

## Topic/Idea -- FAMILY LIFE

Increase number of social events to support family relationships (including inviting new members). Ideas include: Dinner for 8 (and include young families), movie night, Friday wine & cheese, New Years Dance, annual art show, cabaret, rent Belle of Louisville; Birthday parties; parish picnic

Build and improve bridges between parish families and staff

Combine family events with other parishes

Provide events during the day

Activities / faith formation to bond cohort of young families. One focus could be during Sunday formation.

Activities for young married couples without children and young families with children

Involve single adults / divorced into life of the parish

Intergenerational activities for socialization of parishioners

Engage Latino and Hispanic families into parish activities

Define and recognize diversity of families in our culture today

Develop tools for families to pray at home

Focus on youth group (Including Middle School)

Year round family activity: assign areas of the campus to be cleaned / upkeep

Provide new 3 King Puppets

Encourage more young family participation in worship

Develop "family theme" in the parish

Have a quarterly Youth Mass

"Sages" adopt a youth

Highlight the values older parishioners bring to the parish

Develop opportunities for "parenting discussions"

Establish "Spanish 101" and "Signing 101" for parishioners

Develop small communities within the parish

Establish opportunities for parishioners (including new families) to know what the parish has to offer them

Memorial Mass - invite families to display pictures of their deceased loved ones

Find out demographics of families in the parish

Establish "Table Fellowship" events

Welcoming 30 & 40 year old parishioners to be active in parish

Switch youth group to Sunday nights

Develop programs that provide activities for parents & youth to do together

Invite staff to attend events

Invite young adults to be active in children's formation

Parish pen pals / prayer partners

Service Activities for families to do together

Follow up on Stewardship interest

Questionnaire for children - what are their family needs

Develop a program that answers: "What does it mean to have a good spiritual life as a family." Our homes are "Holy Ground."

Develop a "Welcoming" spirit, however family is defined

Promoting "Common Practices" to build a sense of community

Increasing volunteers to lead events

Use "Connector" more to create evangelization of people interest

Partner with parishes that have schools

Identify needs of families and structure a response to needs

How to deal with retirement

Reverencing people's time

Celebrate a Grandparents Day

Set up "Hearing our stories from original members"

Social activities for families / children with special needs

Revisit "Co-op Nursing"

Welcome public school families

Engage children as a way of lifting Spirits in the parish

Does the parish need a counselor?

Youth in music

Prayer groups for families

Strategy for encouraging Easter & Christmas attendees to stay

Outdoor Mass

Ask families "Why are you part of Epiphany?"

Invite older adults into the community

Have programs for adults while Youth Group Meets

Work on communication within the parish - listening, speaking seeking input - with staff and parishioners

Develop Epiphany Community Care as a spiritual source

**Topic/Idea -- EDUCATION AND FORMATION**

For adults: church teachings

Formation for older adults

Formation for homebound

Change word "Formation" into "Transformation"

Develop more RCIA type of classes for parishioners

History of our faith

Meaning of Evangelization and Stewardship

Programs focused on Spiritual Growth

Women's Spiritual discussion groups

Scripture studies

Revisit CRRP, Marriage Enrichment

Fewer "silos" in parish formation programs

Catholic faith 101

Use of technology in formation

Bible Time-line program

Biblical walk through the Mass / Explain Mass/Mass 101

Spotlight a ministry at Mass

Social teachings of the Church / social justice just not charity

Polarization within the country

Have "Progressive" material available

Develop Small Groups for faith formation

Good book list developed

Monthly reflections for adults on websites

Learning to listen

Programs on interconnection between words & action=Faith

Programs on why and what do I believe

Year long plan based on Liturgical Calendar

Parish Mission
Program to train catechists
Program to learn about races & faiths
Family Formation opportunities
Keeping children in faith formation beyond Sacrament years
Use 10% funds to help low income parishes in Louisville
Twin with a low income parish
Allocating 10% fo fund Epiphany students to go to Catholic schools
Rekindle "Just Faith"
Explore how to invest money in alignment with Catholic Social Teaching
Develop a focus on "Formation and how it impacts my life."
Form/teach the community in theology and scripture through preaching. Suggested resource "At Home with the Word"
Provide "Cliff Notes" for homilies
Develop a series of formation opportunities on current hot topics /contemporary issues
Invite more quality speakers
Initial programs for education and formation
Develop ways to promote / communicate formation opportunities. Establish up-to-date social media / technology to communicate about ed & formation opportunities
Establish a child care system / Set up an inviting and safe place for a nursery
Formation around how people feel about Catholicism in light of Sexual abuse scandal: people very disillusioned / hurt/ angry. How to help them & focus on why we believe; forgive and retain trust; help redirect and change for the future
Develop "Home Based" formation opportunities
Establish regularly schedule ed & formation opportunities
Focus ed & formation on a better understanding of their relationship with God
Inter-parish dynamics
Formation for parents

Formation for children expanded
Program emphasizing the need to be positive role-models
Discussion group focused on how to "Pressure the Vatican into an expanded role for women in the church and married clergy."
Worship followed by Sunday School / Bible study
Sacredness and ministerial dimension of daily life - being Church
Program that recognizes people's giftness and empowers them to be church wherever they are
Celebrate the gifts of all created in God's image
Discussion on "What does it mean to be the body of Christ?"
Retreats, Service and being the feet and hands of Jesus to grow in faith
Program to inform people about addictions
Programs on Divorce Support
Programs for people grieving
Encourage access to "Formed" as a resource
Homilies that reflect daily life & Epiphany Mission Statement
Utilize lay people to preach (male & female)
Update parish history book
Resources from Dynamic Catholic
How to teach it's okay to discuss and question (have adults model disagreements respectfully)
Interdenomination youth events
Why stay Catholic?

**Topic/Idea -- SERVICE AND OUTREACH**

Highlight and affirm what Epiphany is already doing

Hire "Social Responsibility" position on staff

More information about the 10% committee

Solicit volunteers for Social responsibility ministries

Increased focus on pro-life ministry: conception to natural death

Support agencies that support single mothers

Have "Dreamers" speak

"Ted talks" for outreach ministries

Awareness that more materials / resources needed for outreach ministries

Increased focus on homebound

Ministry involving picking up people for Church, Dr. appt., etc

Organize all the human needs that our Church calls us to serve

Establish a Political Action Committee

Coat collection drive

"Re-imagine" - help the economically disenfranchised

Box in church for people to drop in names of people who haven't been in church - for follow up

Make parish grounds available for use by other groups

Look again at our Habitat for Humanity Ministry

Look at Cabbage Patch & Hildegard Ministries

Caregivers "Spa"Day

Appalachia Mission trips, for both youth and adults

Outreach for Latinos to be more active within the parish

Donations to causes; be specific about needs

Education parishioners on SVDP Ministry in the parish

Develop program emphasizing parishioners who are homebound

Develop outreach to assigned nursing homes

Opportunities for Youth that help them feel they are making a difference

