

The Synod Action Plan for: St John the Evangelist July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021

Our Parish Vision (Refer to Learning Aid pp. 7-8)

St John the Evangelist Parish exists to be disciples and make disciples who love God, love others, and serve the poor.

Our Priorities

Over the next three years, our priest(s), deacons, lay staff and parishioners will focus our efforts on the following three pastoral priorities and associated goals in order to bring fulfill the vision of First Diocesan Synod and foster the New Evangelization in our local church:

Priority 1: Love God

Rationale: We believe that in order to love God, we must first know God and grow in personal relationship with Him. SJE will continue to develop opportunities for people to grow in their knowledge of God, connect with Him on a personal level, and provide an environment and experience of worship and welcome which raises our collective hearts and minds to Him.

Priority 2: Love Others

Rationale: We believe that in order to love others, we must strive to foster our community into one that cultivates personal relationships rooted in Christ. SJE will continue to develop faith-centered, educational, and social parish-wide and small group opportunities that establish personal relationships among our people, giving them a sense of belonging and enabling them to share and receive the grace of God.

Priority 3: Serve the Poor

Rationale: We believe that in order to serve the poor, we must focus on ministering to the poor in spirit and the poor in means. SJE will continue to develop opportunities of presence and support that will encourage those who are spiritually poor, as well as opportunities for those who are able to give back in hands-on service to aid others who are poor in means.

Priority 1 : Goal 1	Priority: Love God Rationale: cf. pg. 1
SMART Goal:	Raise-up 50 frontline (hospitality) ministers by January 2021 to welcome and engage.
Primary Goal Champion include role and individual	Tina O'Drobinak (Director of Liturgy)
Other Key Persons for this Goal include role and individuals	Natalie DeJarlais (Chair, Spirituality & Worship Commission), Jason Wall (P.A. for Relational Ministry), Sheila Lachik (DRE)

Key Strategy/Milestone

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Year 1: Initial strategies of building core hospitality ministers

- Ongoing Formation: 3 sessions
 - Fall: New Ministers' Orientation
 - o Fall: Discernment of Charisms
 - Spring: Appreciation (all ministers)
- Video from SLM to Small Groups pushing for ministers video produced by August 1, 2018; disseminate to Small Groups week of August 13, 2018
- Volunteer team comprised of best greeters representative of each Mass to identify potential ministers – team in place by August 3, 2018
- Hospitality Sunday: homily, video (produced by August 17, 2018) demonstrating poor hospitality – August 25/26, 2018 (21st Sunday OT – Cycle B)
- Evaluate efforts of first year to inform second year June 2019
- Goal: 15 ministers

Year 2: Build on the work of year one and strengthen identification of charisms in others

- Repeat schedule of Ongoing Formation sessions
- Directory Picture webpage for Greeters to enable personal welcome available by August 1, 2019
- Newly Registered Parishioners pictures go into the bulletin (develop consent form by June 2019) – begin post-summer New Parishioner (Next Steps) session
- Name Tag "Hello, My Name Is..." Sunday August 24/25, 2019 (21st Sunday OT Cycle C)
- Evaluate efforts of second year to inform third year June 2020
- Goal: 15 ministers

Year 3: Build on the work of years one/two and strengthen self-identification of charisms on individual/parish levels

- Repeat schedule of Ongoing Formation sessions
- "Who Do People Say We Are" Sunday August 22/23, 2020 (21st Sunday OT Cycle A)
- Student hospitality ministers for school Masses and RE sessions begin Fall 2020
- Mentor program to pair seasoned hospitality ministers with new Fall 2020
- Evaluate efforts of three year process January 2021
- Goal: 20 ministers

People Required to Accomplish Goal				
Existing Roles Requiring Allocation Anticipated Duration Notes				
	Start Date			

