

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

GOAL THREE: Enrich Faith Formation for All Ages
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Objective 1. Provide a quality K-12 Religious Education program

Action Steps:

- a. Prepare a strategic plan to be provided as an Appendix of this plan.
- b. Provide on-going education and training for Catechists in religious education.
- c. Create informative lesson plans for religious education for youth grades 7-12.
- d. Supply the necessary teaching materials to the religious education teachers
- e. Encourage children to attend religious education.
 1. Do more of a regional RE class.
 2. Invite youth from other churches.
- f. St. Ignatius. Re-start Religious Education Program this fall.
- g. St. Ambrose. Support St. James Religious Education Program.
- h. Provide adequate and appropriate space for instruction.
- i. Provide Bible Study, VBS, and Religious Education.

Objective 2. Sponsor an elementary school strong in its' Catholic identity and academic program.

Action Steps:

- a. A strategic plan is provided in Appendix A of this plan.
- b. St. Ambrose and St. Ignatius. Support St. James Regional School.

Objective 3. Engage high school youth and young adults.

Action Steps:

- a. Have an interactive youth forum highlighting church, faith, and God.
- b. Offer monthly activities for young adults to engage socially and learn about their faith.

- c. Promote Father Chuck's Blog page for young adults.
- d. Invite young adults to interact with teenagers to bring God into their lives.
- e. St. Ambrose. Bring God into their decisions regarding dating and choosing someone to date.
- f. Establish prayer groups, service projects, mission opportunities to help network young adult Catholics.
- g. Offer sports night for the cluster parishes and the covenant churches.
- h. Establish and communicate a clear vision of Religious Education and youth ministry.

Objective 4. Invite adults to share and grow their faith.

Action Steps:

- a. Re-establish small faith sharing groups.
- b. Encourage involvement in services/activities for Senior's group.
- c. St. Ignatius. Form monthly social faith-based interactive group.
- d. St. Ambrose. Form Bible Study groups.
- e. Hold age related or family movie/discussion nights on religious topics.
- f. Develop prayer groups, respect life groups, and mission group opportunities to help network adult Catholics.
- g. Teach about sacraments and their use.

Objective 5. Strengthen our knowledge of the Church's social teachings.

Action Steps:

- a. Provide information pamphlets about the Church's social teachings.
- b. St. Ignatius. Provide use of websites, videos, and learning library.
- c. St. Ambrose. Provide meetings once a month on the social teachings.
- d. Connect service projects to social teachings of the Church. Take church groups to soup kitchens, Habitat, etc. and then discuss appropriate social teaching.
- e. Get involved with projects involving Right to Life/Respect Life Programs.
- f. Incorporate social teachings into homilies and adult religious education lessons.

