



NWMCP Strategic Planning Update September 2023 Update

We would like to thank the members of our NWMCP Strategic Planning workgroups for their dedication and prayerful efforts to establish the future direction of our parishes. A summary of select recommendations that are being considered by the Strategic Planning Committee follows below. A full listing of all recommendations was distributed and discussed at the September 20 town hall meeting, and a town hall presenting the financial state of each parish is planned for October 11. The opportunity to ask questions and offer input on our new directions is part of each meeting's agenda.

Recommendations from each workgroup include:

Evangelization & Liturgy Workgroup

- Create an evangelization committee that is a subcommittee to the Christian Formation Committee or Pastoral Council.
- Expand StCA's Communication/Marketing Committee to include all three parishes, reporting to the Pastoral Council. (IN PROGRESS)
- Expand the StCA Parish Life Committee to include representation from all three parishes as a committee directly reporting to the Pastoral Council. (IN PROGRESS)
- Create a single choir with members from all three parishes that rotates among the parishes for Masses.
- Establish a defined budget dedicated to supporting formation and training of the lay volunteers every budget cycle and communicate it to the Prayer & Worship chairperson for tracking purposes.

Special Projects Workgroup

- NWMCP should establish a community life center at OLGH to do Christ's work and bring vibrancy to NW Milwaukee. Focus may include affordable housing, health ministry, Christ Child Society, Northwest Catholic School/Seton. (THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE PART OF ONGOING STRATEGIC PLANNING.)

Facilities & Finance Workgroup

- Investigate possible cost savings for all three parishes through volume discounts as services and supplies are purchased. (IN PROGRESS)
- Develop 2-5-year financial plan for the Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes.
- Recommend methods for splitting shared expenses. (IN PROGRESS)
- The DAS will develop a procedure by 10/31/2023 for use as existing building leases for the three parishes near their expirations to ensure a continuous stream of rental income.

Community Engagement & Education Workgroup

- Expand the number of families served by the StVdP pantry at StCA by opening the pantry on one Saturday per month. (DONE)
- Erect better signage and expand parking lot, facilities, etc.
- The parish and school staff will develop a plan to increase communication.
- With the assistance of Aurora Health Care, the parish nurse will conduct a survey of parishioners over 55. (IN PROGRESS)
- Open an activity center for Northwest Milwaukee seniors, open at least two days a week, providing classes, field trips, social activities, volunteer opportunities, and meals for minimal costs.

We hope to see you at our next town hall meeting on October 11 and thank you for your continued prayers.

“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