

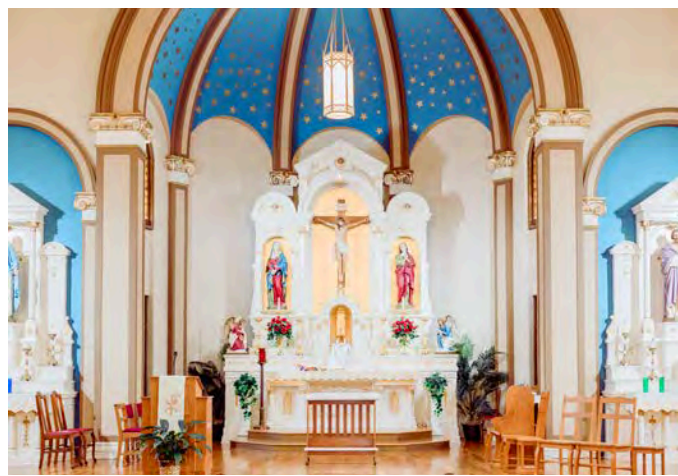
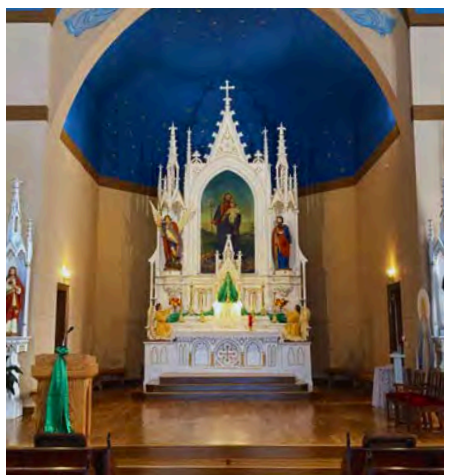
VISION 2025

FULFILLED!

CELEBRATING GOD'S WORK
in Our Parish Family

*God has been at work.
God is at work.*

FORMING SAINTS.
TRANSFORMING LIVES.
BUILDING HIS KINGDOM.



A DREAM. A VISION.

A Reality

We want to report on a dream that was created in 2017 while establishing our parish purpose. A small group of parishioners began meeting in January 2016 to not only craft our Purpose but also cast a vision to 2025 for who we would become if we lived out our purpose to the fullest. Today is a day to rejoice, look back and thank God, because this vision has become a reality.

Through God's grace we have concretely fulfilled our 2025 Vision and we need to rejoice! We want to set a new vision for 2033; but prior to that, gratitude and awareness are important!

The 2025 Vision below was created through our overarching purpose of the parish that will never change.

VISION: TO BE THE PILLAR OF FAITH AND HOPE IN DEARBORN COUNTY AND THE WORLD; AND A BEACON OF DYNAMIC MINISTRY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS BY:

- ~ Encouraging all parishioners to know and live our parish's purpose.
- ~ Allowing our authentic worship to transform us, so it can be an inspiration to others.
- ~ Fulfilling our Lord's command to watch and wait with devotion and joy in our perpetual adoration chapel.
- ~ Strengthening the foundation of our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for it to become a model of faithful teaching throughout our parish.
- ~ Placing our youth and young adults at the center of our ministries with an emphasis on vocational discernment and self-sacrificial giving to the community.
- ~ Establishing a ministry of compassionate service that is substantial, collaborative, and evangelistic.
- ~ Fostering perpetual care for our buildings and cemeteries through a culture of giving.
- ~ Building deeper bonds among parishioners rooted in true Christian charity

OUR PARISH PURPOSE

Forming the saints God is calling us to be by providing faithful teaching, authentic worship and compassionate service.

Our faith and actions nourish engaged Catholics, inspire unengaged Catholics, and invite all to Christ's Church.

BY THE NUMBERS

 **57,000+**
YouTube Subscribers

 **336**
Weekly Adorers

 **200+**
Children in CGS
Each Week

 **9**
Seminarians

 **1500+**
Teens Formed
Through INTENSE

 **21**
Buildings & 4
Cemeteries Cared For

Now, let's look at the individual components of the vision and how they have been fulfilled.



OUR VISION COMPONENTS:



ENCOURAGING ALL PARISHIONERS TO KNOW AND LIVE OUR PURPOSE.

We've worked to help more parishioners not only understand our purpose, but to live it in their daily lives. You've seen our purpose printed on banners, t-shirts, preached about at Mass, written about in the bulletin, read aloud in meetings and more. Our parish website and our staff realigned to coincide with our purpose. The predominant theme here is forming saints. Long confession lines, packed churches, daily Masses that have well over 100 people in attendance, E6, Mary's WAY, great festivals, books constantly being read and passed out for free is all part of our purpose being fulfilled and the culture of our parish being alive. Our weekend Mass attendance has increased 28% from 2016. Our weekend offerings have increased nearly 70% since 2016.

The second part of this component was to organize the parish office staff, volunteers and ministries to align with our purpose and support our extraordinary parish. Our staff works tirelessly to fulfill our parish purpose and serve our ministries while keeping up with the day-to-day activities and obligations of the parish. The goal of our staff is not to do all the work, but to foster dedicated volunteers and encourage engagement. Please get involved! See a need, fulfill it! God will reward you.



ALLOWING OUR AUTHENTIC WORSHIP TO TRANSFORM US

Our worship IS intentional and authentic—something that not only forms us, but inspires others who encounter our parish. People stay for the entirety of the Mass, no matter how long it is. Reverent and Ad Orientem worship is normative and greatly appreciated (started in 2016). Every year we celebrate the feast days and dedication anniversaries of our four historic campuses, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph, St. Martin and St. Paul. Our sacristans, altar servers, liturgical ministers, through training and preparation, help make this possible. Our volunteer music ministry is invaluable and our parish congregation sings very well! Our adoration chapel (founded in 2017) is the heart of our parish. Advent and Lent extended adoration is now part of our culture (started in 2023). Online Masses on the weekend attract over 1,100 viewers!



