

St. Pius X Parish Mission Statement

Rooted in the Granger community, and part of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, St. Pius X Catholic Church promotes a faith-based spiritual community proclaiming the Word of God and celebrating the Sacraments, with the Eucharist as the source and summit of our spiritual life. Our church community includes people of all ages and groups in which everyone can respond to God's call to salvation by developing a sense of community and fellowship. This is done through stewardship of our resources and religious education, including all members in service to others, sharing our blessings with those in need, and promoting Catholic social justice.

Strategies

Worship: Ensure that worship is at the heart of the experience of Saint Pius X Parish; that the celebration of the Eucharist remains the Source and Summit of the worship of the community; and that all are invited and encouraged to participate in the liturgical life of the parish.

- Continue to encourage all parishioners to engage in full, active and conscious participation in the liturgical life of the parish.
- Provide ongoing training and formation for all liturgical ministers involved in the service of the liturgy.
- Provide a sufficiently large and appropriate church to accommodate 2400 families of the parish in a way that does not involve people standing, sitting in the Gathering Space, or using the Eucharistic Chapel as an overflow space.
- Lengthen the time between scheduled Sunday Masses.
- Encourage a variety of liturgical experiences that will enhance the liturgical life of the parish.
- Provide a Gathering Space separate from the body of the church.
- Make sure that all visitors and newcomers are welcomed when they come to Saint Pius X Church.
- Coordinate Christian Initiation Rites in such a way that the process of Christian Initiation is seen as an integral part of the liturgical life of the parish.

Social Justice: Provide the motivation, information, personnel, and training to facilitate broad parish participation and to direct parish resources to fulfill our responsibilities to those in need within and beyond our boundaries.

- Develop a parish social justice committee to review existing ministries and establish priorities for new ones.
- Develop a process to educate our parishioners on the Catholic justice tradition – helping parishioners to understand our responsibility to social justice.
- Develop a process for recruiting and training leaders for social justice ministries.

- Establish a budget in support of social justice ministries.
- Develop a process to include and integrate social justice ministries with other parish organizations.

Religious Education: Provide optimal spiritual education, resources, programming, facilities, leadership and opportunities for Catholic parochial education for all ages within the St. Pius Parish family.

- Develop new or expand existing facilities providing versatile space for classrooms, meetings, director's office, clerical offices, workrooms and storage following a Catechetical Center Model design.
- Develop a plan for recruitment, retention and education of quality human resources, including volunteer and employed personnel for budgeted and substitute positions.
- Provide adequate financial support and budgetary planning for the existing and future human resources, facilities, equipment, capital and operational budgets.
- Facilitate the Director of Religious Education's role by evaluating opportunities for cross-training existing employees and volunteers or by creating new positions for daily operation and leadership within the Religious Education program.
- Develop and update annually operational policies and procedures for the Religious Education programs.
- Establish standards for families enrolling their students in Religious Education by focusing on partnership and commitment.
- Provide in conjunction with the Director of Christian Initiation, formal standards of education and expectations for adult religious education programming.
- Establish a team to evaluate the feasibility of developing a parochial school.
- Develop specific religious education programs for high school students, which allow them to identify, develop, and enhance their faith.
- Provide criteria and outcome measures to assess efficiency and effectiveness of religious education programming for all ages.
- Collaborate with the Director of Youth Ministry to maximize participation in and provide a continuum for transition of middle and high school students to youth programming.

Youth Ministry: Reach out to pre-teens, teens, and young adults through personal contact and assist them in developing opportunities for faith sharing and formation, religious education, Christian service, and youth program needs.

- Identify and develop meaningful opportunities for young adults to continue formal education of their faith and the Church.

- Support middle school and high school youth by staffing and sustain them with clergy, religious and laity who are gifted in this ministry.
- Support middle school and high school youth by providing adequate recreation, gathering and conference room facilities.
- Identify peer activities.
- Expand opportunities for young adults to serve through social action programs.
- Provide educational and service opportunities to practice Gospel values and to develop leaders for society and Church life.
- Form faith communities of peers; develop peer leadership.
- Invite and welcome young adults to church activities, making a special effort to reach those who are not currently involved.
- Build on current opportunities by offering activities and programs that will increase student participation.

Sense of Community: Provide and promote the opportunities for all members of the parish to maximize their involvement in parish activities and foster an environment where each member feels a sense of belonging.

- Form Social/ Activities Committee.
- Revise guidebook on groups and activities available to members.
- Expand gym and kitchen facilities.

Stewardship: Ensure the opportunity for the sharing of time, talent and treasure in order to embrace the spirituality of Christian Stewardship as a way of life at St. Pius X.

- Make sure the message of Stewardship is consistently promoted at Saint Pius X.
- Conduct an annual Stewardship Renewal each year at Saint Pius X.
- Develop a process that will enable those who respond with gifts of time and talent to be contacted and trained in a timely fashion.
- Make sure that the parish continues to take steps in faith to share generous portions of treasure with the poor.

Facilities: Provide the required physical space to accommodate the worship, administrative, educational and social needs of the parish now and in the future. Maintain a commitment to protect the investment in our facilities through a sound program of maintenance and upkeep of our physical space.

- Acquire land to a minimum of 25 acres total in order to accommodate the growth needs of the parish for the foreseeable future.
- Attend to the current maintenance needs of the existing physical plant.

- Establish a steering Committee to meet the physical needs of all programs at St. Pius X.
- Provide funding for addressing the physical needs of St. Pius X.

Spiritual Development: Provide opportunities for all parishioners to deepen their spiritual lives and renew their faith on a regular basis. Provide the opportunity for evangelization to all those who live within the parish boundaries.

- Develop Small Faith Communities at St. Pius X as a way of providing a more personal experience of faith to parishioners.
- Coordinate Christian Initiation at St. Pius in a way that gradually draws adults, teens, and children into Full Communion with the Church, in conformity with the Christian Initiation Laws of the Catholic Church.
- Develop an effective evangelization program that invites all who live within the boundaries of the parish to come and see the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- Develop a systematic process that will welcome those who have left the Catholic Church and wish to return as active members.
- Develop a process to support those in invalid marriages as they go through the annulment process of the Diocesan Tribunal.
- Continue to provide quality and affordable counseling for all parishioners who need professional therapy.
- Provide a variety of spiritual opportunities for all members of the parish.