

San Antonio De Padua Pastoral Plan

Parish Mission Statement

*We the people of San Antonio Parish strive to be a community of faith, hope and love.
We find our identity and mission in Jesus Christ and his gospel.
We celebrate our life as Catholic Christians in word, worship and service.
By recognizing our baptism, we accept our call to personal renewal and reach out with the Gospel message to families and individuals, extending an invitation to fellowship with us.*

Values

As members of a Christ-centered community,
we gather the hopes, inspirations and struggles
of all who come to San Antonio de Padua.

To worship

listening attentively to the Word,
praying for the needs of all,
actively participating in the liturgy
receiving God's grace in the Sacraments
and opening ourselves to the guidance of the Spirit;

To evangelize

By the way we share our lives and treat each other,
by the Gospel that we share
and by the strength we find in our community of faith;

To respect and cherish

our diversity, irrespective of age
discovering the way our many cultures reveal
the fullness of Christ's presence;

To serve

others as faithful servants,
sharing our gifts with respect, compassionate care,
justice and generosity,
with those among us
who are vulnerable and underserved.

I. Faith Formation

As an important part of the work of evangelization, we, the Parish of San Antonio de Padua; offer faith formation opportunities for all ages to support life-long spiritual growth and catechesis for the Catholic community, those seeking a Catholic identity and the individual Catholic Christian. We commit to a faith that is real, relevant and relational.

Objectives

We will support an awareness of training, resources and opportunities to provide faith formation as an on-going conversion in our journey to discipleship with Jesus Christ.

We will encourage more opportunities to experience faith in our diversity of cultures.

We will support continuous faith formation for all stages of a Catholic life.

We will find creative and generous ways to support, strengthen and improve our School and Religious Education programs.

We will encourage the faithful, with excellent communication and personal witness, to avail themselves of the opportunities provided by San Antonio de Padua ministries and organizations.

We will provide social and spiritual opportunities for all people of our neighborhoods and to develop knowledge and understanding of our mission as a church respecting inner-faith traditions and recognizing all as God's people.

“Adult faith formation, by which people consciously grown in the life of Christ, through experience, reflection, prayer, and study, must be the central task of the catechetical enterprise, becoming the axis around which revolves the catechesis of childhood and adolescence as well as that of old age.”

USCCB: *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us.*

II. Communication

We, the Parish Pastoral Council of San Antonio de Padua, support excellent communication between the Pastor, staff, ministries, organizations and all members of our parish community. We use our regular meetings, the website and publications to enhance and promote our collaborative efforts.

Objectives

We will identify the challenges and blocks to communication and by means of clear processes and modern technology to create a clear flow of information throughout the parish.

We will increase awareness of the resources that are available through the Parish.

“All the members of the Church should make a concerted effort to ensure that current technology is utilized in the service of the many works of the apostolate without delay and as energetically as possible, where and when they are needed.”

Vatican II: *Inter Mirifica*

III. Liturgy and Spirituality

We, the Parish of San Antonio de Padua, deepen our appreciation and participation in the liturgical life of the Church. We worship as one body while valuing our diversity in the celebration of the richness of our cultures, ages, and life callings.

Objectives

We will respond to the spiritual needs of all our ethnic communities, calling ourselves to roles that are active and engaged, creative and inspiring.

We will continue to ensure rich diverse opportunities for liturgy, prayer services and the development of our spiritual life.

Our Parish Pastoral Council will liaise to all ministries and organizations to listen, inspire and encourage connection to the Body of Christ.

“The Liturgy daily builds up those who are in the Church, making them a holy temple of the Lord, a dwelling place of God in the Spirit to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ.”

Vatican II: *Sacrosanctum Concilium*

IV: Stewardship and Lay Leadership

We, the Parish of San Antonio de Padua, embrace all aspects of stewardship as a way of life. We encourage, educate and empower the laity in roles of leadership and ministry.

Objectives

We will continue to provide education, formation and training opportunities in the areas of stewardship and lay leadership.

We will continue to identify individuals with leadership qualities to take advantage of the “Called and Gifted” process and other discernment processes that increase awareness of one’s baptismal call, responsibilities to minister and the gifts to respond.

We will provide information and the means for implementation of comprehensive and adequate formation programs to use the gifts appropriately and effectively.

We embrace the challenge to significantly and measurably increase the contribution of time, talent and treasure for all members of our parish community.

“In the Church, there is diversity of ministry but unity of mission....The Holy Spirit sanctifies the People of God through the ministry and the sacraments and for the exercise of the apostolate and gives the faithful special gifts besides, just as the Spirit chooses, so that, putting at the service of others the grace received, all may be good stewards for the building up of the whole body in charity.”

Vatican II: *Apostolicam Actuositatem*