Long Grove, St. Ann

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1. What did we hear?

* We need to go; take action and share
* Walk with our community members and accompany them on their journey
* Meet them where they are at
* Be joyful about it
* Everyone’s job
* Use all the tools available to us technology, social media,
* We are a growing church
* Listen to each other’s stories
* Listen to understand and truly engage/interact
* We are all the church, not just the staff
* Listen to the youth and young families
* When you are complaining about the church, look into the mirror
* Be conscious that we are an American church, our culture is built on individual effort and success. Our faith is built on community, sharing, and support from each other
* Faith is communally
* You are the change and can be the change you are seeking
* Motivation = Motive & Action
* We/all of us are a member of this community, don’t give up or choose to leave, if there are things you do not like take action to make it better
* It only takes one person
* Do the small things with love
* Yield Fruit = Focus on outcomes, but outcomes at the individual level mean something
* Ripple effect
* Take time to listen, hear, and understand
* “Behold what you are, become what you receive”
* Pentecost signals the next testament
* What church are we preparing for? Need to think about a new perspective related to future demographics as we implement changes.

1. What does this mean for our parish?

* What can we do to welcome the stranger?
* We look forward to each of us being more welcoming and instilling and sharing a community that is truly kind and merciful
* Encourage our members to attend a different mass time.
* Encourage members to sit somewhere different and introduce yourself to those around you in your new “surroundings”
* Newsletter -- Reach out to our non-active members through a reoccurring newsletter (monthly) – Distribute via multiple “channels” mailing, email, Facebook, etc
  + Topics -- Vision 20/20 delegates supply ideas over the next couple months
  + Welcome new members
  + Milestones (baptism, weddings, anniversary, member accomplishments)
  + Shafer Soapbox
  + Use of an app or service (Flocknote, etc)
  + Witnessing why we like being Catholic or Why I like coming to St. Ann’s
* Expanding worship aid to enable greater understanding and participation by those that are “less practiced” and/or visitors
  + Incorporate into adult faith formation
* Look into how we can improve our bulletin
* Align with our Knights of Columbus breakfast brunch with a mass where we put out adhesive nametags and markers—encourage all to apply a tag enable introductions
* Develop a technology team to enable our use of Social media
* Knock down the walls, do not build walls (be open to new relationships)
* Focus on the future, not the past church
* Understand our demographics
* Invite the Congolese choir from St. Mary’s in Iowa City
* When looking at demographics need to focus on our own church
* How do we attract younger people and families?
* How can we engage parents of during faith formation?
  + Parents often drop off kids and leave
  + Coffee bar where the library is
  + Make more casual, not structured programs
* Whatever we do it must start with relationship
* Relationship, Relationship, it is all about relationships
* Invite people out to enjoy the land we have
  + See the sacred in their own land
  + Music, food, movies, etc.
  + Invite people from center of Davenport, not just our parish
* Invite young people (HS seniors – 25) to mass and then dinner on some reoccurring basis
  + Led by Heather and Carson
* Meet at sacraments and progress from there
* If they come for confirmation, why don’t they come to mass and other programs
* Key is relationship and inviting

1. What do we need?

* We believe it is probably too early, we need to work through what we are going implement first and will come back if we have particular resource needs.

Small group gatherings

Adult dinners in private homes

Home group

Seasonal new member mass (with nametags)

Calling people by name

Moving the coat tracks

Improving Rita ministers (greeters)

Telling stories (perhaps by recording interviews with parishioners)

Witnessing “what we like” about Church (belonging)

Mixing it up (sitting in different places, going to different masses)

Young adult gatherings with Saturday night mass/dinner

Directory (opportunity to see faces/names of people not in directory)

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