

# St. Patrick Church

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My dear people of God,

As you may know, we have been working on a Strategic Plan for St. Patrick Parish. I assured our parishioners in a previous bulletin announcement that I would share an update this spring with the status of the Strategic Plan. This process has already included data collection from the people we serve by way of a thoughtful survey and an in-person listening session. I would again like to thank those hundreds of participants who shared thoughts, concerns and feedback in order to continue to improve our parish life.

As you know, our world has been "turned upside down" as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. In order to put our parish focus on the primary concern of the pandemic response and necessary parish outreach, the Strategic Planning Core Team and I have decided that the formation of the final Strategic Plan document will be placed on hold until this crisis is over.

Please know that **thanks to our people's feedback and so to keep this positive momentum**, especially during this crisis response, **some of the prevalent operational improvement opportunities have already begun to take shape** in the following ways:

A "communication task force" has been formed and improved outreach methods have been launched.

I have created a "grounds and maintenance committee" to guide and prioritize capital and repair projects on our parish campus.

Finance Council is creating a clear plan for St. Patrick to continue to improve the:

- Reporting of financial standings.
- Parish's financial situation.
- Transparency of St. Patrick's expenses and income.

I continue to pray for you during this time of unease and physical distance. I ask that you please continue to pray for the well-being of those we serve.

Sincerely,

Fr. Eric Bowman  
Pastor