Pastor	July 2018	3 Years	21st OT Presider;
	,		Year 1 video
Director of Liturgy	July 2018	3 Years	
Pastoral Associate for Relational	July 2018	3 Years	
Ministry			
Chair, Spirituality & Worship	July 2018	3 Years	
Commission			
Director of Religious Education	July 2018	3 Years	
Media Team	July 2018	3 Years	As videos are
			needed
New Roles Required	Anticipated	Duration	Notes
	Start Date		
Volunteer Hospitality Mentors	Fall 2020	Ongoing; 2-Year rotating	
O.1		commitment	
Other Finar Investment		Required (Non-Staff/Volunteer) Duration	Notes
Hospitality for Fall Formation	Estimated \$\$\$ \$300	3 Years	\$50/session
Sessions	\$500	5 Tears	\$30/\$E\$\$1011
Hospitality for Spring Formation	\$300	3 Years	\$100/session
Sessions			
Minister Tri-Fold Brochure	\$600	3 Years	\$200/year
Miscellaneous Training Materials	\$300	3 Years	\$100/year
	Communic	cation Needs	
Audience	Frequency	Vehicle/Means	Notes
All Parishioners	21 st Sunday	Homily, video, bulletin,	
	OT	social media	
Small Group Members	Twice/Year	Pastor video, brochure,	
		leader invite	
Hospitality Ministers	Monthly	Monthly updates emailed;	
		Quarterly newsletter	
		emailed	
Volunteer Hospitality Mentors	Monthly	Email, one-on-ones	Start Year 3
School/RE Students (via Parents)	Beginning/En	Brochure, RenWeb (or	Start Year 3
	d School	other) updates	
	Year		

Priority 1 : Goal 2	Priority: Love God Rationale: cf. pg. 1
SMART Goal:	Offer quarterly large group, educational, presentations for adults integrated with our homily series and small group curriculum by January 2021.
Primary Goal Champion include role and individual	Jason Wall (P.A. for Relational Ministry)
Other Key Persons for this Goal include role and individuals	Khalil Hattar (P.A. for Administration), Tina O'Drobinak (Director of Liturgy)

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Year 1: Host talk for Fall and Schedule for 2019

Summer

- Brainstorm potential topics and narrow list down to 3
- Decide on dates for talk and schedule space
- Brainstorm potential speaker(s) for each talk, finalize for Fall (Sept-Nov)
- Develop marketing package for Fall talk (title, logo, engagement cards, web graphics, etc.)

Fall

- Schedule Winter talk (Jan-Feb '19)
- Schedule Spring Talk (April-May '19)
- Brainstorm speakers and finalize for Winter
- Plan hospitality for Fall talk
- Execute Fall Talk
- Evaluate Fall talk
- Make changes to Winter/Spring in light of Fall

Year 2: Host 3 Talks for Winter/Spring/Fall

- Follow same protocol for implementation of Winter and Spring talk (marketing campaign etc.)
- Try and get a big name for the Fall

Year 3: Host 4 Talks Winter/Spring/Summer/Fall

- Continue to adapt and evaluate based on feedback from previous talks
- Craft the summer presentation as part of a longer parish mission.

People Required to Accomplish Goal				
Existing Roles Requiring Allocation	Anticipated Start Date	Duration	Notes	
P.A. for Administration	July '18	3 Years		
Director of Liturgy	July '18	3 Years		
P.A. for Relational Ministry	July '18	3 Years		
New Roles Required	Anticipated Start Date	Duration	Notes	
n/a				
n/a				

Other Financial Investments Required (Non-Staff/Volunteer)					
Investment Estimated \$\$\$ Duration Notes					
Speaker stipends \$8000 3 Years					

Hospitality	\$4000	3 Years	
Marketing	\$2000	3 Years	
	Commun	ication Needs	
Audience	Frequency	Vehicle/Means	Notes
General Parishioners	Weekly	Social Media, Email blasts,	
	(begins 1 mo	Bulletin ads, video trailers	
	before each		
	talk)		
School Parents	2 weeks	Flyers sent home	
	before each		
	talk		
Wider Diocesan Community	Bi-Weekly	Email, flyers, phone calls,	
	(begins 2 mo	bulletin ads, video trailers, web	
	before each	content	
	talk)		

Priority 2 : Goal 1	Priority: Love Others Rationale: cf. pg. 1
SMART Goal:	Utilize small group formats in our middle school and in all grades of our middle school RE program by September 2021.
Primary Goal Champion include role and individual	Sheila Lachik (DRE)
Other Key Persons for this Goal include role and individuals	Andrew Wolfe (Youth Minister), Natalie DeJarlais (Chair, S&W Commission), Brianne Oliver (Principal), Sheila Lachcik (DRE)

