

**ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH
2010-2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND 2011-2012 GOALS**

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pastoral Study Goals (2007-2012)

Implement effective strategic planning process.

2010 -2011 Accomplishments

1. The council continued to focus on strategic planning, using documentation about celebration of the Eucharist, the implementation of the Roman missal translation, and oversight of the jubilee planning.
2. In light of the parish vision and mission, the jubilee recommendations were finalized and handed to the Jubilee Coordinating Committee.
3. In January a study day was held with the new and old council members. The Team chose to be part of the evening as well.
4. Discussions continue about how vision and mission involves all parish ministries and groups in conversation, cooperation and evangelization, especially in light of the possibilities during the Jubilee Time.

2011 -2012 Goals

1. By June, 2012, the five-year goals reach their conclusion. The council will evaluate the Pastoral Study process and how the goals were or were not implemented. The results will be shared with the parish.
2. The council will investigate how pastoral planning will occur beyond the five-year goals, e.g., a new pastoral study.
3. The study day for new and old members will be continued next January.
4. The council is open to materials, e.g., a book that can help in its pastoral planning.
5. Interaction of all parish groups is a priority, especially during the jubilee time.

GOALS FOR THE TEAM DURING JUBILEE TIME

- Our leadership involves strengthening community, “at-one-ment” with the varied members of our community, inviting parishioners throughout the year to envision the “big picture” of our faith community.
- We may find ways to break free of our routines, for example, vary the patterns of the team meetings, our ways of ministering.
- “Unclutter,” free ourselves of the non-essentials.
- During this holy fallow time of jubilee, reflect often on the good of our parish community, allow ourselves to be fed by the fruits of these fifty years.

YOUTH

Pastoral Study Goals (2007-2012)

1. **Develop an organized Youth Ministry.**
2. **Locate place for Youth to gather.**
3. **Develop an organized Young Adult Ministry.**

2010 -2011 Accomplishments

1. The Confirmation Preparation program continues to be strengthened. (1) A new master catechist was brought on board to assist with the confirmation preparation program. (2) The Soup Supper was scheduled for one evening and was well-attended. Other Confirmation class service projects now include work with HIHI, outreach, and other on-going communal service work. (3) the interview process now includes all levels of confirmandi from the end of sixth grade until the end of eighth grade.
2. The Youth Minister attended the Young Adult seminar at Fordham University to further update on how best to meet this very challenging sector of the parish community.
3. Youth Ministry works at ways to integrate social justice into the year. For example, the annual Lock-In featured a hands-on experience of homelessness.

2011 -2012 Goals

- As five year goals wind down, reflect on what shape young adult ministry has taken in the parish, identify the strengths and plan for a realistic form for the ministry.
- Continue to connect the sports programs to the vision and mission of the parish, e.g., through board membership.

FAITH FORMATION (ADULTS AND CHILDREN)

Pastoral Study Goals (2007-2012)

(See Sacraments and Liturgy)

2010 -2011 Accomplishments

1. The brochure was published which explains how families are integrated into all aspects of our religious education program including year-by-year contents, justice programs, family prayer, social events, etc.
2. Adult formation was publicized, inviting all parishioners to the twelve-sessions-a-week adult formation classes offered to Family Program parents.
3. The parenting program for young mothers was begun on a trial basis this spring, using the Spiritual Life Center.
4. The practicality of separating the 6th grade participants was investigated and it was found that this is not advisable at this time.
5. The Family Celebration Committee was created to plan and provide social activities and events for families in our Family Program. Parents were invited

to assist at an event in the fall but were not ready to commit. The spring event did not occur because of the severe winter storms.

6. Parish missions are now scheduled through 2013.

2011 -2012 Goals

- Invite all parishioners to formation classes on liturgy and new translation of the Roman missal (begins 11/27/11).
- Place Special Needs education under parishioner leadership.
- Examine diocesan Sacramental Preparation Guidelines in light of our parish family program, and adjust our program as needed.
- Evaluate the expansion of Confirmation service projects and organize so that all confirmation candidates experience forms of communal church service.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of new parenting program and support where needed.

JUSTICE

Pastoral Study Goal (2007-2012)

- 1. Enhance Social Justice education.**
- 2. Strengthen Outreach to continue to be a valuable resource for the poor (ongoing)**

2010 -2011 Accomplishments

1. Divorced and Beyond (eleven week healing process for those who have completed a divorce) was scheduled and successful this fall. It will be provided when there are sufficient people to form a viable group (this spring there were not enough to make it feasible).
2. The Drivers' Ministry was created to assist parishioners in transportation.
3. The Huntington Hospital volunteers have clear procedures developed as they bring communion to the sick once a week.
4. Three parish study event/days on justice issues were scheduled, focusing on the environment and stewardship of God's creation.
5. The parish received documentation from its private carter that all materials are recycled.
6. Respect Life Ministry was reorganized and received new leadership.
7. Monthly statistics are now published in the bulletin to inform the parish of how we use our resources to serve the needy.
8. A social justice component has been placed into the Family Program curriculum.
9. The Core Worker Handbook was completed.

