

## **ALL SAINTS PARISH VISION**

All Saints Catholic Church is a multicultural parish family that strives for:

- unity through Jesus Christ in the Eucharist
- a superb knowledge of the Catholic faith
- encouragement of religious vocations
- stewardship of our time, talent and treasure

Our parish ministries and activities have been organized in this guide using the Seven Essential Elements for Parish Life. The seven Essential Elements are based on the Code of Canon Law in the advisement of pastors on the norms of parish life (canons 528-530). They are identified as: Worship, Evangelization, Word, Community, Service, Leadership, and Stewardship. The Seven Essential Elements have at their core the Eucharist, the very heart of our identity as Catholics, the center of parish life and of our faith in Jesus Christ. "It is through the liturgy, especially the Eucharist, that the faithful are enabled to express in their lives and manifest to others the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy). Everything the Church does and everything it strives to be fits somewhere into this schema of parish life.

## **WORSHIP**

***Our worship consists of actions taken individually or by our community that give expression to our spirituality in several ways, including celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments, and the gathering of parishioners to manifest our communal proclamation of faith and our commitment to the Kingdom of God.***

### **Liturgy Committee**

Group that prepares all our liturgical celebrations and seasons and who addresses all issues pertaining to liturgy and worship.

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Assist the priests in distributing Holy Communion during the celebration of the Mass, as well as to the sick and homebound in nursing homes, hospital, or at home.

### **Lectors**

Proclaim the readings of the Word of God at Mass and prayer services.

### **Altar Servers**

Adults and youth who assist with the Mass at the altar.

## **LEADERSHIP**

***Leadership is a sharing of responsibilities among the clergy and laity which calls for the use of the gifts of visioning, planning, empowering and evaluating for the continuation of an effective and vibrant parish and the fulfillment of this mission.***

### **Pastoral Council**

Works in consultation with the Pastor and in collaboration with Parish membership to bring the Parish Mission to life through planning, empowerment, and oversight.

### **Parish Finance Council**

Provides counsel, financial, and stewardship advice to the pastor, Pastoral Council, and parish administrative staff.

### **Facilities Committee**

Evaluates the condition of the buildings, grounds, and makes recommendations for the maintenance and repair of parish facilities.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

***Making the most of one's God given gifts. Stewardship helps in achieving the church's mission through the use of our time, talent and treasure in a generous and responsible manner.***

### **Stewardship Committee**

Plans and conducts annual Stewardship Drive of Time, Talent, and Treasure. Maintains a database of volunteers for the ministry leaders. Reviews and discusses other venues of stewardship.

### **Parish Newsletter**

Keeps parishioners informed of happenings in the church in more depth than the weekly bulletin.

### **Bulletin Sponsors**

Provide financial support through ads to pay for the weekly bulletin.

## **COMMUNITY**

***The human dynamics and essential element of parish life which draws parishioners together in mutual support, and strengthens our bonds of love and respect for one another as we work together to fulfill our mission.***

### **Ministry of Care**

Develop close, caring relationships between homebound parishioners and the volunteers who "adopt" them through weekly visits.

### **Ladies Friendship Circle**

Meet monthly for spiritual and social gathering.

### **Prayer Chain**

Provides prayer support for people in need.

### **Funeral Dinners**

Hosts and/or provides food, set up and clean up for funeral dinners.

### **Bereavement Committee**

Serves those who have recently lost a loved one by providing materials and support in the grieving process. Prepares cards for recently bereaved families.

### **Parish Nursing Ministry**

Registered nurses who offer free blood pressure screening and share health information to enhance the wellness of the parish.

## **WORD**

***Word is any action we take to deepen our relationship with Christ by echoing God's Word. This takes place through various ways of passing on the message of Jesus within our community of faith.***

### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

Religious education program for children in preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade that provides a hands-on approach to learn and understand their faith. Catechists receive extensive training to work with these children. Also conducts a Vacation Bible School program.

### **Middle and High School Faith Formation**

Adults work with youth in grades 7 – 12 through weekly meetings, service projects, social outings, preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and Quinceanera preparation.

### **Baptism Preparation**

Assists parents in preparing for celebrating the sacrament of baptism for their infant child and raising them in the Catholic faith.

### **Marriage Preparation**

The process that engaged couples use to prepare for the sacrament of Marriage. Married couples from the parish assist in this process by hosting those about to be married in their home and sharing their experiences to help them as they begin their vocation as a married couple.

### **Small Faith Groups**

Groups of a dozen or less people who gather to share their faith in a small group setting. Meetings take place in homes using a flexible schedule depending on the needs of the members of the group.

### **Secular Franciscans**

This fraternity gathers monthly for prayer, study, and fellowship as vowed Third Order Franciscans who wish to follow in the spiritual tradition of St. Francis of Assisi.

## **SERVICE**

*As demonstrated by Jesus, service is our reaching out to others in need, which includes direct assistance but also advocating to change the social conditions that created such needs.*

### **Easter Dinner**

Volunteers provide a dinner on Easter Sunday for those in need or who have no family. Includes meal delivery to the homebound and transportation to the hall for those without a car.

### **Giving Tree**

Tags put on a tree during Advent for items to help people in need. Some of these items are distributed throughout the year well past Christmas.

### **Indiana Catholic Conference**

Lay Catholics supported by Indiana Bishops and diocese reach the Catholic position on social issues. Through a letter or a phone call, lawmakers are made aware of members' views and convictions.

### **Daughters of Isabella**

Organization for women (D of I) for social, spiritual and service enrichment.

### **Haiti Sister Parish**

Twinning with Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Terre Nueve, Haiti to provide opportunities for improved health, well-being, education, and quality of life.

### **Community Outreach**

Participating through time and treasure with organizations in the community including: Birthright of Logansport, Emmaus Mission, Loaves & Fishes, and Prison Outreach.

### **Music Ministry**

Various groups, both vocal and instrumental, who lead the community in song at Mass, funerals, weddings, prayer services, and special events.

### **Maintenance & Clerical Volunteers**

Provide maintenance and cleaning for the buildings and grounds. Supports parish administrative staff with office duties, including bulk mailings.

### **Society of All Saints**

High school teens who are servers or Master of Ceremonies at parish liturgies. This group is discerning their vocation in life through common prayer and discussing current issues affecting their lives.

### **Greeters, Ushers, & Gift Bearers**

Welcome parishioners, assist people finding a seat, where to go during communion and other processions, take up the collection, take gifts to the altar, and distribute bulletins after Mass.

### **Art and Environment**

Decorate the church for special occasions, hang colored panels for each season, help in the planning of Holy Week and Christmas liturgies.

### **Sacristans**

Clean sacred vessels and robes used for liturgies, keep tidy the sacristy areas.

### **Mass Linens**

Proper cleaning, pressing, and folding of all linens used during Mass

## **EVANGELIZATION**

*Evangelization encompasses any way in which our parish continues to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, especially through personal and communal sharing of faith.*

### **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

Works with those adults who have never been baptized or come already baptized from other Christian denominations who are expressing an interest in learning more about the Catholic faith. Gives them formation as a Catholic for their full reception into the Church. Sponsors from the parish walk with them to support them on their journey of faith.

### **RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children)**

Models the RCIA process adjusted for young people in grade levels 3 through high school. The process is for any child baptized in the Catholic faith (or another faith) or any unbaptized student wanting to learn more about or join the Catholic faith.

### **Cursillo**

Parishioners who participate with other Catholics from Central Indiana in this method of Christian spirituality to develop and sustain adult leaders in the work of evangelization.

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