

Thirsting for life? Come to Christ!



Living Water Catholic

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
AMESBURY, MA

STAR OF THE SEA PARISH
SALISBURY, MA

Purpose Statement:

Our Collaborative Purpose is to guide our brothers and sisters to enter a personal relationship with Jesus Christ by being a welcoming, nurturing community of Christ's followers.

Values:

Courage

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27) We believe Jesus gives us the courage to live our Catholic faith in all aspects of our lives.

- We will use new methods (social media, for example) to share the good news of Jesus Christ.
- We will share Jesus' message using today's images and language.
- We will promote charitable and social justice activities in line with Catholic social teaching.
- We will avoid using the phrases "We have always done it this way" and "That will never work".

Care for God's Creation

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's grace." (1 Peter 4:10) We believe God is the source of all blessings; therefore we will exercise good stewardship with all that God has entrusted to us.

- We will respect and care for all people including those who are vulnerable, unborn children, persons with disabilities, poor, elderly, or suffering from illness.
- We will be transparent and accountable in each of our parish's financial operations.
- We will maintain and update our facilities and make them as energy efficient as possible for our use and the use of future generations of Christ's followers.
- We will recycle in our parishes and encourage parishioners to recycle.

Hospitality

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35) We will see the image of God and the person of Christ in each person we meet.

- We will extend an invitation through the St. Vincent de Paul Society for clients to attend all dinners sponsored by our parishes.
- We will encourage parishioners to welcome other parishioners and visitors to sacramental celebrations and all parish activities.
- We will host an annual Welcome Day (open house) to open our doors to the wider ecumenical, interfaith, and civic communities.
- We will use welcoming language and images in all parish communications.

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Vision:

Our parishes will flourish with increased participation because people will feel welcomed at all times and experience vibrant worship of Christ that is lived in our daily lives as people of faith, hope, and love.

Motto/Slogan:

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Priorities:

Priority 1: Engaging lifelong faith formation leading to vibrant and reverent celebration of the sacraments

SMART Goal A: Train and commission 50 to 60 ministers of hospitality by May 31, 2017 to serve at all sacramental celebrations.

SMART Goal B: Establish an inter-generational faith formation program by September 1, 2019.

Task 1: Establish a team of 8 to 12 members by September 1, 2016 that will explore at least 3 different inter-generational faith formation programs by April 1, 2017.

Task 2: Offer an introductory inter-generational faith formation experience by June 1, 2017.

Task 3: Provide an inter-generational faith formation option from September 1, 2017 to June 1, 2018.

Task 4: Increase involvement by 30%-40% in the inter-generational faith formation option between September 1, 2018 and June 1, 2019.

Priority 2: Help each person to consider God's plan for his or her life by creating a culture of vocations, with an intentional focus on vocations to the diocesan priesthood.

SMART Goal A: Establish a Vocation Team of 8 to 12 members by November 1, 2016.

SMART Goal B: Be intentional about creating a culture of vocations in our parishes by implementing two to three activities in each of the three main vocation activity areas - prayer, awareness, and invitation - from June 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

SMART Goal C: Have one seminarian enter theological studies for the diocesan priesthood by September 1, 2023.

Priority 3: Community engagement through Christian service

SMART Goal A: Establish a Charity and Justice Team of 8 to 12 members by December 1, 2016.

SMART Goal B: Involve 50 to 75 people annually in 2 to 3 newly-established local service projects and 2 to 3 newly-established global awareness projects between February 1, 2017 and February 1, 2019.

Task 1: Survey parishioners by February 1 each year beginning in 2017 to determine types of service projects in which they may be interested in participating.