



Blessed Sacrament Church

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WITH ONE HEART

EMPOWERING PRIESTS. IGNITING PARISHES. ENLIVENING THE FAITHFUL.

Last year, the Diocese of Covington led by our Most Reverend Bishop John Iffert launched “With One Heart Campaign.” One of the first initiatives was to conduct a Disciple Maker Index survey. The survey was completed in our parish, in March of 2023. The results were shared with each Parish via committee in July. A Blessed Sacrament Priority Planning Committee was formed and began to meet internally under the direction of Catholic Leadership Institute consultants to formulate a report. The meetings took place from July to October. Thank you Father Damian Hils, Justin Jehn, Mary Kay Laird, Pat Taylor, Bridgette Lentsch, Dan Weber & Jennifer

Summe for your dedication to this process, and our Parish family. Thank you Blessed Sacrament Parishioners for your time and comments to the survey. This input insures we continue to recognize our current successes and struggles and that we provide a plan for the future. We also thank Reverend Matthew Summe, LC for his input and expertise in Parish Planning and Discipleship.

This report is a first step. While difficult to address the entirety of the results, the goal of the Priority Planning Committee was to identify our parish strengths and weaknesses, and provide steps for improvement.

You will find this identified as our Parish Priorities within this document. There will be strategies identified to help achieve our three identified priorities. The first being the speaker series listed in this plan. Please join us in leadership and participation in this process. Our faith is contagious. It is important to be examples to others so faith leadership will continue through the years and not end here.

Please visit the Diocesan website for more background information <https://covdio.org/withoneheart/>

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PASTORAL PLAN OVERVIEW

VISION STATEMENT

We come to Blessed Sacrament to deepen our Faith and endeavor to bring others to heaven, by way of affirming, belonging, welcoming, and believing. It is where we encounter God through the sacraments and also through fellowship with others. We thoughtfully decide to lead through discipleship and welcome others to our Parish Family. We seek the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. We seek the mission of Our Lord. We seek the word of the Father. We seek the spirit of God.

PARISH PRIORITIES

Confidence in Teaching and Tradition

This priority relates to deepening our understanding of Church teaching and tradition so as to increase conviction in the Catholic Faith. We are called to know the Lord and to live in relationship with Him. The Catholic Faith and Church are critical in our relationships with the Lord and with others. In the March 2023 Parish survey, approximately 50% of the survey respondents indicated their knowledge, personal faith formation, and conviction of Church teaching could improve.

Goal:

- Instilling a conviction in the Truth of the Church's teachings and feel equipped to answer challenging questions by increasing the number of strongly agree to defend and answer questions of friends and family regarding Catholic truths by 25% by June 1, 2025.

Forming as a Disciple/Apologetics

This priority relates to formation of parishioners as confident disciples who practice our Catholic faith and share their practice with others. We are called to be disciples and live in communion with God. Discipleship and evangelization are essential to bringing others to Christ and building the Church. In the March 2023 Parish survey, approximately 50% of the survey respondents indicated their formation as a Disciple could improve.

Goal:

- Living the Faith and sharing with others to increase parishioner responses who strongly agree to forming as a disciple by 25% by June 1, 2025.

Enhancing Sunday Mass Experience through Practical Application

All Sunday Masses are the source and summit of our life in Christ. This priority includes enhancing the quality and beauty of the liturgical celebration. This priority is our response to the parishioners' expressed desires in the March 2023 survey to seek an enhanced relationship with the Lord with practical application of the Gospel message in their everyday lives. Approximately, two-thirds of the survey respondents indicated their Mass experience could improve in areas such as homilies for practical applications, music and hospitality.

Goal:

- Increase average weekend and daily Mass attendance by 25% by September 2025.



DECEMBER 2023

- December 7, 2023 @ 7:00pm; Disciples' Series #1
- Speaker: *Father Matthew Summe*
- Topic: What does it mean to follow Jesus and to accompany others to follow Jesus? How can I become a Christian Leader?
- Location: Blessed Sacrament Undercroft

JANUARY 2024

- January 18, 2024 @ 7:00pm; Disciples' Series #2
- Speaker: *Father Kevin Scalf.*
- Topic: Encountering Christ in Daily life. How can I grow from knowing Christ to following Christ?/ How can I become committed to following Christ?
- Location: Blessed Sacrament Undercroft

FEBRUARY 2024

- February 15, 2024 @ 7:00pm; Disciples' Series #3
- Speaker: *Father Kevin Scalf.*
- Topic: How can the Sacraments open you up to an Encounter with Christ? How are The Sacraments experiences of Christ?
- Location: Blessed Sacrament Undercroft

MARCH 2024

- March 19, 2024 @ 7:00pm; Disciples' Series #4
- Speaker: *Father Andrew Gronotte.*
- Topic: How do I activate my Faith and lead others to Christ? How can I accompany others in their relationship with Christ?
- Location: Blessed Sacrament Undercroft
- March 10 and March 24, 2024 @ 6:00pm in the Undercroft *Actively Growing in your Marriage; Evenings of Formation given by Father Andrew Gronotte.*

APRIL 2024

- April 18, 2024 @ 7:00pm; Disciples' Series #5
- Speaker: *Father Damian Hils.*
- Topic: The Holy Men and Women who have gone before us and fulfilled their mission. The Saints who followed Christ and are Models of faith in action. How can I Go out and making a difference in the world?

