

2020-21 Parish Strategic Plan

Year of the Sacraments

*“I came so that they might have life
and have it more abundantly.
I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down his life
for the sheep.” – John 10:10-11*

God created us both physically and spiritually, having both body and soul. Our bodies need food, water, air, exercise, hygiene, healing and rest. Our souls live on God, His grace, the Body and Blood of Jesus, prayer, mission, service, forgiveness and healing. In other words, our souls are fed and are nourished through the Sacraments.

God only desires that each of us fully may live the precious life that He has given us. When we lost the fullness of that life because of sin, God offered us more. God has given us the very life of His Son, Jesus, that we may not only regain what we lost but have a more abundant life.

What do the sacraments have to do with Jesus? Everything! The sacraments point us back to Jesus’ words and actions – the mystery of his life, death and resurrection – through which he shares with us his own life. Through the sacraments, we actually encounter Jesus. In these encounters, Jesus offers us his life and we accept his wonderful gift.

In Baptism, Jesus shares with us his own life, and so we are called sons and daughters of God. In the Eucharist, Jesus feeds us with his Body and Blood, and nourishes us with his word. In Confirmation, Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit to strengthen for the mission. In Marriage, Jesus shares with us his love that husbands and wives may love each other as Jesus loves his Church. In Holy Orders, Jesus the High Priest, serving through bishops, priests and deacons, sets us apart for God and holiness. In Penance and Reconciliation, Jesus heals us with his mercy and justice, forgiveness and reconciliation. And in the Anointing of the Sick, Jesus the Divine Physician, heals our body and soul.

The nurturing of our spiritual life through the sacraments coincides with the development of our physical life. God provides both for our spiritual and physical growth. God is that generous!

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are on a beautiful journey to God. May we allow Jesus our brother to lead and accompany us along our pilgrim way, living his life, living more abundantly, here and now, and for eternity.



Corpus Christi Procession, June 14, 2020
We are a pilgrim people journeying to God,
led and accompanied by His Son Jesus,
through the streets of this passing world.

Area 1: **Liturgy and Sacramental Life** – Because Jesus offers us his own divine life.

Goal: *To meaningfully and worthily receive the divine life that Jesus offers us through the sacraments.*

Coordinators: Darlene Butler, John Ahern, Julian Robinson

- Objective 1: to live out our relationship with Jesus Christ by our encounters with him through the sacraments.
 - + Identify and acknowledge the presence Jesus (in Word, in the Eucharistic species, in the assembly, in the priest) in the sacraments
 - + Identify ways (prayer, Scripture reading and reflection) to help the faithful better prepare for the reception of the sacraments
 - + Catechesis on ritual gestures (bowing, genuflecting, standing, sitting and kneeling, reception in the hand and on the tongue, as well as singing) that express our faith and reverence
 - + Catechesis on transubstantiation and on the Real Presence, and their implications
 - + Catechesis on sacred vestments and objects used in the celebration of the sacraments
 - + Catechesis on and through sacred music and hymns, in relation to the sacraments
 - + Catechesis and Promotion of Devotions (Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, 40-Hour Devotion during Lent and Advent, First Fridays, Feasts and Holy Days)
 - + Bible reading and study groups
 - + Parent and children involvement in readings, responses, and reflections in the Children's Liturgy of the Word
 - + Prayer groups
 - + Rite of Candidacy in the Confirmation Program
 - + Parent Retreat in the Sacraments Camp
 - + Promote the accessibility of the sacraments to inmates, to the sick at home, to elderly in nursing homes, and to the dying in hospices
 - + Accompaniment of grieving families during Funeral Liturgy
- Objective 2: to nurture our Baptismal Promises and live out the sacramental life through the domestic church.
 - + Catechesis and discernment on the Baptismal Promises for the faithful, especially parents, godparents and sponsors
 - + Catechesis on the sacraments in light of family celebration and involvement (praying as couple/family, preparing for Mass as a couple/family, reflecting on the sacraments as a couple/family; car conversations and reflections on the readings, music, and homily)
 - + Catechism on relationship between the sacraments and family life
 - + Use of witness talks to share lived experience during sacramental preparations
 - + Promote Family Devotions (praying for vocations, praying the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet)
 - + Make resources available to families (bulletin blurbs and inserts, social media postings, Formed.org, podcasts, myParish App)

Area II: Membership and Parish Life – Because Jesus has made the Church the sacrament of unity and charity.

