

# **Lifting Up Our Parish to Foster Spiritual Growth, Community, and Service**

## **Focus Areas**

### **Sunday as Summit**

*The Call to Communal Spirituality*

Our spiritual growth is sparked by our liturgical celebrations. These liturgies are welcoming, joyful, and intentionally inclusive celebrations. They deepen, sanctify, and challenge us to express our faith more fully in our day-to-day lives. We demonstrate our commitment to this through the Eucharist.

### **Deeper and Broader Engagement**

*The Call to the Community of the Holy Spirit*

What sets our church community apart from all the other community's that we each participate in? We come together as a parish community to share common spiritual beliefs, values and our unique gifts. We thrive as individuals and as a parish on the quality of these relationships. We welcome and integrate the gifts of all members from youth and young families to our older and established families so that we become a vibrant and engaged community of 1300+ parish families that build something much greater than the parts themselves.

### **Reaching Beyond Ourselves**

*The Call to the World's Needs*

What is the world calling us to do? St. Patrick grows people's passion for lifelong service and justice in the world. We extend our commitment to and beyond the Parish Community through charity and systemic change so that our passion for social justice will make a noticeable difference and positive contribution to the larger community in need of spiritual and material healing.

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