



MESSAGE FROM FR. WALSH

In the Acts of the Apostles we read the following statement "The community of believers were of one mind and one heart." Acts 4: 32. That brief statement describes the ideal parish. Perhaps it was a possibility in the very early days after the Resurrection and the descent of the Holy Spirit, but the contemporary parish in the US or elsewhere is a very different reality. Perhaps there are as many ideas and approaches as there are people in a parish.

A parish staff has the responsibility of attempting to put some focus into its members, to get them moving in the same direction, to have an overall goal in mind. Toward that end, a number of our parishioners have been working along side the Staff on an overall plan for St. Margaret Mary Parish. It is my hope this plan will help our parishioners deepen their own spirituality and become more united as God's holy family.

Fr. Walsh

PARISH PRIORITIES

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Spiritual growth is the lifelong process of developing a relationship with God and becoming more Christ-like through prayer, study and reflection as we journey towards holiness and transformation of heart.

Rationale: We believe conversion of heart is the necessary process to bring about missionary disciples and that 'one can't give what they haven't got'.

Goals:

1. Increase Cursillo attendance from 5 participants per session, twice per year, to 8-12 participants per session, twice per year, by December 31, 2020.
2. Increase participation in distinct faith formation offerings for all ages annually over the next 18-24 months.
3. Promote devotion to the Sacred Heart, as modeled by St. Margaret Mary, including increasing Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to at least 24 hours a week by December, 2020.
4. In partnership with Staff and Liturgy Committee, promote a yearly liturgical theme that develops a deepening of our relationship with God in prayer and daily life experiences.

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ENGAGEMENT

Engagement meets people where they are in order to enhance and deepen their faith by drawing them closer to God through increased interest, presence, and participation in the Church community.

Rationale: We believe engagement of all members is the vehicle we can use to bring people to a deeper level of church involvement.

Goals:

1. Increase multi-generational participation and ministry integration in parish sponsored community outreach programs by organizing 3-4 service projects focused on poverty within the local community by December 2020.
2. Provide training opportunities annually utilizing workshops, talks, videos and other means that assist parishioners in how to witness their faith so that by 2021, at least 750 people surveyed through the Disciple-maker Index will report they felt equipped to share a witness quarterly.