



## **Visioning 2.0: A Vision for St. Mark's**

### **Small Group Meetings Summary**

**Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7:30 PM**

**Attending: April Sedall (member of the parish for 1 month) and Elizabeth Lewis (lifelong member of the parish – 45 years).**

#### **Mission and Outreach**

- Lead other local parishes in interdenominational event related to Relay for Life.
- Incorporate ideas from the SCARCE website and their local resources, including: [https://salsa.democracynaction.org/o/703/t/9669/shop/custom.jsp?donate\\_page\\_KEY=5154](https://salsa.democracynaction.org/o/703/t/9669/shop/custom.jsp?donate_page_KEY=5154)
- Share resources with SCARCE to support our other ministries and save cost.
- Ship soccer balls or other donated items to Mexico just prior to mission trip.
- Increase participation/collection of recycled clothing and items.
- Deepen relationship with St. Gregory's School and parish. Hands-on mission work there for our youth and families.

#### **Worship**

- Consider options to lengthy bulletin each Sunday related to paper cost and staying green.
- Saturday or Sunday mass, occasionally led by youth, including variety of musical formats, appealing to families with children.

#### **Music**

- Expanded music offerings. Different styles.
- Invite a gospel choir to visit.
- Host an interdenominational music and choral concert.

#### **Education/Youth**

- Jr. High/Sr. High "Club – on-campus "safe" location to hang out for 2 hours once or twice a week with no particular educational agenda, but with snack, music, bookshelf, perhaps occasional service project easy to assemble/complete during that time. Rotating parent chaperones to check on room from time to time. Could bring homework, could bring friends. A place for them.

## **Parish Life**

- Casual family sports outings off-campus, like bowling.
- More family social events on campus, like Oktoberfest.
- Teens/family variety-talent show.
- Host regular open houses/tours for prospective members.
- PR our “inclusiveness” personality, all welcome, door is open, known for caring for those in our community.
- Have hospitality and/or sales tables at more community events; be a regular presence.
- Remind parishioners to bring friends/families/adults/teens to events and regular programs all year long.
- Enhance Finance Committee and consider a professional planner.
- Full time office staffing, with longer hours.
- Communications coordinator on staff.

## **Parish Grounds**

- Prairie restoration project on-campus themed to native plants that grew around the parish 100 years ago.
- Children’s garden with sculpture, paths and plants – constructed and maintained by youth of parish and those attending schools on campus.
- Arbor Day celebration – plant a tree each year and invite community to our campus. Incorporate Arbor Day theme into educational programs that month.
- Enhanced plant sale timed with Arbor Day.