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- Year 1: Implement Small Groups for RE 8th grade classes; for SJE school 8th grade, plan small groups once monthly
 - Research and develop a clear philosophy as to why we will be using small group method as opposed to traditional classroom method
 - Share this with catechists, parents, whole parish End of May 2018
 - Research program/curriculum to use May/June 2018 (find creative way to implement BCTs)
 - Recruit Small group leaders for RE 8th grade. Sunday: 2 adults; Monday: 4 adults
 - May/June 2018
 - Train Small group leaders June/July 2018
 - Implement Small groups weekly for 8th grade RE during 2018-2019 school year; monthly or bimonthly for SJE School.
 - Evaluate December 2018 and May 2019 (Have parents, small group leaders, students fill out evaluation forms.)
- Year 2: Implement Small Groups for RE 7th grade classes; for SJE School 7th grade, plan small groups monthly or bimonthly. Continue to run small groups for 8th grade school and RE
 - Implement any changes that need to be made based of feedback and evaluations from Year One.
 - Research program/curriculum to use for 7th grade (making sure to implement BCTs)-March-May 2019
 - Recruit small group leaders for RE 7th grade May/June 2019 (number of small group leaders based off enrollment numbers)
 - Train small group leaders June/July 2019
 - Implement Small groups weekly for 7th grade RE during 2019-2020 school year; monthly or bimonthly for SJE School.
 - Evaluate 7th grade small groups- December 2019 and May 2020 (Have parents, small group leaders, students fill out evaluation forms.)
- Year 3: Implement Small Groups for RE 6th grade classes; for SJE School 6th grade, plan small groups monthly or bimonthly. Continue to run small groups for 7th & 8th grade school and RE.
 - Implement any changes that need to be made based of feedback and evaluations from Year Two.
 - Research program/curriculum to use for 6th grade (making sure to implement BCTs)-March-May 2020
 - Recruit small group leaders for RE 6th grade May/June 2020 (number of small group leaders based off enrollment numbers)
 - Train small group leaders June/July 2020

- Implement Small groups weekly for 7th grade RE during 2020-2021 school year; monthly or bimonthly for SJE School.
- Evaluate 6th grade small groups- December 2020 and May 2021 (Have parents, small group leaders, students fill out evaluation forms.)
- Evaluate 8th grade small groups after having implemented for 3 years.

		to Accomplish Goal	
Existing Roles Requiring Allocation	Anticipated Start Date	Duration	Notes
Catechists who want to become small	18-19 school	Commitment per school year	We will ask Middle
group leaders	year; 19-20		school catechists to
	school year;		discern switching to
	20-21 school		small group leaders
	year		
Catechists who do NOT want to lead	18-19 school	Commitment per school year	Will see if they want
a small group	year; 19-20		to switch to any grade
	school year;		levels that don't have
	20-21 school		small groups
	year		
New Roles Required	Anticipated	Duration	Notes
	Start Date		
Additional small group leaders	18-19 school	Might consider having small	We want 2 small
	year; 19-20	group leaders travel along with	group leaders for
	school year;	class once we have small	every 6-8 students
	20-21 school	groups implemented in all MS	
	year	grades	
		Required (Non-Staff/Volunteer)	
Investment	Estimated \$\$\$	Duration	Notes
8th grade curriculum	\$500		
7 th grade curriculum	\$500		
6 th grade curriculum	\$500		
		cation Needs	
Audience	Frequency	Vehicle/Means	Notes
Catechists	Monthly	Email/one-on-ones	
Parents	Monthly	Email/parent meetings/hand	Monthly emails to
	(possibly	outs/mailers	updates parents on
	weekly)		topics of small groups
Whole parish	Monthly	Bulletin, flyers, website, social	Promote and report
		media	about positive
			experiences

Priority 2 : Goal 2	Priority: Love Others Rationale: cf. pg. 1
SMART Goal:	Develop and preach the message of Excite to Invite (EI) at least once a quarter from July 2018 until January 2021.
Primary Goal Champion include role and individual	Khalil Hattar (Pastoral Associate for Administration)
Other Key Persons for this Goal include role and individuals	Homily Team: Tina O'Drobinak (Director of Liturgy), Jason Wall (Pastoral Associate for Relational Ministry), Shelia Lachcik (DRE)

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Excite to Invite is an initiative that aims to encourage parishioners to invite their family, friends and even people they meet in their daily goings and comings to Mass, prayer and praise services and Parish events.

Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are: coordinating with the Alpha schedule/Small Group curriculum and reviewing the Lectionary readings for the year as well as the Parish calendar, particularly the Homily theme schedule and the Liturgical calendar.

