

Unleashing the Gospel at St. Irenaeus

Four Pillars of Growth During Coming Year

Spirit of “Radical” Hospitality



- Genuine welcome to everyone walking through our doors
- Foster sense of “belonging” and “spiritual family”
- Special attention to newcomers and those who have been away
- Culture of hospitality as the foundation of every parish activity and ministry
- Invite – Welcome – Feed – Love – Support
- Child, senior, special needs, and stranger-friendly – come join us!
- People in the pews have BIG role to play!
- Share your joy – smile!

Life-Changing Encounters with Jesus



- Our parish will gain a clear and dynamic understanding of what a life-changing encounter means
- Encounters with Jesus are moments in our lives that have such an impact that it causes us to change how we live
- Once we encounter Christ and hear His call, we are faced with a decision whether to follow Him and to surrender daily
- To encounter and follow Jesus is a constant process of growth... we will help parishioners grow in discipleship and deepen their relationship with Christ

Transformational Sunday Worship Experience



- Foster deeper understanding and appreciation of Mass, leading to a personal encounter with Jesus in Word and Eucharist
- What people bring with them to Mass affects what they get out of it... help them prepare (e.g. daily personal prayer, pre-reading Sunday scripture, etc.)
- Evaluate and enhance the quality of each aspect of our worship experience (e.g. homily, music, environment, etc.)
- Model, inspire and send individuals and families forth into mission (Go!)
- We are a spiritual family gathering together, and not just individuals sitting in pews
- Vibrant community of believers coming together in love of Lord and each other

Shallow Entry Points for People Seeking Jesus



- “Shallow entry points” are non-Mass experiences that invite others to experience Christ through a laid-back environment
- How can we invite others to experience some of the beauty and joy of our Christian faith?
- Evangelization does *not* begin with “truth bombs” or deep catechesis... it usually begins with person to person engagement and building relationships
- No matter the program, it is the attitude of welcome and the culture of accompaniment that is important
- Come join us for . . . great music, Works of Mercy, small group Bible study, movie night, Senior Fellowship dinner, special presentations, Christ-Life, Invite Weekend, etc.!