OUR VISION COMPONENTS:



FULFILLING OUR LORD'S COMMAND TO WATCH AND WAIT IN ADORATION

In our perpetual adoration chapel that opened March 1, 2017, there are 336 weekly adorers spending time with our Lord in the most Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes there is standing room only! Many adorers report their renewed spirit of devotion in thanks to our chapel. Adorers have developed lifelong friendships with their co-adorers. Sub requests and chapel communications are electronically managed through AdorationPro. Our chapel gave confidence and hope to the parishioners of St. Mary's in Aurora who opened a chapel in 2024.



STRENGTHENING OUR CGS PROGRAM FOR FAITHFUL TEACHING

We've strengthened our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, building a foundation that is already shaping how we pass on the faith to the next generation. Every week we have over 250 children in our CGS atriums with over 30 catechists. On average, we have 40 children receiving their first holy communion every year.

We host training sessions to help volunteers become certified catechists. Since 2018, we have helped close to 100 volunteers (from parishes in IN, OH & KY) obtain their formation and certification for CGS. Our additional Level I atrium in the lower level of the Good Shepherd center is brand new this year. We have expanded Level II and III to meet the increasing demand.



OUR VISION COMPONENTS:



PLACING YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS AT THE CENTER

We've placed greater focus on our youth and young adults—inviting them into the center of parish life, encouraging them to listen for God's call, and to give of themselves generously.

~In 2016, 2019, and 2023 we brought teens and young adults to the international World Youth Days to be with the Universal Church and the Pope!

~In 2017, we began taking young people on Mission Trips teaching them to give back and become the hands, heart, feet and voice of Jesus.

~In 2020, we founded the Intense youth conference that has now formed over 1,500 teenagers in a deeply Eucharistic theology and encounter.

~NCYC, SEEK, regular bible studies, small groups are all normative and part of our culture.

~From a grant, which we received from the CMCG, we began a lively young adult ministry program which has proven to be sustainable and bearing fruit.

~Beautiful weddings, marriage prep and enrichment have also been a blessing to our young people.

~We even proclaimed June to be the month of mentoring, and to passing on time-old gifts like frying chicken, baking a pie and quilting.

~This fall we will have nine men in seminary, county-wide. We currently have four, and five more are in application- this is unheard of.

*When young hearts encounter
Jesus in the Eucharist, the
Church is renewed.*



OUR VISION COMPONENTS:



LIVING OUR FAITH THROUGH COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

Events like the Gobble Wobble, Thanksgiving Day 5k, Christmas Compassion giving, Soup-er Bowl Day of Caring as well as the many programs provided by our Ladies Sodality are remarkable fruits in this area of service. In 2017 we founded a Compassionate Care Team that served those in need. Then in 2025, Fr. Hollowell launched a new Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul at our parish. We feel that St. Vincent de Paul is an answer to prayers- it is substantial, collaborative and evangelistic.



CARING FOR OUR BUILDINGS & CEMETERIES

Behind the scenes, we've also taken important steps to care more intentionally for our twenty one buildings and four cemeteries through a culture of giving. Our volunteer physical facilities group and cemetery committee along with our facilities coordinator continue to make our facilities and grounds beautiful. The many, many generous parishioners who continue to financially support our facilities and cemeteries are such a blessing. We do not pass the baskets at Masses and pray we don't ever have to; the culture has been created that our families tithe and our needs continue to be met. Online giving, bequests, sacrificial giving and generosity are our culture! This year, we are celebrating 10 years since our four church buildings have been restored. Since 2016, \$2.7 million has been invested into our buildings and \$500,000 in cemetery care and improvements.



OUR VISION COMPONENTS:



BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH CHRISTIAN CHARITY

Ars Cafe & Meeting House would be the largest and most obvious accomplishment in this area. However, every bible study, small group, grief share, marriage retreat, women's retreat, and gathering allows this to happen!

We have a wonderful 40+ group that is thriving, serving and creating amazing community and fellowship.



GOD HAS BEEN AT WORK; GOD IS AT WORK!

These are not just accomplishments; they are signs of grace and God working in our midst. The Holy Spirit is at work in our parish. Many times, we ask God to bless us and it is often good to pause and see what God is blessing and to get involved. God has given us many gifts in Dearborn County. The vision set in 2025 was bold and courageous. Thanks be to God you all stepped up and allowed God to work in and through you!

We need to be very clear- we are a parish that thrives and is dependent on volunteers. Our staff is small, mainly part- time and sees their true mission as serving our people and engaging them in ministry.

We are grateful for how far we've come, and we believe this is only the beginning. Christ continues to call us forward—together—to be a parish that lives our faith with devotion, joy and love.



*Thanks be to God for His
faithfulness.*



Every ministry, every volunteer, every act of faith adds up to something beautiful-our parish family. Together, we are forming saints, transforming lives, and building His Kingdom.



*We are one parish family, rooted in Christ.
Sent to love and serve*

— WHAT'S NEXT? —

VISION 2033

BEGINS NOW

Together, let's dream about the future God is calling us to build.

Please take a few minutes to complete our parish survey and share your ideas, hopes, and prayers for the road ahead.

What is God's dream for us?



TAKE THE PARISH SURVEY TODAY!

Your voice matters.

Your parish needs you.

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**THANKS YOU FOR BEING
PART OF THIS MISSION.**

God is faithful. The best is yet to come!