

**Parish Council Meeting
January 8, 2019**

Strategic Planning/Envisioning

Short Term – 6 mos to 2 yrs

Parish Unity – see ourselves as one parish, not two. Celebrate 20th Anniversary as combined parish (directory and planned celebration/party)

Increase church attendance and fellowship (ideas included greeters, college outreach, contemporary mass)

Consider fewer weekend masses

Increase Parishioner Involvement in volunteering and stewardship

Hire a maintenance custodian

Dedicate labor hours to updating the parish data base

Organize a group of volunteers to help parish staff when needed and on parish projects

Financial Capability - normalization, predictability, transparency, responsibility

More/Better availability and promotion of SCRIP

Better youth involvement in parish, continued dedication to religious education

Examine the roles and purposes of committees

Move toward e-communication with parishioners

Explore options for buildings and grounds (ideas included Hoeft interest, RCU interest, Assisted Living, Daycare, Demolition, Rectory Rental)

Put a plan in place to consistently maintain buildings and grounds to eliminate large ticket emergency breakdowns that could be avoided

Mid Term – 1 to 3 years

Parish revival, growth (re-engage fallen away members and attract new members) and increased engagement of members through volunteerism and participation in parish events

Financial stability, budget accountability, financial/budget reviews, regenerate savings

Make decisions on buildings and begin planning for execution

Re-evaluate parish events and fundraisers, increase fundraising (ideas include more frequent and more fun events, community involvement in events to generate income i.e.: water distribution at the city marathon, partner with Regis on fundraising)

Consider religious education at a Deanery level – joining with other parishes and at Regis

Begin backlog of maintenance and repairs needed (including parking lot repairs, “swiss cheese” pipes, etc.)

Engage with the Newman Community at UWEC with the goal of blending this faith group into our parish

Long Term – 3 to 6 years and beyond

Parish flourishing with engaged members and actively bringing new members in to the faith

Faith MUST be driving factor for our long term goals

Be a diocesan parish model – looked to as example for other parishes

Financial Freedom – Steady Income, A better understanding of spending at diocesan level and for Regis,

Retention of our pastor beyond 6 years – consistent leadership and having our pastor as part of the community long term would be ideal

Establish parish as relevant and important within the community

Sacred Heart 150th Anniversary celebration, 25 years of combined parish celebration

Become a financial supporter of charities, outreach and education in the broader community

Become a positive force for good in the city, a voice of Christianity that is sought out in the community, a light to the world.