

# **The Parish Mission Plan for St Thomas More – April 2019**

**Tuesday, April 30 – Evening of Prayer, Planning and Positive Impact**

**6:30 pm to 8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall**

## **Why do we need a Mission Plan?**

As a church we exist to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)...

Jesus said to his disciples, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

Our Bishop has asked every parish in the Diocese of Green Bay to develop and begin implementing a mission plan that will “make disciples.” The mission plan and disciples of Jesus will ultimately make a positive impact in the lives of people in our community.

## **What makes St Thomas More unique?**

We are a Catholic Church in Northeast Wisconsin and share many common things with other Catholic churches; we educate, celebrate sacraments, and do good works. Some of our unique qualities include our warm and caring relationships with one another, our generous educational offerings, our reverent prayer and worship within a beautiful modern church, and our active outreach to the community. As we go forward with our Mission Plan, we want to build on these unique strengths.

## **What has been accomplished so far?**

Guided by the Parish Mission Planning Process, a small but diverse group of dedicated parish members met for three months in the fall of 2018 and created our first draft of the Parish Mission Plan. This plan highlighted Discipleship (Discovering and Following Jesus), Eucharist (Worshipping Jesus), and Community outreach (Sharing Jesus) as the three main focus areas. Included in the plan were seven specific projects. We now want to move this plan forward and begin the projects.

## **What are the specific projects in the plan?**

- 1) Develop a discipleship covenant with new and current parish members
- 2) Develop a family mentoring program
- 3) Participate in the Religious Education Initiative of the Diocese of Green Bay
- 4) Create three opportunities for young adults at St Thomas More
- 5) Hire a music director to lead multiple choirs and support the music director’s efforts to attract music talent
- 6) Create a one year calendar of service projects for our students, families and parishioners to volunteer while learning and deepening their faith.
- 7) Communicate effectively regarding the call to be missionary disciples and the importance of our parish mission plan.

## **How do we move this plan forward?**

The seven Project teams have met at least once between February 26 and April 30 and have begun to firm up their plans. These teams consist of Point persons (one staff member and one pastoral council member), Human resource persons (staff members or other lay leaders or parish committee members), and other interested persons.

All who are currently a member of a project team are encouraged to gather on April 30. Any other interested parish members are also welcome to attend this gathering. It is very important for all teams to be in the same place at the same time and hear the same message. We will pray together, receive updates from the Project teams, and invite the Holy Spirit to reveal how we can make a positive impact in our community.

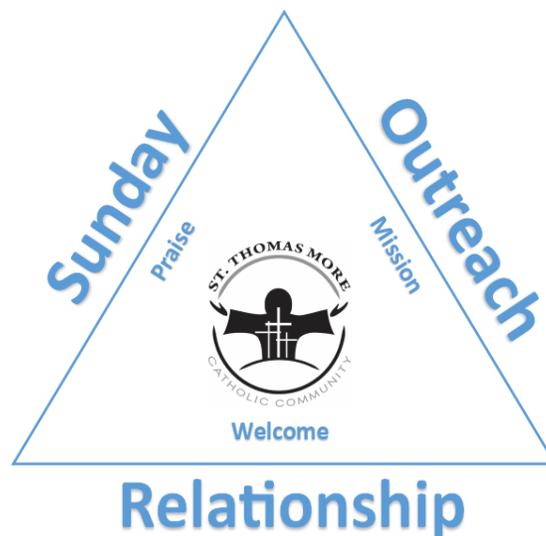
## **What should happen after April 30?**

After April 30, some project teams will “Spring” into action! We hope that each project team will continue to meet, plan and move their project forward to completion. Please mark your calendar to meet again as a large group on October 1 when we hope to check in and share how the Holy Spirit is inspiring us to make a positive impact in our community.

## **Ultimately, what does “success” look like?**

Jesus has commissioned us with these words and with his power - “Go therefore, and make disciples.” We will be successful if we continue to make disciples of Jesus. Disciples of Jesus will reinvigorate our faith community, grow in holiness and active membership, and will go forth to make a positive impact in our wider community. Then the Kingdom of God will be revealed and experienced in people’s lives!

## **What does the St Thomas More Parish Mission Plan Logo look like?**



Let us trust that the Holy Spirit is guiding us as a community of faith and giving us the grace to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus. Let us work together on this amazing journey of love!