

Parish Pastoral Plan
St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius, and St. James

We the united parishioners of St. Ambrose, St. Ignatius, and St. James, a Catholic community, provide a place of worship to all God's people, assisting parishioners in deepening our relationship with God and strive to reach out to the community through our ministries and programs.

GOAL ONE: Inspire a Deepening Relationship with God through Worship and Prayer

Objective 1. Plan liturgies that are engaging, prayerful, and reverent.

Action Steps:

- a. Provide a variety of music styles for our worship.
 1. St. Ignatius. More traditional music occasionally.
 2. More contemporary music
- b. Recruit more parishioners at-large for the worship committee and liturgy planning. Members representing variety of ages in parishes.
- c. Provide ways to engage children and their families in the Mass.
 1. Share bag for children. (St. Ambrose)
 2. Implement dismissal for the children's Liturgy of the Word. (one Mass per week).
- d. St. Ignatius and St. Ambrose. Monthly rosary before Mass.

Objective 2. Support parishioners to live the gospel daily.

Action Steps:

- a. Have Living Faith and other Catholic materials and publications available in the back of Church, i.e., Word Among Us, Faith and Family, Magnificat, etc.).

- b. Expand pastor's bulletin letter to include a "thought" about the upcoming weekend readings.
- c. Use current technology to help parishioners connect to Sunday readings and living the Gospel. Links to Sunday readings, reflections, study and prayer
- d. St. Ignatius and St. Ambrose. Provide a communication page (bulletin insert) to distribute once a month (w/calendar, etc.).
- e. Offer Bible Study for parents during Religious Education.
- f. Continue Pastor's Blog and advertise it in every bulletin.

Objective 3: Offer various prayer experiences to serve people's needs.

Action Steps:

- a. Provide and schedule a Traveling Fatima statue and rosary to each parish.
- b. Continue Vocations Crucifix in each parish.
- c. Provide family prayer resources both electronically and with hard copy materials.
- d. Provide Adult Retreats, and Young Adult Retreats.
- e. St. Ambrose. Form prayer chain.
- f. Expand and increase family prayer evenings.
- g. Schedule regular devotions, novenas during each month (Perpetual Help Novena on Wednesday, First Friday devotions).
- h. Offer Centering Prayer workshops.
- i. Offer prayer groups.