

Dear Parishioners.

I am excited to announce that our St. John Paul II Parish Family Mission, Vision, and Belief statements have been established! The statements listed below were drafted with the input of staff and parishioners who attended the VISIO days and have been endorsed by our Pastoral Advisory Council. With finalizing these statements, we have completed the Mission & Vision phase in the Beacons of Light Pathway, transitioning our parishes to the St. John Paul II Parish Family. Next, we enter the Culture phase. More on that soon.

VISION

Joyful Catholics sharing Christ with everyone we encounter.

How is this different? This was a key question that we posed to everyone in attendance of the VISIO sessions. We heard over and over again that we need to share more of the Joy of the Catholic faith. Additionally, we believe that sharing Christ with **everyone** we encounter helps us stay on the task of forming missionary disciples.

MISSION

Working as a parish family, united in the Eucharist on our path to eternal union with Christ, we inspire each other to deepen our relationship with Jesus through prayer, study, and service, so that together we may confidently and joyfully share our faith with everyone we meet. Join us!

BELIEFS

- We believe in striving for ever-more reverent Worship
- We believe in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist
- We believe in serving our neighbors to create a more just world
- We believe that Jesus' saving work continues through each of us
- We believe in repentance to receive the forgiveness of our ever-loving Lord
- We believe that everyone has gifts that can be used to build the kingdom of God

Bishop Leibold will continue to operate under their following Mission and Belief statements as already established through the State and Archdiocesan accreditation process. Let us take these statements to our hearts as we rejoice in working towards our unified mission of joyfully sharing Christ with all those we meet.

Fr. Martin Fox