Year 1: During the Summer and Winter homily planning sessions, the Homily Planning team will plan to develop one EI homily, or incorporate into a developed homily theme, for the Fall and Spring, respectively. Concurrently, we will coordinate with the rest of the staff to develop opportunities to which people can be invited, be it: a Family and Friends Mass followed by fellowship, an Alpha open house, an SJE Family Fun Day, a service opportunity, etc.

Year 2: Repeat the steps of Year 1, incorporating two additional EI messages/ During the winter homily planning sessions, the Homily Planning team will repeat the steps detailed above to develop an EI homily for the Spring.

Year 3: Repeat the steps of Years 1 and 2, focusing on assessment during Year 3. Assessment is an ongoing process; however, this year will serve as an intentional assessment year. By now we should have hosted six (6) EI homilies and accompanying events/activities, so this year we will reflect on the efficacy of the EI initiatives including but not-limited to the list mentioned in Year 1 and plan to develop more of the opportunities that proved successful for this year's schedule.

People Required to Accomplish Goal				
Existing Roles Requiring Allocation	Anticipated Start Date	Duration	Notes	
Pastor	6/27/18	Ongoing		
P.A. for Administration	6/27/18	Ongoing		
Director of Liturgy	6/27/18	Ongoing		
P.A. for Relational Ministry	6/27/18	Ongoing		
DRE	6/27/18	Ongoing		
New Roles Required	Anticipated Start Date	Duration	Notes	
n/a				
n/a				

Other Financial Investments Required (Non-Staff/Volunteer)					
Investment Estimated \$\$\$ Duration Notes					
Aides	\$2500-3000	Contingent on # series/yr			
Promotional materials	\$1000-1500	Contingent on # series/yr			

Hospitality	\$1000-2000	Contingent on # series/yr	
Communication Needs			
Audience	Frequency	Vehicle/Means	Audience
Parish-wide	Up to/during	Email campaign; social media; website; videos; print ads	Parish-wide
Small Groups	During	SG curriculum	Small Groups
Local community	Up to/during	Social media; website; videos; mailers	Local community

Priority 3 : Goal 1	Priority: Serve the Poor Rationale: cf. pg. 1
SMART Goal:	Establish a relationship with another parish in our Diocese through which we can share resources and build up programming.
Primary Goal Champion include role and individual	Katy DeSchepper (Director of Service and Outreach)
Other Key Persons for this Goal include role and individuals	Mike McDonnell (Business Manager), Angie Brady (Scheduling Coordinator), Joan Backe (Special Events), Maryann Yerga (Bulletin), Tomi Plikuhn (Parish Secretary)

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This SMART Goal effort will be directed toward assisting SS Monica Luke. We will aim to work with them to continue to grow their food pantry and soup kitchen initiatives in the following ways:

Year 1: Include SS Monica Luke's pantry in SJE's Grocery Bag collection. This will include educating our parishioners on SS Monica Luke and the ways in which they serve the community of Gary, and vice versa. We would invite parishioners from SS Monica Luke to assist with the food collection at SJE and invite SJE parishioners to assist with the delivery, storage and eventual distribution of the food at SS Monica Luke. In this first year, we will also coordinate with SS Monica Luke so that our Small Groups and others from within the Parish can provide food resources to prepare and assist in hot meals for community.

Year 2: Organize a quarterly event to provide food supplies i.e. food drive. Partner with local green houses or donors for supply donations. Research SS Monica Luke community for an empty lot that could act as the site of a potential community garden. Assist, educate and plant variety of vegetables and fruit trees as a resource for food.

Year 3: Food assistance that puts families first and addressing the poverty and the needs of all. Nutritional guide to good eating.

