

*Please take a few minutes to read the following information (which explains more about the overall objective & why your feedback is important) and then share your thoughts to the questions following. **If you have already provided the Coordinator of your Ministry with this information, please disregard this email!***

Your responses are needed on or before Monday, October 29th and may be sent directly to the strategic planning team at: cpr@saintlukesparish.org.

If you prefer to turn in a hardcopy, please enclose it in an envelope addressed to Kathy Rasmussen and drop it by the Parish Office.

You may also mail it to the office: St. Luke Catholic Church, Attn: Kathy Rasmussen, 2807 Oakdale, Temple Tx 76502.

*The information you return will immediately be directed to Father James and the Strategic Planning Team. **Should you have any questions, comments and/or concerns, you may contact Any Dehart (254)541-9444.***

WHAT IS THE ST. LUKE PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN? HOW DID THIS COME ABOUT?

- The Diocese of Austin expects all parishes to operate off of a strategic plan to: “Lead our parishioners into a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.”
- Therefore, in the summer of 2011, Father James formed the Strategic Planning Team and tasked it with forming a 5-year plan for our parish.
- Part One of this was the “Parish-wide Survey” distributed in Spring 2012.
- Part Two began in June 2012 when Deacon Ralph Poyo was brought in to lead a Retreat which would help St. Luke establish a Parish Leadership Team. This Retreat was open to all parishioners and the focus was to help each of us understand and develop a common vision/purpose for our Parish Ministries.
- Following, several meetings were held with those who attended the Retreat and the St. Luke Parish Mission Statement and Vision Statement came to fruition.

- Deacon Ralph Poyo returned to St. Luke in August where he captivated us through his “Ignite Your Faith” Mission, with the closing night focused on “Becoming a Disciple of Christ.”
- **Part Three is NOW – the information you provide is instrumental in moving forward** so that we, as a parish family, can determine the nature and character of our St. Luke parish over the next several years and determine the changes that will benefit our parish in supporting our Parish Vision.

AS A PARISHIONER, YOU PLAY AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN DEFINING THE CURRENT MAJOR ISSUES OR CHANGES YOU FEEL ARE NEEDED WITHIN THE AREA(S) YOU ARE CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN.

Therefore, please take a moment to answer the following questions and return this information on or before Monday, Oct. 29th, by emailing: cpr@saintlukesparish.org.

You may also follow one of the options listed in the second paragraph of this email. Should you have any confusion with the questions below, you may email cpr@saintlukesparish.org or contact Andy DeHart (254)541-9444

1. Your Name and the Name of Your Ministry

a. Note: If you are involved in more than one ministry and can provide different feedback for those specific ministries, please complete these questions for each one.

2. How can your ministry coordinate simple efforts and practices so that all members of your ministry are saying the same thing (being in unity) about our Parish Vision Statement and goals?

The Mission & Vision Statement as well as our Parish Goals were all listed on Page Two of the St. Luke Stewardship Guidebook & Directory; however, for your convenience, it is listed below:

- St. Luke Parish Mission Statement: To become a dynamic community of loving disciples, bringing the living reality of Jesus Christ to our parish, families and neighbors.

- St. Luke Parish Vision Statement: As “a chosen people of God, a royal priesthood, a holy nation” (I Peter 2:9), we firmly resolve to respond to the call to Discipleship, and to “direct our every thought, word, and action to the truth of the Gospel and to harness all our energies in the service of God’s Kingdom. Only in this way can we build with God, on the one foundation, which is Christ (cf I Corinthians 3:11). Only in this way can we build something that will truly endure. Only in this way can our lives find ultimate meaning and bear lasting fruit.” (Homily at Yankee Stadium, April 2008)

- *We firmly resolve to* become a community of faith—of believers filled with zeal for the Lord—living witnesses to the goodness and beauty of God our Father, fortified with spiritual strength and holy living.

- *We firmly resolve to* be drawn to Christian discipleship, watering the community with God’s grace, like the dew that brings refreshment to the earth, in daily droplets of love and faith-filled good works, being witnesses that edify and nurture all she encounters. (Micah 5:6)

- *We Desire All Members of Our Parish to Personally Embrace the Call to Discipleship:*

- + Repent in our hearts, being open to the Holy Spirit in our lives.

- Spend daily prayer time in communion with our Lord with sincerity of heart.

- Study Scripture every day, reflecting on how to apply it to our lives.

- Routinely encounter Christ in the sacraments, particularly in the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

- Establish relationships with each other so that we ~

1. Know each other by name

2. Know each other’s circumstances

3. Help carry each other’s crosses

4. Help lead each other to Christ

3. How do you or will you make that happen? How can you improve what you are currently doing to be even more effective?

4. What advice can you offer that would ensure all members of your ministry are sufficiently trained in your ministry processes and procedures? How would you (or could you) make that happen? How could you improve what you are currently doing in this area that you feel would be even more effective?

5. How can your ministry create an environment that is warm, welcoming and open to learning each other's names and the names of the parishioners you directly come in contact with; define common practices to serve within your ministry; be consistent; and continue to strive to achieve the goal(s) established? How do you feel this could happen? How could you improve what you are currently doing to be even more effective?

6. How can your communication efforts regularly remind other members of your ministry about "having a relationship with God" and each other? (Refer to the Parish Vision Statement.) What do you determine it will take "to get there"? What can you/your ministry do to make this happen? What can you/your ministry do right now to be even more effective?

Again, answer the questions to the best of your ability and please make sure to return by Monday, October 29th. Thank you very much!