

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

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## FAMILY LIFE & SPIRITUALITY

For families of all shapes and sizes

Are you married, single, active military or veteran, a parent of young children, divorced, spouse of a deployed, separated, engaged, or considering marriage? Each of you probably falls into one or more categories. If so, our Family Life & Spirituality Ministry serves you!

Family Life and Spirituality is a relatively new ministry of our parish. In 2016, Pope Francis issued "The Joy of Love" as a result of prayerful reflection on topics related to the family and evangelization. Bishop McElroy responded to "The Joy of Love" by holding a Diocesan Synod on the Family in 2016 to "provide a moment of profound renewal and growth in our ecclesial support of families..." Our parish responded by developing a Family Life & Spirituality Ministry. The mission of the Family Life & Spirituality committee is to enhance the spirituality of all our parish families by helping you to integrate into the church community and make the church and parish a regular part of your family life. Their objectives are to:

- Witness to the beauty of the Catholic vision of marriage and family life
- Form a culture of invitation and hospitality to unmarried couples
- Welcome, nurture, and form children in their faith
- Provide authentic pastoral support for those who are divorced
- Bring spiritual depth to family life

Family Life & Spirituality will kick off 2020 with their Valentines Celebration of Marriage next Saturday, February 15, starting with a renewal of vows at the 5:30 pm Mass and a food and drink social afterwards. All married and engaged couples, new and old, are invited to join us.

If you fall into any of the categories mentioned earlier, you are welcome to attend our events and to join our committee in planning and hosting these gatherings.

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**CELEBRATION  
OF MARRIAGE  
SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 15  
5:30 PM MASS  
FOLLOWED BY  
RECEPTION**