

Incarnating St. Clare's Mission Statement

August 7, 2019

Vision

St. Clare Church is a Catholic Community guided by the Holy Spirit to proclaim Christ's Love in worship, service and life-long learning.

Mission

At St. Clare Parish, we are called to celebrate life-giving liturgies, provide a center for Christian formation, reflect Christ through the warm acceptance of all our brothers and sisters; and to serve all, especially those most vulnerable.

Strategic Plan

- 1) To celebrate life-giving liturgies through:
 - a. The formation of liturgical ministers
 - i. By providing in-depth training and spiritual preparation for all ministers.
 - b. The incorporation of teaching moments during liturgy by
 - i. Providing succinct explanation of a particular part of the Mass during the liturgy and through accompanying media such as the parish bulletin.
 - ii. Presenting testimonials regarding the faith and the witness' faith journey.
 - iii. Encouraging the youth to participate in liturgical ministry.
 - c. The celebration of special liturgies that provide parishioners the opportunity to experience Christ's presence by strengthening our commitment to the following:
 - i. The presence of prayer in all gatherings of the parish, meetings and fellowships.
 - ii. Healing Masses
 - iii. Ministry to the Sick and Homebound
 - iv. Eucharistic Adoration
 - d. Increase attendance at Mass
 - i. To encourage parishioners to attend Mass regularly
 - ii. To invite people from the larger community to experience the Eucharist at St. Clare
 - iii. To provide a warm welcome to all who come to Mass
 1. Through the expansion of volunteer pool and the job description of ushers.
 2. Through a constant reminder that all are called to welcome.
- 2) To provide a center for Christian Formation through:
 - a) The creation of Small Faith sharing groups
 - b) A revitalized and visible collaboration among the church, school and pre-school entities designed to form Christ-centered discipleship.

c) Organized parish formation events, such as special presentations and retreats, including out of parish opportunities that are relevant to the people of St. Clare.

3) To reflect Christ through the warm acceptance of all our brothers and sisters by

a) Encouraging a culture of constant relationship-building within the parish, with special outreach to those who are not as visible and active in Parish life.

b) Seeking out opportunities to be present to the larger community.

i. Interfaith meeting

ii. Visibility and participation in neighborhood meetings

iii. Promotion of activities in local publications

c) Inviting parishioners to share their God-given gifts through active participation in ministries of the Parish.

i. Advertising the work of the various ministries and opportunities for volunteer participation

ii. Calendar of events and opportunities

d) Reviving and restructuring new member reception ministry through various gatherings, activities and literature such as welcome letters, a welcome table at Coffee and Donuts, or annual socials*.

*(e.g. Social Ministry Council and Pastoral Council hosts an annual social gathering for the new members of the Parish, up to first 3 years of registration.)

4) To serve all, especially the most vulnerable through:

a) The creation of a Social Ministry Council which will do the following:

i. Coordinate ministry activities for better communication and collaboration

ii. Create calendar of events for the parish making accessible volunteer opportunities

iii. Form a Peace and Justice committee that will study social justice issues affecting the members of the parish and the larger community and possible parish responses to those issues.

iv. Provide training for all parish staff and volunteers on how to identify the vulnerable of the parish and the larger community and the services and resources available to those in need.