

Parish Mission Statement: The Peace of Christ calls us to create a Christian Community where God is found in the beauty and joy of our worship; in the breadth of our outreach; and in our love for one another.

2020-2021 VISION STATEMENT

Peace of Christ Parish strives to build a strong Catholic parish where we focus on:

A – Our Faith

- **Word of God**
- **Liturgy**
- **Sacraments**
- **Love**

B – Our Parish Family

- **Education**
- **Involvement**
- **Spiritual Journey**
- **Acceptance / Inclusion**

C – Our Wider Community

- **Evangelization**
- **Outreach**
- **Support**
- **Compassion / Social Awareness**

Vision Statement Logistics

Our Faith

- Our worship, in word and sacrament, honors the presence of God in our midst
- We strive to involve all in our celebration especially the youth of our parish
- We provide Sacraments to those who are in need or looking to deepen their connection to God and our faith.
- Where we understand that Love is the ultimate gift we can give and receive.

- 1) Continue Children's Liturgy of the Word at St. Ambrose and St. John the Evangelist worship sites. Continue to recruit new teachers. (On-going by Katie Onorato, Melissa Mang, and Rob Layer.)
- 2) *Music*
 - a) Combine the St. James and St Ambrose choirs as well as the choirs at St. John's for special occasions, at least four times annually under ideal circumstances. (On-going Janet Andrychuk-Tedesco and Terry Keach). Currently there are 8 different services with a combined choir)
 - b) Ask for volunteer musicians that would be willing to play an instrument at some mass times or for *Christ Life*. Add this item to the Spring Time, Talent, and Treasure form. (On-going - Janet Andrychuk-Tedesco and Terry Keach)

Our Parish Family

- The Word of God is proclaimed, studied and integrated into daily living
 - We take the time to discern the gifts and needs of our parish and to develop disciples to respond accordingly
- 1) Conduct an Annual Survey of the Parish to best understand the pulse of the parish, as to what the parishioners think and feel our focus should be on in the coming year.
 - 2) Provide feedback to the parishioners as to the Survey results; making sure to reach out to anyone who expressed need for assistance and support or a desire to be involved.
 - 3) Make known opportunities for teen involvement (Parish Picnic, Vacation Bible Camp, Mass for Youth, etc.).
 - a. Youth Group meets on Sundays at St. Ambrose
 - b. Utilize email to get information to members
 - c. Create and double check that we have an easy link on the Parish website and update regularly the Youth page on the website
 - d. Promote CYO. (Ongoing by Melissa Mang, Youth Group members and Website Committee)
 - e. Incorporate Social Media
 - 4) Faith Formation
 - a. Religious Education for K-10 Grade will be provided weekly, Sundays, at St. Ambrose Academy
 - b. Promote the annual Nativity Pageant which will be before Christmas under normal circumstances. Site TBD (Ongoing by Melissa Mang and Religious Ed Teachers)
 - c. Adult Faith Formation – Events and discussions throughout the year to encourage knowledge growth and sharing to deepen people’s connection to God and our Faith.
 - 5) Invite involvement by planting the seed from the pulpit during homilies and/or as part of the announcements. Invite individual participation through one-on-one invitations and annually through the Time, Talent & Treasure mailing. (On-going by Fr. Schrader, Fr. Brown, and Council)
 - 6) Ask each committee / ministry to develop a one page (or less) summary that describes the purpose and activities of the group, examples of opportunities for new volunteers, and a contact name and phone number for prospective volunteers to call. This summary should be updated annually and validated / collected by a Parish Council Sub-Committee formed at the September Meeting each year.

This information could be used for:

 - a) posting on the Parish website and at each worship site
 - b) as a flyer for distribution during Ministries Weekend (see below).
 - c) a condensed article in the bulletin as needed.
 - d) a Ministry Minute to presented at all the Masses periodically
 - e) ensure committee rosters are up-to-date. (On-going by committee/ ministry leaders.)

- 7) Ensure that anyone expressing an interest in donating Time, Talent, and Treasure survey is contacted and encouraged to become involved. Committee Leader should report back to Council if they have or have not been able to do this.
 - a) Encourage all committees to invite people to participate with a personal one-on-one invitation. (On-going by Council and all parish committee members.) – Part of Follow up from Sub Committee on if the information was received and what the outcome of the outreach was.
 - b) Use project-specific teams rather than committees where appropriate. Team members would only commit to be involved for the duration of a specific project, rather than committing to serve indefinitely on a standing committee. (On-going by each committee.)

- 8) Sacraments
 - a) Create a Baptism ministry (On-going, Pastoral Associates / Ministers)
 - i. Familiarize parents with the parish, set up the ceremony, help with questions and make people feel welcome.
 - ii. Introduce new parents to other parishioners.

 - b) First Communion (On-going, Melissa Mang)
 - i. Cultivate a sense of community among both our parish and school families and the children
 - ii. receiving the sacrament, i.e. introduce families to one another e.g. provide opportunities for families to engage in meaningful liturgical and social activities that unite families together.

 - c) Structure Confirmation as a process that must continue beyond the day of Confirmation by encouraging the newly confirmed to get involved in lay ministries. (On-going, Melissa Mang)
 - i. Have class instruction that includes inter-generational faith formation and service opportunities for parents, grandparents and confirmation candidates.
 - ii. Follow-up with candidates and their families.

 - d) Create a follow-up committee for those who recently received the sacrament, i.e. have lay people contact families periodically via phone, postcards, email to support parents who are the primary educators of their children's faith.

- 9) *Greet guests enthusiastically.*
 - a) Encourage more greeters, asking Pastoral Council members to be present and identifiable before Mass. (On-going by Council.)
 - b) Recruit PC volunteers at each Pastoral Council meeting and schedule them monthly. (On-going – Rob Layer & Sister Marlene)
- 10) Make members of the Pastoral Council more recognizable by posting their pictures at all three sites. (On-going Dave O’Keefe and Bob Crego.)
- 11) Enhance Annual Welcome Home Weekend. Consider Christmas and Easter as our “Welcome Home” weekends with careful consideration given to what we would like to get into people’s hands. (On-going by Fr. Schrader, Fr. Brown and Staff)
- 12) Insure we are supporting both Parishioners and our Community to the best of our ability when called upon. This call could come from a group or a person or on behalf of either. Parish Council should be leveraged as needed to insure we as a Parish are taking care of our brothers and sisters in need.

Our Wider Community

- We witness the Gospel through our actions of care and concern for the needs of those around us
- We recognize and value the dignity of all men, women and children in the Church and society, affirming and honoring the God-given equality of all
- We work to share and live Catholic Social teaching which calls us to serve those in need and work against oppression and injustice.

1) *Our Parish will be involved in Community Awareness and Outreach in several areas, including but not limited to:*

- *Community Events*
- *Groups and Organizations*
- *Social Ministry / Peace and Justice*

Pastoral Council will have representation on several key committees and ministries. Our Parish’s involvement in these various groups will be updated on our website throughout the year.

- 2) A Social Media Strategy will be developed where we leverage Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other mainstream sites to promote Peace of Christ Parish, the Word of God, the events we have and the good work we do.
- Should be consistent messaging across all platforms
 - Should be mindful of both our youth and families
 - Should provide comfort and inspiration to those who are unable to attend Mass or Parish events
 - Parish Website committee should plan to meet with Parish Council to review the plan for the upcoming year in the fall of each year and as needed should the needs of the community or parish be altered by external events.