



Resurrection of the Lord *and*
St. Joseph Catholic Church

Priority Plan

2023 - 2025

Dear Parish Family,

We are looking forward to the future with courage and hope and a great trust that God is leading us all the way. When you think about the great heritage of faith we have inherited from our ancestors, we are humbled by their dedication to serve, worship and love others. At this point in our history, we want to pass on this faith to the next generation of parishioners. The enclosed plan is the work of an envisioning team made up of parishioners who want to ensure this parish will serve them, their children, grandchildren and great children long into the future. The challenges ahead also give us opportunities to creatively respond and follow God's lead in assuring people will know the Lord and their faith, to invite current and new people get involved in the parish as never before and to develop a new generation of parish leaders. You are a part of God's plan for this parish community and have a stake in its future. Please pray for the parish as we take this step forward in faith.

Peace,

Fr. Ron



Parish Purpose Statement

The purpose of Resurrection of the Lord and St. Joseph Catholic Church is to share the "Good News" by staying true to Scripture and Tradition. Our Purpose is to showcase our love of family and build a community of disciples, so that parishioners can nurture their faith in God and encourage others to also walk with Christ.



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Active Faith

Incorporating the Lord's teaching into our daily lifestyle

- We will meet and accept people where they are and accompany them on their journey through life.
 - We will seek opportunities to share our faith and individual gifts to display Christ's love.
 - We will attend Mass to celebrate the Eucharist and learn how to embrace the Lord's teachings.
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Catholic Identity

Living out Core Catholic beliefs as children of God and as witnesses of Christ through hope and tradition

- We will actively seek God's will through Scripture and Tradition and encourage others to do the same.
 - We will, as a Eucharistic people, celebrate the real presence of Christ in the Body and Blood.
 - We will encourage attendance at Mass (as able) to celebrate the living Body of Christ found in the community of our parish.
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Vibrancy

Fostering an enthusiastic environment that promotes an encounter with Jesus Christ

- We will enthusiastically bring others to Christ.
- We will attract others through living Christ's mission intentionally.
- We will encourage others to mirror Christ through a passion for the Gospel.

Parish Vision Statement

The community of Resurrection of the Lord and St. Joseph Catholic Church, a rural parish family, will be fully engaged and visible in the community, modeling and nurturing a life centered in Christ, empowering people at all stages of faith, to be beacons of hope and love by our service to others on their journey toward eternal life.



Priorities and Goals

Faith Formation

Provide opportunity for children and adults to encounter Jesus, grow in their relationship with God, and further practice of the Catholic faith.

- **Goal one:** Increase by 20% participation of parishioners in youth catechesis grades 1 – 8 by October 31, 2025
- **Goal two:** All parishioners will have 6 – 8 specific and/or varied opportunities to share and grow in their faith by June 30th, 2025

Involvement

Identify the gifts/talents of each parishioner and empower them to enhance the life of the parish community and the greater community.

- **Goal one:** Utilize 4 – 6 creative resources to increase awareness of new and existing opportunities for parish involvement by January 31st, 2024
- **Goal two:** To make our parish life more vibrant and meaningful, create 2 – 3 diverse approaches to identify availability, talent, and personal interest of our parishioners by September 30th, 2024

Parish Leadership

To identify, increase and support parishioners' participation in the diverse leadership responsibilities essential to the parish and community outreach.

- **Goal one:** Provide 2 - 4 targeted opportunities for parishioners to identify leadership talents within nine months of the start of the implementation phase for the parish envisioning project
- **Goal two:** Fill six leadership positions in Councils and Commissions in the areas of Evangelization/Vocations, Worship, Pastoral Care, Administration, and Christian Service and Faith Formation for Children/Adults within six months of completion of goal one