

St. Isidore the Farmer Parish Pastoral Plan

On behalf of the St. Isidore the Farmer Pastoral Plan Committee, I am pleased to share our Pastoral Plan. Our Mission Statement is: **We follow Jesus Christ, fed by Eucharist and Word, Called to Love, Serve and Welcome All.**

We thank everyone who completed the surveys last spring, both written and online. Our committee, which is composed of Pastoral and Finance Council members read the surveys and developed the plan based on the responses. In November 2022 we published the first section which focused on **Worship**. On January 15, in the bulletin and on the website, we shared the second part of the plan: **Education**. We now share the third and final part of the Pastoral Plan: **Community**. Bevin Foreman, Bill Gamble, Linda Diffendal and George Stamos are members of this sub-committee.



Fr. Harry Bielewicz

Pastor - St. Isidore the Farmer Parish

"We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works. We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another, and this all the more as you see the day drawing near."

- Hebrews 10:24-25 NABRE

Community

This community section of the Pastoral Plan is dedicated to Saint Isidore the Farmer, our patron saint.

"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers."

- Acts 2:42 NABRE

Preamble:

St. Isidore the Farmer, our Patron Saint, is a role model for everyone. He practiced his faith always and showed kindness and generosity to those he met.

This is a profound statement that exemplifies what our COMMUNITY section of our Parish Pastoral Plan represents.

Christians are all part of the body of Christ, and we all have different functions. Some of us are strong in one area and others are strong in another area. Some of us can do this and others can do that. We must use what God has equipped us with to work together and have fellowship with one another. As a community we must work together to advance God's kingdom, encourage each other, build each other up, and we must bear each other's burdens. We must never isolate ourselves from other believers. If we do, then how can we aid others in their time of need and in our time of need how can others help us if we distance ourselves? Not only is it pleasing to God to see the body of Christ working together as one, but we are stronger together and we become more like Christ together than we do alone. Have fellowship with one another and you will truly see how important and awesome community is in your Christian walk of faith.

Five Goal Categories of Focus:

1. Learning
2. Unity
3. Community
4. Welcoming
5. Engaging

LEARNING:

GOAL #1: Bring all members of the parish closer together by learning more about our patron saint, St. Isidore the Farmer, so that we can have a deeper understanding of him. To accomplish this goal, two action items have been created.

ACTION ITEM #1: Create a "Spotlight" section in the bulletin to learn more about St. Isidore the Farmer.

Responsible Party: Bulletin Editor

Frequency: Monthly

Begin Date: Second Quarter 2023

Resources Needed: Bulletin

ACTION ITEM #2: Develop an information page on St. Isidore the Farmer for on the parish website.

Responsible Party: Website Editor

Frequency: Quarterly

Begin Date: Second Quarter 2023

Resources Needed: Possible Graphic Designer

UNITY:

GOAL #2: In order to unite and become one parish family, the various organizations within the parish such as the Christian Mothers & Guild, shall encourage all to be part of the St. Isidore the Farmer family. To accomplish this goal, two action items have been created.

ACTION ITEM #3: Continue to Organize a Parish Picnic.

Responsible Party: Picnic Committee

Frequency: Once a year

Begin Date: Summer 2023

Resources Needed: Volunteers, Picnic supplies, food, entertainment, etc

ACTION ITEM #4: Spotlight a parishioner or two in the bulletin

Responsible Party: Bulletin Editor

Frequency: Monthly

Begin Date: Second Quarter 2023

Resources Needed: Bulletin, Information on Parishioners that warrant selection

COMMUNITY:

GOAL #3: Promote a unified family community within the parish so everyone will feel like they belong to one Parish, thereby strengthening the parish and allowing it to be seen as a "Parish of the People". To accomplish this goal, two action items have been created.

ACTION ITEM #5: Continue with the monthly senior luncheons and consider rotating the luncheons at different churches that make up St. Isidore the Farmer Parish.

Responsible Party: Luncheon Committee

Frequency: Ongoing

Begin Date: Third quarter 2023

Resources Needed: Volunteers, venue, food, drinks, etc.

ACTION ITEM #6: Create a calendar of annual community events that is distributed throughout the parish and on the website.

Responsible Party: Website Editor

Frequency: Twice a year

Begin Date: July 1, 2023

Resources Needed: Input on Community events

WELCOMING:

GOAL #4: Ensure that new parishioners feel welcomed at St. Isidore the Farmer Parish which will in turn make them feel like a valued member of the parish. To accomplish this goal, two action items have been created.

ACTION ITEM #7: A Welcoming Committee will be created.

Responsible Party: Parish staff, volunteers solicited

Frequency: Ongoing

Begin Date: Second quarter 2023

Resources Needed: Volunteers, list of new parishioners

ACTION ITEM #8: Invite new parishioners to a Welcome Mass at which time they will be blessed.

Responsible Party: Welcoming Committee (newly formed)

Frequency: Ongoing

Begin Date: Second quarter 2023

Resources Needed: List of new parishioners

ENGAGING:

GOAL #5: Ensure that all volunteers (ushers, ministers of hospitality and greeters) are engaged with the people at Sunday Mass so that parishioners and visitors will feel welcomed and a part of the St. Isidore the Farmer parish family. To accomplish this goal, three action items have been created.

ACTION ITEM #9: As parishioners arrive for Mass, assist parishioners by holding the door open and welcoming them to Mass.

Responsible Party: Ushers, Greeters and Ministers of Hospitality

Frequency: Ongoing

Begin Date: February 2023

Resources Needed: n/a

ACTION ITEM #10: During Mass, anticipate the needs of the parishioners with confidence and be prepared to assist parishioners in whatever needs are necessary.

Responsible Party: Ushers

Frequency: ongoing

Begin Date: February 2023

Resources Needed: n/a

ACTION ITEM #11: After Mass, greet parishioners and advise them of any special upcoming events.

Responsible Party: Ushers

Frequency: ongoing

Begin Date: February 2023

Resources Needed: n/a