

DIOCESAN/ST. PIUS X UNIFIED PASTORAL PLAN – PILLAR I – DISCIPLESHIP

For our ministries to be able to fulfill their tasks, the issue is almost always the same: the recruitment, retention and ongoing search for those who are willing to help in their missions. Looking for and reaching out to like-minded individuals who are willing to donate their time, talent and treasure is the challenge. While we at St. Pius X parish have been blessed by those who generously share their gifts, the challenge is ongoing. We have developed new approaches to educating our parishioners about stewardship and how it is at the heart of the Christian way of life. We are thankful for all those who continue to work together to fulfill our mission “to restore all things in Christ.”

Catholic discipleship means encountering Jesus Christ within and through the Church. We strive to learn more about Jesus, receiving Him fully into our lives and taking seriously our responsibility to share His love with others.

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<p>AIM I: LIVE THE FAITH Cultivate a personal encounter with Jesus in order to joyfully share the Gospel as a knowledgeable and responsible disciple.</p>	<p>The Adoration Prayer Chapel is open to all six evenings each week to those who wish to spend time in personal adoration and prayer with Jesus.</p> <p>Bible Study Small groups meet year round to study the Bible as a means of strengthening our faith and knowledge.</p> <p>Our Children’s Choir brings joy to the congregation each time they sing at Mass. Participating in the choir cultivates their joy in the liturgy.</p> <p>Faith and Family Children’s Liturgy provides the opportunity for both Faith Formation families and School families to celebrate the Eucharist together, more deeply and intentionally, to draw them into a closer relationship with each other and the Lord. They attend Mass together one Sunday each month.</p> <p>Faith Formation Programs provide the opportunity for (K-8) youth enrolled in public school to grow in their faith by sharing the key elements of our Catholic faith; age appropriate preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Opportunities are available for parent formation and personal Spiritual development.</p>	<p>Expanding the number of hours the chapel is open would be beneficial to those whose schedule/lifestyles prevent them from being there during the evening.</p> <p>Additional facilitators are needed to restore daytime sessions.</p> <p>This newly-introduced ministry is not working as well as originally envisioned. We are seeking a new approach, one that would enlist parents to embrace the concept. Their participation is essential to a successful undertaking.</p>

<p>Continued - AIM I: LIVE THE FAITH Cultivate a personal encounter with Jesus in order to joyfully share the Gospel as a knowledgeable and responsible disciple.</p>	<p>The National Shrine of Mary Immaculate Queen of the Universe was installed in our Church 40 years ago. The Mary Immaculate Queen group prays and works together for the salvation of souls.</p> <p>Our parish School has an enrollment of nearly 500 students. We teach the Good News and develop each child's character, intellect and identity to provide them with a foundation for a life modeled on Jesus</p> <p>The SPRED (Special Religious Education) program is for disabled individuals who cannot receive catechesis in a Catholic school or Faith Formation setting. There are four age groups: 6-10; 11-16; 17-21; 22 and older.</p>	<p>Increase knowledge about the shrine both within the parish itself and beyond. More active, supporting members are needed. We should increase our efforts to teach Marian devotions to our children.</p>
<p>AIM II a: BUILD COMMUNITY Inspire young adults to participate as lay leaders in the mission of the Catholic leaders in the Catholic Church.</p>	<p>The Men's Club: Service and Fellowship provides an atmosphere for fostering Christian fellowship and a sense of camaraderie among men, aimed at strengthening family life in our parish.</p> <p>The recently-established Men's Group: Faith Sharing and Formation meets weekly to encourage and build one another up in Christ through friendship and accountability. Their goals are to help men foster and develop Godly values and virtues by providing the tools and resources that can help identify one's spiritual gifts and how to employ them; and to support one another in living out their vocations as Catholic men who are fathers, husbands, disciples in the work place, and servants in the church</p> <p>Totus Tuus (Vacation Bible School) was formed to help young people grow in their faith and have fun doing it. This program serves two groups: the young who benefit from the leadership of older teens and those in their early twenties.</p> <p>The Young Adult Ministry (The Mustard Seed) is a multi-parish group of women and men, ages 18-39 who meet for faith sharing, community service and fellowship.</p>	