2011 -2012 Goals

- Publish a brochure that assists parishioners in awareness of the social services offered by the parish and helps clients understand how best to receive assistance from the parish.
- Integrate further social justice education into the family program.

- Support the two new social service ministries, i.e., Drivers and Divorced and Beyond.
- Conclude the three-year mandate of the Catholic Climate Covenant.

STEWARDSHIP

Pastoral Study Goals (2007-2012)

1. **Strengthen Stewardship education.**
2. **Establish solid parish financial reserves.**
3. **Update Employee Handbook (ongoing).**

2010 -2011 Accomplishments

1. Preparation for the Jubilee is coordinated in light of Stewardship and inviting parishioners to assist throughout the Jubilee Time.
2. The Spiritual Life Center was investigated on more utilization. (1) The lower level was renovated with bathrooms and kitchen and now welcomes twelve-step programs (ten times a week). (2) Parenting program began using the first floor during the week. (3) Other parishes use the facility for staff planning and prayer days.
3. Additional funds are slowly building up the parish reserve.

2011 -2012 Goals

- Continue to find ways to “go paperless” and use on-line ways of parish support and registrations for programs and events, e.g., family program.
- Build on the past year’s enhanced use of the Spiritual Life Center.

SACRAMENTS AND LITURGY

Pastoral Study Goal (2007-2012)

Review and enhance *all* sacramental processes, e.g., Baptisms, Pre-Cana, Anointing, etc.

2010 -2011 Accomplishments

1. Baptismal Preparation was enhanced by forming peer-based ministry, thus involving parishioners in the formation of the young parents.
2. Sunday Eucharist continues to be primary and sports programs have been urged not to schedule activities during parish mass times.
3. Preparations are underway for the implementation of the revised Roman Missal (Advent, 2011).
4. Eucharistic Adoration hours were adjusted in light of the minimum diocesan requirement for attendees and the diminished number of adorers.
5. A designated room that can be used for choir Practice Room was investigated and not found feasible because of increased use of space for religious education.

2011 -2012 Goals

- Review the First Communion liturgies in light of growing numbers of family program participants.
- Revitalize the Wake Service ministry and further organize funeral liturgies.
- Catechize parishioners regarding the implementation of the new translation of the missal (11/27/11) and explore the need for a new hymnal.
- Review and update parish-based marriage preparation (FOCCUS and pre-cana).

EVANGELIZATION

Pastoral Study Goals (2007-2012)

- 1. Develop plan for reaching out to inactive parishioners.**
- 2. Enhance Hospitality in light of Evangelization.**

2010 -2011 Accomplishments

1. A group has been meeting to form a more structured Welcoming Ministry.
2. Monthly hospitality now includes a welcoming table for new parishioners and some parish groups used the occasions to offer information about their ministries.

2011 -2012 Goals

- Use the jubilee time to renew efforts to reach out to inactive parishioners.
- Continue to use hospitality weekends to welcome new parishioners and provide information about parish ministries and groups.
- Develop further the Welcoming Ministry.

COMMUNICATION

Pastoral Study Goals (2007-2012)

- 1. Plan 50th anniversary celebration(s).**
- 2. Establish parish archive for photos, memorabilia, articles, etc.**
- 3. Have more effective use of Mission and Vision statements (ongoing).**

2010 -2011 Accomplishments

1. The Jubilee Coordinating Committee has begun preparations for the fiftieth anniversary (November, 2011 – November, 2012). They have formed twenty (20) working committees and also met with the seventy (70) leaders of parish ministries and groups.
2. With the Jubilee as a springboard, the parish community continues working with all parish groups with the goal of cooperation and flexibility regarding activities.
3. Signage for Christmas and Easter was added (on Wolf Hill Road) to welcome worshipers.

2011 -2012 Goals

- Continue the development of the parish archives.

- Use the jubilee time to enhance the website.
- Invite all ministries and groups to focus on the parish mission and vision statement especially during the jubilee time.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Pastoral Study Goals (2007-2012)

- 1. Compile long-range plan for building maintenance.**
- 2. Investigate entrance and exit enhancement.**
- 3. Maximize use of space and properties.**
- 4. Investigate a “toddler room” in the church.**

2010 -2011 Accomplishments

1. The twelve-step groups were moved into the renovated lower level of the Spiritual Life Center.
2. Landscaping was improved especially along the east side of the property.
3. Two further classrooms were enhanced for faith formation and meeting space.
4. The parking lot was resealed.
5. Lighting was improved in the Hospitality Room.

2011 -2012 Goals

- Continue plan to refurbish classrooms, e.g. air-condition that last two rooms.
- Continue enhancing the landscaping, especially by St. Anthony’s field fence.
- Prepare the church for the jubilee time.
- Install pews to replace the chairs in light of damage and breakage.