

# **PASTORAL PLAN**

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### **WHAT IS THE PASTORAL PLAN?**

The Pastoral Plan is a document that summarizes the reasons St. Michael parish exists.

### **WHY DO WE HAVE/NEED ONE?**

Having a mission, vision and purpose helps clarify direction for the future. They help in decision-making and prioritization of activities. We'll know if we're doing the "right" things because the "right" things will lead us toward the vision. We can accomplish more when we have a singular focus.

### **WHAT IS THE MISSION OF ST. MICHAEL PARISH?**

To make disciples.

### **I'M NOT SURE WHAT THAT MEANS.....**

That's ok, we're all still learning. It begins with an encounter with the Lord. You can start by investing more deeply in your prayer life.

### **IS THIS FATHER BOROWIAK'S IDEA?**

Actually, it's what Jesus told us to do. "Go, therefore and make disciples,...teaching them to observe all that I commanded you." Matthew 28:19 It's not so much that St. Michael Church has a mission, but Jesus' mission has St. Michael Church.

### **WHEN WILL WE BE FINISHED WITH IT?**

It's not something we're doing, but it's who we are as a parish community. We're working to be a parish on mission rather than a parish in maintenance-mode. Missionary parishes are dynamic, energetic, vibrant and exciting places, filled with people who share the Good News!

### **I THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT THE PRIESTS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING?**

Yes, priests are called to make disciples. Our parish vision statement describes us as "living stones" to build a spiritual house to make saints and give glory to God. We are co-responsible for the mission to make disciples.

### **WHAT IF I DON'T AGREE? WHAT IF IT'S NOT FOR ME?**

St. Pope John Paul II said that as baptized Catholics, it's our supreme duty to make disciples. This is the direction we're going as a parish. We'd love for you to join us. You are called. Be His disciple.

### **HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?**

Check the parish website beginning in September for a list of event offerings. You'll find contact information there if you have more questions.