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ST. DAVID CHURCH

Next Generation Parish

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PARISH VISION, VALUES, AND PRIORITIES

OUR VISION

Knowing Jesus is the best gift that any person can receive; that we have encountered him is the best thing that has happened in our lives, and making him known by our word and deeds is our joy. ~Pope Benedict XVI



OUR VALUES

Faith

We are a people of FAITH that gather in worship and prayer in response to God's gifts, to hope in faithfulness, and rejoice in the Catholic tradition. We must not only keep the faith and live it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it.

<u>Leadership</u>

We believe in Christian LEADERSHIP, rooted in our love for Christ, is the act of influencing and serving others. It creates a shared vision in and among parish organizational members and the larger community it serves.

<u>Hospitality</u>

We generously WELCOME all to join with us in building a community of faith rooted in the love of Christ. We desire to be welcoming and generous hosts to everyone we encounter as people come to celebrate the Sacraments and participate in our various parish groups and ministries.

Priority 1: Faith Formation

From the time we are born until the time we die we are called to grow in faith. We desire to journey together to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ.

> Rationale: "If you seek her like silver, and like hidden treasure search her out, then will you understand the fear of the Lord; the knowledge of God you will find." ~ Proverbs 2: 4-5

Priority 1: Faith Formation

Desired Outcomes

~Stronger collaboration and communication among various faith formation groups and parishioners.

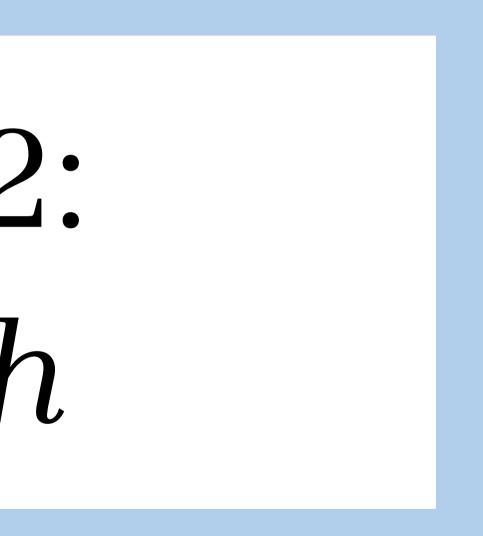
~Foster various opportunities for individuals at all stages of spiritual growth.

~Proclaim the opportunities to deepen our faith and relationship with Christ.

~Increased parish engagement measured through sacramental participation and DMI self-report.

Priority 1: Faith Formation

Priority 2: Outreach



As a community of disciples, and in a spirit of unity, St. David will foster a culture where those who are invested, those who are inquiring and those who are on the margin find a dynamic community that manifests the face of Christ. In all that we do, we will support the members within our parish and the surrounding community.

Rationale: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." ~Matthew 25:40

Priority 2: Outreach

Desired Outcomes

~An outreach "umbrella" will coordinate parish service activity.

~Increase parish's visible presence to foster parish and community engagement.

~More parishioners will participate in service activities each year.

Priority 2: *Outreach*

Priority 3: Stewardship



As a community that values faith formation and outreach, we need the solid foundation which allows for a long-term investment in St. David Parish. It is from this foundation, we are gathered, formed & sent out into the world to share the good news.

Priority 3: *Stewardship*

Rationale: "...be like a wise man who built his house on a rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock." ~*Matthew* 7: 24-27

Desired Outcomes ~Increase the number of parishioners participating in Eucharistic Adoration.

~Increase the number of parishioners who are willing to share their time and talent with the parish community.

~Increase the financial support of the parish.

Priority 3: *Stewardship*



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