People Required to Accomplish Goal				
Existing Roles Requiring Allocation	Anticipated Start Date	Duration	Notes	
Roles mentioned above	04/15/18	Ongoing	Executed grocery bag day and delivered	
New Roles Required	Anticipated Start Date	Duration	Notes	
n/a				
n/a				
Other Finance	cial Investments	Required (Non-Staff/Volunteer)		
Investment	Estimated \$\$\$	Duration	Notes	
Food prep	\$1500.00	Food prep		
Nutritional guideline pamphlets	\$750.00	Nutritional guideline pamphlets		
Soil, seeds, wood	\$4000.00	Soil, seeds, wood		
Communication Needs				
Audience	Frequency	Vehicle/Means	Notes	
Parish	Up to/during	Pulpits, bulletin, social media, website, homilies		

Priority 3 : Goal 2	Priority: Serve the Poor Rationale: cf. pg. 1
SMART Goal:	Organize one annual parish wide service project in conjunction with our school and larger community by 2021.
Primary Goal Champion include role and individual	Katy DeSchepper (Director of Service and Outreach)
Other Key Persons for this Goal include role and individuals	Mike McDonnell (Business Manager), Angie Brady (Calendar), Joan Backe (Special Events), Maryann Yerga (Bulletin Editor), Tomi Plikuhn (Parish Secretary)

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Aim: To get majority of parishioners engaged in a parish wide service project that culminates in evening Mass and fellowship.

Year 1, 2, and 3: Organize and schedule with Food banks, nursing homes, Habitat for Humanity, Soup kitchens, VA, Sisters of Charities and others to serve.

Create a "Sign up day for service" where families can serve others. Projects can range from painting a senior's home, yard work, working a food pantry, serving at a soup kitchen.

People Required to Accomplish Goal				
Existing Roles Requiring Allocation	Anticipated Start Date	Duration	Notes	
Roles listed above	July '18	Ongoing		
New Roles Required	Anticipated Start Date	Duration	Notes	
n/a				
n/a				
Other Financ	cial Investments	Required (Non-Staff/Volunteer)		
Investment	Estimated \$\$\$	Duration	Notes	
T-shirts, water, snacks, flyer	\$2500-\$4000	Contingent on # projects/year		
Project materials		Contingent on # and types or projects/year		
Communication Needs				
Audience	Frequency	Vehicle/Means	Notes	
Parish	Up to/during	Pulpits, bulletin, social media, website, homilies		

Priority 4 : Goal 1 (OPTIONAL)	Priority: Love God Rationale: cf. pg. 1
SMART Goal:	Plot out multiple homily series for the entire liturgical year, complete with graphics, video aides, small group integration, and guest handouts by January 2021.
Primary Goal Champion include role and individual	Khalil Hattar (P.A. for Administration)
Other Key Persons for this Goal include role and individuals	Tina O'Drobinak (Director of Liturgy), Jason Wall (P.A. for Relational Ministry), Sheila Lachcik (DRE)

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Year 1: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are: pulling the readings for Advent and Lent during the Summer and Fall, respectively. At that time, the Pastor and Homily Team will review the readings individually and come together for a brainstorming session to develop homily theme and plotting out the thematic progression over the course of the series. Pastor begins writing the homilies; team supports by providing resources as needed. As homilies are being produced, Media Team develops graphics package for screens, web and social media, promotional materials and aides. Concurrently, Small Group curriculum is developed based on the homily for the week. This includes: lesson, resource materials, and weekly videos are storyboarded and filmed.

Year 2: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are: continuing the work of Year 1, in addition to, developing an additional homily series for the beginning of the year in the Fall.

Year 3: Some of the important milestones and strategies that will aid in the fulfillment of this priority are: continuing the work of Years 1 and 2, in addition to, developing an additional homily series for the end of the year in the Spring.

By the end of Year 3, our SMART Goal should result in an annual presentation of four homily series throughout the year: Advent, Lent, Spring and Fall.

	People Required to Accomplish Goal				
Existing Roles Requiring Allocation	Anticipated	Duration	Notes		
	Start Date				
Pastor	6/27/18	Ongoing			
P.A. for Administration	6/27/18	Ongoing			
Director of Liturgy	6/27/18	Ongoing			
P.A. for Relational Ministry	6/27/18	Ongoing			
DRE	6/27/18	Ongoing			
New Roles Required	Anticipated	Duration	Notes		
	Start Date				
n/a					
n/a					
Other Financial Investments Required (Non-Staff/Volunteer)					
Investment	Estimated \$\$\$	Duration	Notes		
Aides	\$2500-3000	Contingent on # series/yr			

Promotional materials	\$1000-1500	Contingent on # series/yr		
Communication Needs				
Audience	Frequency	Vehicle/Means	Notes	
Parish-wide	Up to/during	Email campaign; social media; website; videos; print ads		
Small Groups	During	SG curriculum		
Local community	Up to/during	Social media; website; videos; mailers		