

Pastoral Plan Highlights

St. James Catholic Church and School

Mission Statement and Motto

- ◆ “Invite, ignite, and inspire to live like Christ!”
- ◆ “¡Invita, enciende, e inspira a vivir como Cristo!”
- ◆ We are a parish family that loves people from all walks of life and stages of their faith; encouraging all to grow as Christ’s disciples... living the Gospel through liturgy, action, and truth.
- ◆ Somos una familia parroquial que amamos a las personas de toda raza y etapas de su fe; animando a todos a crecer como discípulos de Cristo, viviendo el evangelio a través de la liturgia, las acciones, y la verdad.

Liturgy and Spiritual Life

- ◆ Encouraging real world spiritual connections that lead to discipleship and individual and communal practice.
- ◆ Encourage development, teach spirituality, train and form parish in the liturgy, and celebrate Mass and celebrations well.

Education

- ◆ Present the faith in attractive and accurate way. Use creative and effective means. Include all parishioners. Help parishioners to mentor others.
- ◆ Speak in culturally effective ways, be outward looking, put Jesus and his Gospel at center, assist people to know how to express their faith, have a home component, offer functions as well as communicate using modern resources and platforms.

Stewardship

- ◆ Stewardship is a way of life that leads to a more committed faith. Less fundraising and more regular giving for the sake of the Kingdom.
- ◆ Ownership of a shared vision for Christ. Time, treasure, and talent. Including stewardship as an essential aspect of parish life. Assisting people to be good stewards. Communicating its fruits.

Outreach, Justice, and Peace

- ◆ Promote Gospel based teaching. Help disadvantaged. Include Christ and our values in the work of charity, mercy, justice and peace.
- ◆ Educate and encourage comprehensive giving, advocating for the most vulnerable, keeping the dignity of the human person in the forefront, partnering, and doing hands on work.

Evangelization

- ◆ Being an outward looking parish that knows how to share their faith in a natural, attractive, and inviting way. Helping others to see the value of God and the Gospel. Including evangelization in all aspects of the church mission.
- ◆ Promoting a culture of evangelization using testimony, training, prayer, modern tools, initiatives, and transitional events. Incorporating evangelization at every level of the church.

Families and Relationships

- ◆ Promote family feel to parish and promote family health and restoration. Assist families and parish relationships to incorporate faith into daily lives.
- ◆ Promote a multigenerational approach. Offer teachings, opportunities, experiences, and resources to enrich families and encourage them to serve and thrive.

Physical Plant

- ◆ Discern, develop, and maintain structural needs of parish. Develop a plan for future needs.
- ◆ Manage and maintain current facilities. Discern and plan future facilities based on accurate information and projected needs.