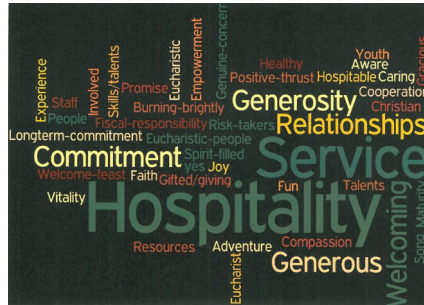


Lifting up our Parish Strengths

Church of St. Patrick-Edina



Each year, the Parish Council and Staff meet for an annual retreat. This year we met in the fall over two evenings to begin a process of identifying how we can continue to grow and build on the strengths of this vibrant parish. The discussion resulted in identifying three focus areas for St. Patrick's in the coming year:

- Experiencing Sunday Liturgy as our Summit
- A Deeper and Broader Engagement of parishioners
- Reaching Beyond Ourselves to needs in the broader community.

In December and January, each commission of the Parish Council was asked to brainstorm key ideas for these focus areas that:

- Draw the people of St. Patrick's into even fuller participation in liturgical celebrations
- Help people feel like they are engaged at a broader and/or deeper level in our community
- Grow people's passion for service and justice in the world

Most recently, the commissions have collaborated with the Parish Council to recognize what these ideas mean to each group and how it would enhance their work in the parish going forward. In the coming weeks we will use this space to communicate the action plans that have been put together by the commissions. Please take some time to review these plans each week and let us know what you think by contacting Parish Council Chair John Mauriel at 952-920-8933 or mauri001@umn.edu with your suggestions and comments. As always, you are invited to contact any of the Parish Council reps or staff listed on the back of the bulletin as well.

The word mosaic you see here is a compilation of the strengths of St. Patrick's as identified at the Council/Staff retreat which took place the Fall of 2010. Please return to the website for updated and more detailed information on this endeavor in the weeks ahead. Thank you!