

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



June 2014

This PDF contains the 1-year Progress Reports from *Renewal 2013*:

These were completed in May 2013.

Since the inception of five *Renewal 2013* focus groups, the following changes developed:

1. Community Life Subcommittee became the Community Life Commission.
2. Stewardship Committee became the Stewardship Commission.
3. Social Concerns Commission was re-activated and began meeting in January 2013 and were not included in these reports, as they were not directly apart of the original *Renewal 2013* and by May, was too early in their development to assess their progress. Their first report is found in 2014, along with the other Commissions 2-year reports.

Father Joe Mamich
Pastor

Parish Pastoral Council, Community Subcommittee

Goal: To increase attendance at Mass 3% a year over the next 3 years.

Circle appropriate number

1	2	3	4	5
Have not begun				Completed

1. Evidence of Progress:

Done once – numbers down.

2. Difficulties or Problems Encountered:

Ushers estimated. Data shows less in number but it seems more are in the pews.

3. New Learnings or Developments in this Area:

Need to do once a quarter and new procedure. Drop in numbers was less than previous years.

Goal: To create a warm, hospitable, accepting environment in every aspect of the parish.

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Have not begun				Completed

1. Evidence of Progress:

Winter thaw, Lenten Dinners, Trunk or Treat, Picnic, St. Joseph's Week.

2. Difficulties or Problems Encountered:

Lenten Dinner – ran out of food due to unexpected demand.

Weather issues – Trunk or Treat, Movie Night.

Better signage at picnic (restrooms, who is giving away vs. selling some things).

3. New Learnings or Developments in this Area:

Difficulties are the learnings. Tryibg to do new things to make people aware e.g. 5 K.

Goal: To inspire parishioners to take pride in what the parish has to offer and reflect that to the Strongsville community.

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Have not begun

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1. Evidence of Progress:

SJC stickers, picnic signs all over town.

2. Difficulties or Problems Encountered:

None; reeducate from "we versus they".

3. New Learnings or Developments in this Area:

Work for more mutual events between St. Joe and St. John.

Liturgy Commission

Goal: To develop a more welcoming atmosphere that encourages broader participation in the liturgy by the entire assembly

Circle appropriate number

1 2 3 4 5
Have not begun Completed

1. Evidence of Progress

People feel more welcome. Greater participation in music. Our new pastor has brought fresh enthusiasm. The painting brought a fresh look. Change of bulletin – music included, booklet with creed in it etc.

2. Difficulties or Problems Encountered:

Identifying what we can do. Trying to please the majority. Trying to find booklet with creed etc.

3. New Learnings or Developments in this Area

Ushers passing out bulletins. New music a success.

Goal: To develop roles and responsibilities for ministers that will promote a more welcoming atmosphere

Circle appropriate number

1 2 3 4 5
Have not begun Completed

1. Evidence of Progress:

The goals have been written, reviewed, edited and given to the heads of the groups.

2. Difficulties or Problems Encountered:

Timing – with our meetings being devoted to Advent and Lent/Easter Masses.
Identify a new head usher and lead ushers for each Mass. A meeting with each group needs to be scheduled to discuss these roles. Arts/environment needs to be initiated.

3. New Learnings or Developments in this Area:

Learning the consistencies or not in each area.

Goal: To establish a specific form of music for each Mass in order to promote greater participation through a variety of uplifting and prayerful songs.

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1. Evidence of Progress:

Added Contemporary Choir to 4:30 Mass. Four Masses – three different types of music or choirs to have a choice for parishioners. Fewer complaints of Music.

2. Difficulties or Problems Encountered:

Participation at 12:00 lacking with singing, sign ups or EM's, lectors etc.

3. New Learnings or Developments in this Area:

Contemporary band formed at 4:30.

Spiritual Life Commission

Goal: To provide opportunities for dialog and education on the Church's teaching on specific moral issues that impact the culture and daily life.

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1. Evidence of Progress:

Women's Group, The HD, morning stations of the cross, website material dialogue: Catechism for a day, Friday evening Cenacles, Men's Group ongoing with faith formation.

2. Difficulties or Problems Encountered:

3. New Learnings or Developments in this Area:

The Men's Group

Goal: To help parishioners develop a deeper faith that lives outside of Mass

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Have not begun				Completed

1. Evidence of Progress:

Women's Ministry, promoted the Cenacles, promoted morning stations.

2. Difficulties or Problems Encountered:

Spend more time in a learning process. Have not evaluated the impact of morning stations. Attempting to join our efforts with St. John's

3. New Learnings or Developments in this Area:

Goal: To provide opportunities for everyone to enhance and deepen our faith and personal relationship with Jesus and each other through prayer, learning and service.

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Completed

1. Evidence of Progress:

2. Difficulties or Problems Encountered:

Being a new commission. Working with and assisting St. John's in Catholicism HD.

3. New Learnings or Developments in this Area:

Stewardship Committee/Commission

Goal: To establish a structure by which ministries work together to provide for sharing of information, collaboration of effort and education

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1. Evidence of Progress:

New people coming on board laid foundation for commission formation.

2. Difficulties or Problems Encountered:

Inclusion of new members, understanding stewardship, took time from planning and church activities.

3. New Learnings or Developments in this Area:

Defining goals, mission statement etc.

Goal: To develop an open invitation that attracts parishioners in a variety of gatherings consisting of prayer, education and friendship

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1. Evidence of Progress:

Ministry Handbook, stewardship card, presentations at Mass, logo design completed.

2. Difficulties or Problems Encountered:

Had to learn how to bring Ministry Handbook and evaluation of responses "in House".

3. New Learnings or Developments in this Area:

Enhance website – publicity. Redefine Ministry Fair.

Goal: To develop ways to motivate parishioners to take on leadership roles in ministries through education, appreciation and encouragement

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Have not begun				Completed

1. Evidence of Progress:

Appreciation Dinner

2. Difficulties or Problems Encountered:

The Stewardship Committee is in transition, developing into a commission. Therefore, we need a mission statement, goals and guidelines. We need to form committees within the commission.

3. New Learnings or Developments in this Area:

In the planning stages.

Youth Commission

Goal: To involve the youth in the life of the parish (Mass and activities) and in the Strongsville community.

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Have not begun				Completed

1. Evidence of Progress:

Youth are reading at Saturday Mass on regular basis, serving at Mass. Fall service project, Lights for Christmas, Fish Fry, Knights of Columbus Fund Raiser.

2. Difficulties or Problems Encountered:

Scheduling and training.

3. New Learnings or Developments in this Area:

There is more to St. Joe's parish than just Mass.

Goal: To foster relationships among all family members so the entire family takes an active role in the parish and community.

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Have not begun Completed

1. Evidence of Progress:

Christmas singing at Mass, Appreciation Dinner, Fish Fry.

2. Difficulties or Problems Encountered:

Scheduling and logistics due to newness of having the Christmas Children's Choir.

3. New Learnings or Developments in this Area:

Getting youth involved in more church ministries (CLOW)

Goal: To continue to develop youth Ministry leadership teams of youth and adults and to develop a Junior High Youth ministry leadership team of adults.

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1. Evidence of Progress:

Core base of youth that come together to meetings on a regular basis.

Retreat where we will speak to youth about discipleship and growing their faith.

Other ministries are seeking help from youth.

2. Difficulties or Problems Encountered:

Open communication outside of the comfort of their own groups.

3. New Learnings or Developments in this Area:

Keep consistency and be open to new ideas. Being in the infancy of the group, we are still growing.