

Resurrection Catholic Community Pastoral Plan 2018-2023



Resurrection Catholic Community is a Catholic parish family open to all people who wish to join us in our commitment to grow in Christ and to accept the challenges of loving service.

As a Catholic family we all share in responsibility for the mission and needs of the community, each one of us according to the gifts that God has given us.

Guided by the Holy Spirit
in a prayerful process of community discernment,
we give thanks for our many blessings,
and we have identified our dreams that are part of God's dreams for us.

Blessings and Dreams Prayer

God of the planting and of the harvest,
we thank you for the many blessings
you have poured out on our faith community.

We hear you calling us now
to rededicate ourselves
to nurturing your vineyard here at Resurrection,
to plant and to prune
for an even greater harvest.

As we count our blessings, dream and plan,
we ask you for all that we need:

- ❖ Gratitude for all your many blessings
- ❖ The Holy Spirit to inspire us to dream new dreams
- ❖ The gift of discernment to guide us
- ❖ A deeper sense of shared responsibility
- ❖ Patience as your plan unfolds

We seek to be faithful and faith-filled disciples of Jesus.
May we continue to grow in Christ
and to accept the challenges of loving service
to one another and to the world.

In Jesus' name,
Amen

**These are our community dreams.
Let us embrace them and make them realities!**

What is God calling you to do?

Liturgy and Prayer

We gather together to pray, praise and give thanks.

Blessings

- ✦ A welcoming, inclusive, and nourishing community
- ✦ “Sitting in the living room of the Lord”
- ✦ We are spiritually fed and inspired “to grow in Christ and to accept the challenges of loving service” through creative and relevant liturgies
- ✦ Beautiful music opens our hearts to hear the Word of God
- ✦ God’s Word is proclaimed and preached so well by our many ordained and lay Ministers of the Word
- ✦ Joining with other faith communities to build holy and loving relationships leading to works of justice

Dreams

- ✦ Gather more young families to participate in liturgical ministries and roles, perhaps at regular children’s liturgies
- ✦ Have Children’s Liturgy of the Word more often by recruiting more catechists
- ✦ More youth sharing their musical gifts in a youth music group
- ✦ Attract more young adults to share their gifts at liturgy
- ✦ Greater involvement of the assembly in the rituals and sacraments of initiation
- ✦ Special Healing Masses
- ✦ A Risen Christ image on the wall behind the altar which expresses the joy and power of the Resurrection
- ✦ Media upgrades in our worship space, which may include video screens and an improved assisted listening system
- ✦ A Liturgy Council to help realize these dreams

Faith Formation

We grow in the knowledge of Christ and his Gospel.

Blessings

- ✦ Ongoing faith sharing groups
- ✦ Children and youth programs
- ✦ Bible studies
- ✦ Confirmation and RCIA programs

Dreams

- ✦ Establish a regular young adult program
- ✦ More faith sharing groups
- ✦ More awareness of and participation in Spiritual Direction
- ✦ More scripture studies
- ✦ More involvement of the parish community in the RCIA program

Outreach

We accept the challenges of loving service to those in need.

Blessings

- + Coats for Kids
- + Ministries to the homeless, including “Shower the People”
- + COPA
- + So many volunteer opportunities!
- + Bereavement ministry
- + Knights of Columbus
- + Women’s Guild
- + Senior ministry
- + Parish Assistance Ministry
- + Gabriel project
- + Angel tree
- + Prison and Jail ministries
- + Food pantry
- + San Andreas tutoring
- + Good Shepherd Catholic School

Dreams

- + Continue to partner with other COPA faith communities and institutions to address the larger issues of housing, mental health, immigration, economic development, and education
- + Continue to be open to new inspirations

Community Life

We are a community, a parish family of faith, and we develop and nurture relationships with one another through social interaction.

Blessings

- ✦ Supportive staff
- ✦ Vibrant, faith-filled, welcoming and inclusive community
- ✦ Meaningful liturgies and celebrations of sacraments
- ✦ Active organizations (Youth Group, Senior Ministry, Women's Guild, Knights of Columbus, COPA, homeless outreach, prison outreach, etc.)
- ✦ Special events that bring people together (dinners, St. Patrick's, faith formation, Seder meal, etc)
- ✦ Monthly bulletin insert about outreach organizations

Dreams

- ✦ Create a way for small, common-interest groups to meet (both drop-in and ongoing groups), such as LGBT Catholics, Non-Catholics, Grief Group, young adult group, unmarried single adults, homeless people, single parents, etc.
- ✦ Continue to develop the Senior program so all seniors feel a part of the ongoing life of the church in addition to coming to church on Sunday
- ✦ Study how other churches are using social media and develop a social media plan to grow our membership and community life

Discipleship: Personal Commitment and Shared Responsibility

As disciples of Jesus Christ we are commissioned to share in the mission and ministry of the Church, each according to our gifts.

Blessings

- ✦ The faith and spirituality which is the source of generous giving
- ✦ The generous sharing of time talent to staff the many ministries
- ✦ The generous sharing of treasure that supports the many ministries within the parish and beyond
- ✦ A devoted, inspired and talented pastor, staff and parish pastoral council who provide leadership and vision

Dreams

- ✦ A successful capital campaign to provide the necessary finances to transform Markey Community Center into an updated, vibrant and welcoming community space in support of parish life and ministries
- ✦ Offer expanded financial opportunities, such as, planned legacy giving and shared commitment to personal stewardship in order to maintain a financially secure parish and expand ministries
- ✦ Promote and follow up on the Strengths Finder inventory to help people recognize and use their talents in loving service
- ✦ Maintain an openness to new, creative ministries, including ones for families and for those who work full-time
- ✦ Continue to nurture spiritual growth and discipleship through prayer, study, financial stewardship, service, and personally sharing their faith and love for Christ with others

Your Parish Pastoral Planning Council thanks you for participating in our pastoral planning process! All of us together prayed and listened to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit to create this plan. Together, let us make God's dreams for our parish family come true!

As you prayerfully read this plan, be open to the Holy Spirit moving you to be part of the realization of these dreams. We invite you to contact us for further reflection and discussion.

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