service providers well in advance of the predicted need.
 4. Provide and balance the facilities needs of security and accessibility through staff and other councils' continued communication to ensure collaboration.
 5. Recruit qualified individuals within the parish to assist the Council with its goal.

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OUTREACH / SOCIAL JUSTICE COUNCIL

GOAL: To coordinate and develop parish projects seeking to serve the poor and vulnerable among us and around us.

- STRATEGIES:**
1. Establish an annual theme in conjunction with the parish theme, which promotes Catholic social teachings through advocacy, education and service. .
 2. Increase awareness and support of current programs and outreach opportunities.
 3. Provide opportunities for participation in program and outreach opportunities.
 4. Promote involvement of parishioners of all ages/generations.
 5. Respond to parish, local, national and international needs through awareness, education, advocacy and service opportunities.
 6. Increase the number of parishioners engaged in meaningful outreach opportunities by “putting a face on” the people assisted.
 7. Coordinate with each of the other Councils to provide for effective programs.

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SOCIAL COUNCIL

GOAL: To expand and improve social and recreational activities that build community.

- STRATEGIES:**
1. Create more frequent opportunities for socializing through activities that reach across group boundaries.
 2. Provide meaningful welcome and encourage active participation in our parish.
 3. Establish relationship with other parishes in the archdiocese to meet common objectives and needs.

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STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

GOAL: To enhance at Good Shepherd the understanding and exercise of Christian Stewardship of the Time, Talent and Treasure resources entrusted to us by God, to provide stewardship counsel for current parish resources and to develop opportunities for increased future resources.

- STRATEGIES:**
1. Continue the communication, education and responsiveness to parish needs on both the spirituality and the practicality of Christian stewardship for all ages.
 2. Enhance and develop opportunities for involvement in parish-wide ministries and activities.
 3. Develop and coordinate financial resource opportunities to increase income for annual operations and future capital needs.

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WORSHIP COUNCIL

GOAL: To foster the spiritual growth of the entire faith community by enabling each person's full, conscious and active participation in the liturgy.

- STRATEGIES:**
1. Educate about and enhance liturgical symbols and rituals to inform and raise community awareness about Catholic faith traditions and environment.
 2. Respect the richness of the Catholic tradition and reflect the spiritual, cultural and ethnic character of the Good Shepherd community.
 3. Determine ways to increase community participation in joyful, meaningful liturgies and in planning a tasteful environment.
 4. Provide a variety of prayer opportunities, both communal and individual, to meet the specific unique needs within the faith community.
 5. Use worship space to include programming and music performances outside of liturgies.
 6. Maintain interior and exterior environments so they are welcoming, prayerful and beautiful.
 7. Welcome both parishioners and visitors to our liturgies.