

Saint John Fisher Catholic Church



Pastoral Plan 2024-2025

St. John Fisher Pastoral Council 2024-2029 Goals

2024 – 2025 Pastoral Plan

Love God. Love all People. Make Disciples.

Five-Year Goals **(for the period of 2024-2029)**

Theme

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| 1. We will encourage our parishioners and those in our community to deepen their faith formation journey and provide more opportunities to integrate family participation and spiritual growth in preparation for sacraments | Faith and Outreach |
| 2. We will foster activities that enable the parish community to build and strengthen relationships with one another by creating programs that nurture these bonds through our Catholic faith | Parish Community |
| 3. We will find ways to revitalize and invigorate our youth and young adults to be active followers of Jesus Christ and enrich their Catholic faith | Youth & Young Adults |
| 4. We will support the efforts to fuel thriving ministries that give all parishioners the opportunity to serve and share their gifts of time, talent or treasure | Call to serve |
| 5. We will actively engage and reach out with compassion to communities in our region where we can provide help and assistance to those in need | Caring for the marginalized |
| 6. We will proactively support and implement the results emanating from the Synod at our parish. | Supporting the Synod |

How This Pastoral Plan Came to Be

The Pastoral Planning Committee issued a comprehensive parish survey in 2024 to use as a reference while developing our parish's 5-year Pastoral Plan (which comprises 5-year goals for the period 2024 through 2029 and annual objectives). The committee expected that a comprehensive survey would provide an accurate assessment of our parishioners' views and contribute to determining the best ways to meet the needs of our faith community.

158 parishioners responded to the survey. The survey results are available upon request. The survey was followed with a town hall Zoom meeting at which parishioners participated in a discussion concerning future efforts to meet the needs of our Church. Through careful review of the survey results, consideration of the townhall discussion and heartfelt discernment, the Pastoral Planning Committee devised a set of 5-year goals and then, following from these goals, 2024-2025 yearly objectives to address the needs of our parish.

This year's Pastoral Planning Committee developed 2024-2025 objectives within the context of our newly established 5-year goals listed on page 3 of this brochure. In our objectives, we focus on welcome and community, with a special emphasis on our youth and young adult outreach. Please see page 4 for the 2024-2025 objectives. Together as a parish, we look forward to accomplishing these goals with your active support and prayers.

We humbly present this brochure as a call to action for all parishioners. We invite everyone in our St John Fisher Catholic community to work together to successfully move forward on our faith journey. Please give prayer and discernment to ways you can best contribute to our achieving these goals and objectives, then consider joining a ministry or creating a ministry with others who share your passion. Let the Holy Spirit move you and inspire you to continue your journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord.

2024 – 2025 Objectives

- 1. We will actively recruit volunteers for all ministries.**
- 2. We will work together through the transformation of our campus as we complete our parish master plan.**
- 3. We will develop opportunities for family-based faith formation and service.**
- 4. We will seek innovative and creative ways to encourage parents and children to participate in Sunday Mass together.**
- 5. We will promote activities which encourage a closer relationship to church and faith.**

How You Can Contribute

Volunteer! Share your time and talent by getting involved with any of our many ministries.

Come to events or be willing and ready to participate by Zoom, Vimeo, or other means of remote connectivity. We have many activities throughout the year: speakers, classes, concerts, films, family events . . . Our parish offers engaging activities for everyone!

Come to a Pastoral Council meeting! We typically meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Fireside Room. Watch the Bulletin for announcements. All are welcome!

Can't make it to a meeting? Email the pastor, staff, or a Pastoral Council member with your comments. Our contact information is on the back page of this brochure.

Our Mission

Love God.

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength.” (Deuteronomy 6:5)

Love all people.

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you shall also love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35)

Make disciples.

“Then Jesus approached and said to them, ‘All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Our Identity

At our baptism, we are called to a living, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our relationship with Christ is nourished in community, united in worship and prayer, and centered in the Eucharist.

As a community of disciples, we help one another discover our unique purpose in life, a work of love that only each of us can fulfill.

In response to the love God has shown us, we answer His call to proclaim the Gospel in all that we say and all that we do in our daily lives. In the spirit of Matthew 25:35-45, we especially show our love for Christ when we minister to those in our families and society who are most in material and spiritual need.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, as the living Body of Christ, we embrace our call, individually and collectively, to “go out and make disciples.”

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