

Parish Life Commission
2011 Annual Plan

A. Commission Vision Statement

In collaboration with the parish and the ministries, the Parish Life commission fosters an atmosphere that recognizes every person is an encounter with Christ. Members of the parish joyfully unite in fellowship. Parishioners of all generations feel valued and connected as they enthusiastically share their discerned gifts of time and talent.

B. Commission Objectives and Action Plans

Objective 1: Develop Welcoming and Hospitality initiatives that allow parishioners to demonstrate their faith through the experience of love: the love of a community of persons and of generations.

Action Plan: Explore development of a **mentor program** for new parishioners by evaluating similar programs used in other churches; and by drafting program proposal.

Action Plan: Enhance the visibility, function and staffing of the **welcome center**.

Indicators of Objective 1 Achievement:

1. Determined feasibility of a Mentor Program after review of at least 4 mentor programs currently operating in other parishes. Draft program according to feasibility findings.
2. Increase in the number of visitors and new parishioners that sign in. Target is to have an average of 12 visitors sign in each week.
3. Volunteer(s) present at the welcome center before and after every weekend mass.

Objective 2: Schedule Social and Community Building Activities so as to experience the Love of Christ as it is revealed in our relationships with each other outside of the traditional worship service.

Action Plan: Establish subcommittee for coordination of **Parish Sunday** revisions that include: greater access; greater frequency; a means to coordinate food and beverages; and a means to communicate to parishioners the various programs/organizations within the parish community by having those organizations 'host' Parish Sunday on a rotating basis.

Action Plan: Explore the possibility of a program/event to **build community among the wide-range of generations** at St. Vincent de Paul. (Possible example: a letter writing "pen pal" relationship between the school, Faith Formation students and older parish members, with the possibility of a social event, maybe around Valentine's day.)

Indicators of Objective 2 Achievement:

1. Subcommittee in place by March 1st for Parish Sunday to begin June 1st.
2. 10 different ministries host in a year so that parishioners become aware of programs through our parish Sunday communication channels.
3. Determine feasibility of a new intergenerational program or event.

Objective 3: Energize Stewardship opportunities to enter into relationships with the community as brothers and sisters in Christ in unity.

Action Plan: Develop strategy to motivate parish members (especially **pre-teens and teens**) to assume the responsibility of **stewardship in the life of the parish** by using their gifts of time and talent to support the communal, social, and recreational needs of the faith community.

Indicators of Objective 3 Achievement:

1. Creation and distribution of stewardship program opportunities for **pre-teens and teens**.
2. A yearly activity for gift discovery is planned and scheduled.
3. Collaboration with parish ministries to present educational, energetic stewardship updates is planned.

C. First Estimate of Total Projected Commission Operating Revenue and Expense:

Parish Sunday Revenue: \$776.00 each month. Expense: \$1584.00 each month

No other additional Parish Life revenue, additional expense of \$150.00 overall.

Revenue/Expense Breakdown

Action Item	Revenue	Estimate of Expense
Feasibility of Mentor Program	0	0
Welcome Center Enhancements	0	\$100 (lamp, signage, etc)
Parish Sunday	\$776.00 each month	\$1,584.00 each month
Explore Intergenerational Program	0	0
Parishioner time stewardship	0	\$50 (copy program materials, communications)

D. Potential Opportunities for Collaboration with other Commissions

1. Collaborate with Faith Formation and Education Commission on intergenerational plan.
2. Collaborate with Outreach Commission on stewardship initiatives.
3. Collaborate with Liturgy Commission on Welcome Desk
4. Possible collaboration with Finance & Administration Commission on recordkeeping for volunteer involvement, new parishioners and new parishioner engagement.