

The Parish of Saints John and Andrew

Indicators of Vitality Survey

How well is our parish meeting the needs of our parishioners? How well are we reaching out to evangelize those who have left the practice of the faith as well as those who have never heard the Good News?

Last November a large cross section of parishioners began meeting to prayerfully reflect on these questions by examining five indicators of the vitality of our parish: **worship, education, administration, community, service**. Below are the results of their work.

In an effort to involve our entire parish community in this important process we ask you to read through each of the suggestions and prioritize them according to your own needs, perspective, and concerns. Also, feel free to write in a suggestion or to elaborate on the suggestions provided. *Please return this form via the collection basket next weekend April 29th/ 30th*. Thank you!

Worship: Please number the following 1—5 (or 1 – 6 if you provide your own suggestion); 1 being the most important

- Establish a ministry of greeters.
- Offering additional and various opportunities for prayer and worship (adoration, retreats, pilgrimages, groups, etc.).
- Strengthening our sacred music ministry (new hymnals, etc.).
- Further involvement of children in Mass and music ministry.
- Strengthen connection and participation between Eucharist and ministry (homebound, service to the poor, etc.).
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Education: Please number the following 1-6 (or 1-7); 1 being the most important

- More opportunities for adult education and ongoing formation (Bible study, classes, open RCIA sessions)
- Reaching out to families with activities that include all members (Advent, Lent sessions).
- Consider alternate faith formation models (ex. classroom, family, group, activity based)
- Provide further training for and encourage greater participation in various ministerial roles (lector, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, catechist, etc.).
- Provide follow-up formation after Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA.

Establish greater connection between our parish and St. John the Evangelist School.

Administration: Please number the following 1-5 (or 1-6); 1 being the most important

Establish a parish financial plan.

Establish a physical plant strategic plan.

Establish written operational policies and procedures for the parish and staff.

Seek volunteers for administrative assistance as needed.

Continue to improve and enhance technology and communication (website, bulletin, etc.).

Community: Please number the following 1-4 (or 1-5); 1 being the most important

Establishing a way to further welcome new parishioners in addition to the welcome greeting card, brochure, and census form.

Developing parishioners' charisms (gifts, talents) to better seek their assistance with parish activities.

Make a greater effort to invite participation of all in parish activities, groups, events, etc.

Assess parish community events.

Service: Please number the following 1-5 (or 1-6); 1 being the most important

Better communicate to parishioners how the parish is involved in service to the community.

Reach out to those with disabilities.

Provide greater awareness of what is offered in this area for people who are in need and how parishioners can help meet various needs.

Collaborate with others (Catholic Charities, etc.) to assist those in need in order to avoid duplicating services.

Communicate other ways to serve outside of our parish that are available (ex. in the local community).