Goal: *To grow our parish community as a sacrament of unity and charity.*

Coordinators: Tom Kolb; Paul Then

- Objective 1: to invite and welcome new members to the parish community.
 - + Welcome and recognize new parishioners (Membership Committee, staff, bulletin)
 - + Congratulate and recognize those who receive the sacraments
 - + Use Parish Welcome Packets
 - + Visibility in local community events
 - + Communicate parish presence through parish website and magazine, local newspaper, Catholic Courier, social media
- Objective 2: to expand the sense of communion within the parish and the broader community.
 - + St. Patrick's Festival Weekend
 - + St. Patrick's Day Celebration
 - + St. Joseph's Table
 - + Stewards Appreciation Brunch
 - + International Night
 - + Parent-led Catechesis Monthly Potluck
 - + Halloween Trunk or Treat
 - + Thanksgiving Dinner
- Objective 3: to increase parish membership and participation in the Sacramental Life of the Parish.
 - + Annual (Quarterly) Baptism Party
 - + Funeral Receptions
 - + Parish Reception for First Communion and Confirmation
 - + Send cards to express parish support to couples/families celebrating the sacraments, grieving families, and sick members
 - + Promote serving through the Liturgical Ministries

Area III: Ongoing Faith Formation – Because Jesus taught us about the Kingdom of God.

Goal: *To be better informed in our understanding, appreciation and reception of the sacraments.*

Coordinators: Al Miller, Sam Condo, Christine Hood

- Objective 1: To foster understanding of the nature, necessity, and benefits of celebrating the sacraments.
 - + Catechesis on the sacraments (focusing on a sacrament each month and explore pertinent topics on the sacraments)
 - + Preschool Program
 - + Session with Parents for the Parent-led Catechesis (Q&A Sessions)
 - + Youth Ministry and EDGE focus on the Sacraments
 - + Parents Retreat in the Sacraments Camp
 - + Updated Confirmation Program
 - + Catechesis of the Good Shephard
 - + RCIA Team
- Objective 2: to promote the regular, meaningful, and worthy reception of the sacraments.
 - + Clarify and promote the church's expectations on the celebration of the sacraments
 - + Review of the Precepts of the Catholic Church
 - + Offer Sacrament of Reconciliation during Sacraments Camp, Marriage Preparation
 - + Provide Workshops on Liturgical Ministries

- + Adult Faith Formation
- + Christ Life
- + Encourage family celebration of the sacraments

Area IV: **Social Ministry and Outreach** – Because Jesus sent us on a mission to serve.

Goal: *To complete our sacramental life through active participation in the mission and ministry.*

Coordinators: Bob Muto, Todd Gillenkirk, Collette Brien

- Objective 1: to work with the local community and institutions in identifying needs in our area.
 - + Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes
 - + Assisi Ministry
 - + Victor Farmington Food Cupboard
 - + Family Promise of Ontario County
 - + Serenity House
- Objective 2: to promote parish-wide active involvement in the Christian mission to serve.
 - + Giving Garden
 - + Angel Care
 - + School Supplies Drive
 - + Giving Tree
 - + Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets
 - + Public Policy
 - + Community Dinner
 - + Winter Coat Drive
 - + Incorporate Community Service in the Confirmation Program

Area V: **Stewardship** – Because Jesus gave us gifts to serve God and neighbor.

Goal: *To recognize the sacraments as valuable gifts that we must receive and share with others.*

Coordinators: David Keebler, Deacon John, Kathy Semmler

- Objective 1: to promote the sacraments as blessings to be thankful for and to be shared with others.
 - + Personal testimonies and witness, including previous RCIA participants
- Objective 2: to provide discernment on the use and sharing of one's time, talent, and treasure in relationship to the celebration of the sacraments.
 - + Create a discernment guide on the reception of the sacraments
 - + Promote serving through parish ministries, including the Liturgy Committee and the Liturgical Ministries

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