

“For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint.” (The book of the prophet Habakkuk 2:3)

After two years of deliberations, the St. Kilian Steering Committee completed our parish Mission Statement and our Vision Statement. We have published these in holy card handouts, on our website, and in our parish bulletin weekly.

Last June 2016, parish leaders from our finance committee, Pastoral Council, stewardship committee, parish social ministry, Pastoral Team,, and other lay leaders met for brainstorming sessions to produce an Action Plan. We have been enacting this action plan as a parish family since last fall 2016.

What were the highlights of the Action Plan? 1. The Creation of a Welcome Wagon Ministry; 2. A Hospitality Ministry for monthly after Mass community building through mixing and mingling; 3. A 9:30 AM family oriented Mass with contemporary music to attract young families especially those in our faith formation program; and 4. Prayer and retreat opportunities both at St. Kilian parish and at nearby retreat centers.

This week, June 7, 2017, members of our Pastoral Council and Pastoral Team will meet to evaluate our progress in the accomplishment of the five pillars of our Vision Statement through action. What are those five pillars? Hospitality, the Eucharist and liturgy, lifelong faith formation, and Parish Social Ministry (Outreach).

One year later, have we accomplished the goals of our Action Plan? Have we created a Welcome Wagon Ministry? Are we offering after Mass Hospitality monthly? Is the 9:30 AM Mass attracting younger families and leading them closer to God through prayer and music, the word of God and sharing in the Eucharist? Have we given our parishioners opportunities for prayer and retreat both on our campus at St. Kilian and at nearby retreat centers?

Next week, I will publish the results of the Pastoral Council and Pastoral Team discussion and evaluation that we will have tonight.

How do you think that we’re doing as a parish community? Are you taking an active part in making our action plan reach its goals? If you would like to be more involved, let a member of our Pastoral Team or one of our parish deacons

**or priests know of your interest. If you are presently collaborating with us,
thank you for your Spirit led ministry!**

Peace, Father Bruce