

WELCOME to The Future of Saint John

Strategic Planning Working Groups

The Future of Our Parish Family



General Comments

- * Thankful for this opportunity to provide feedback and leadership
- * Love the Liturgy at SJE
- * Drive past other Churches to come to SJE
 - * Faith Formation for Youth and Adults
 - * CYO Programs
 - * Events of the Parish
- * Had Negative Interactions at Church
 - * Parking
 - * Ushers

Working Groups:

- Young Adult
2/12/20
- Adult and Experienced:
2/19/20
- Youth: 3/1/20



Environmental Background: Catholic Church in Crisis/Challenge: Feedback

- * Passive Religion
 - * Just Going to Mass, if at all
 - * Grandkids Falling Away
 - * Taking a "Break", but not returning
 - * Streaming/TV Mass Enough
 - * Convenience
- * Sunday as Nest Day
 - * Life Too Full
 - * Experience in Church been Negative (priest, parishioners, rules, etc.)
 - * Which Church is "Right" for me?
- * Young Adults: Cannot Afford to Live Close to SJE
 - * Done Need Religion – feel fulfilled with other activities
 - * Uncertainty in stability of employment makes it difficult to commit to church



SWOT Feedback

* Weaknesses

- * No Focus on Babies / New Moms
- * Lack of Children's Mass
- * Caregiver Support
- * "Going to the Well" too much
- * Welcoming not so much at church
- * Lack Personal / Leadership Training for Ministries

* Challenges

- * Addiction
- * Lukewarm Catholics
- * Is Faith / Religion a "Have to Have" or "Nice to Have"



Mission of Saint John

To Know, To Love and To Serve God, in His Church
and Our Community

#ToKnow: Educate and Evangelize

#ToLove: Socialize and Include

#ToServe: Minister and Diakonia



SAINT JOHN *the* EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Vision Statement Draft – Executive Team

- * Saint John will become the center of daily life and life-long relationships with the church and community for people of all ages and backgrounds. Our safe, joyous faith, following the teachings of Jesus Christ, reveals us to be inclusive of all and missionary in our stewardship.



Vision Statement Draft – Young Adults

- * Saint John will become the center of daily life and life-long relationships with the church and community for people of all ages and backgrounds. In following the teachings of Jesus Christ, our joyous faith reveals us to be inclusive of all and missionary in our stewardship.



Vision Statement Draft – Adults and Experienced

- * In following the teachings of Jesus Christ, the center of our merciful and joyous faith, we are inclusive of all and missionary in our stewardship. Saint John will become the center of daily life and life-long relationships with the church and community for people of all ages and backgrounds as we accompany them on the journey to become the best version of themselves.



Values Brainstorm: Who Are We

Initial Breakdown - Feedback

- * **Respectful**
- * Creative
- * **Safe** – YA think *Redundant* but *Adults* wanted it
- * Giving – “What do you want from me?”
- * Honest – *If there could be a 6th Value*
- * **Faithful**
- * **Inclusive**
- * **Welcoming**
- * **Joyous**
- * **Loving** – *Want it Called out Separately*
- * **Caring**
- * Understanding
- * **Active**
 - * Proactive
- * Holy – *Daunting vs. Understanding vs. Striving, could be a Goal*



Additional Values Requested

- * Evangelical
- * Youthful
- * Family-Oriented
- * Hopeful



Values: Who Are We? – DRAFT Definitions

- * **Respectful:** We have a positive feeling of admiration and love as all are made in the image and likeness of God.
- * **Welcoming and Caring:** We gladly embrace and accept all and accompany them on their faith and temporal(life) journeys.
- * **Giving:** We willfully and selflessly share our time, talent, and treasure to others.
- * **Faithful:** We evangelize and grow the Catholic faith through our words and actions that show Jesus' message to the world – to love God and each other.
- * **Joyous:** We have heard the Good News, and our actions are jubilant in all facets of our lives, infectious to others to help them find the joy of life and love.



Final Thoughts

- * What Brought you Here?
 - * Personal Relationship / Asked to Participate
 - * Wanting to Contribute to the Parish
 - * Opportunity to Grow
 - * Sense of Belonging to SJE and to spread the word
- * If There was One Tool You Had to Get Your Friends to SJE, What Would it Be?
 - * Storytelling of SJE's Success and Welcoming
 - * Advertising like Last Year (TV, Radio)
 - * Social Media
 - * Personal Connections

