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NWMCP Strategic Planning Update March 2024 Update

Last month's Strategic Planning update included a list of strategic planning recommendations that are completed. Listed below are some of the remaining recommendations from the Workgroups that need to be completed. The staff is preparing for a half-day onsite retreat to focus on these items and to develop the necessary steps going forward.

Education & Outreach Workgroup

- The parish and school staff will develop a plan to increase communication.
- Fifteen parishioners will volunteer in the school, which will include completing the Safe Environment course required by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.
- A senior activity committee will plan two activities for seniors each month.
- Open an activity center for seniors in our neighborhoods to provide classes, field trips, social activities, and volunteer opportunities, with meals for minimal cost.

Evangelization & Liturgy Workgroup

- Invite parishioners to attend a program teaching them how to talk confidently about their Catholic faith.
- Invite parishioners to a community-wide session offered by GalileeU called Evangelizing Friends, Family, Co-Workers.
- Increase the total number of registered parish families from 912 to 1,100 (20% increase).
- Utilize database tools to understand the local community demographics and to follow up with former parishioners.
- Expand the St. Catherine Communication/Marketing Committee to include representation from all three parishes, as a subcommittee of the Pastoral Council.
- Expand the St. Catherine Parish Life Committee to include representation from all three parishes, as a subcommittee of the Pastoral Council.
- Improve communication.
- Continue to offer large event opportunities which gather our parishioners together.
- Offer a weekly "teaching moment."
- Establish a defined Prayer & Worship budget which includes training for liturgical ministers.
- Offer special liturgies supported by the Prayer & Worship committee.
- Continue to remind and encourage all welcoming behaviors at each parish on an ongoing basis.

Facilities & Finance Workgroup

- Financial forecasting
- Facility and land usage

Special Projects Workgroup

- Parish Life Center

"Consult not your fears, but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do." ~ Pope Saint John XXIII