

Appendix 2

Parish Organization and Ministries

The Vision of Good Shepherd is the formation of a “community of small communities” centered in the Eucharist and committed to ministry. This vision emphasizes a prayerful focus on living the mission of Jesus. Prayer, faith sharing, mutual support, learning and mission are all a part of this commitment to ministry.

Pastoral Council ensures that the life of the parish reflects the mission of Jesus and that all parishioners are encouraged and provided an opportunity to participate in this mission through various ministries. The ministries of the parish have been divided into several categories for organizational purposes.

LEADERSHIP

The mission of Leadership Communities is to plan and coordinate the pastoral direction of the parish. This involves forming a vision for the parish, planning for the future and evaluating the success of parish efforts. This is done under the direction of the Pastor and in coordination with the Pastoral Staff. The Leadership Communities are: Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Small Christian Communities, Stewardship, Worship and Matthew 25.

PRAYER and LITURGY

The mission of Prayer and Liturgy ministries is to support all aspects of communal worship; to ensure adequate preparation for each Mass and each Liturgical season of the year; to encourage parishioners to actively participate in worship activities and to foster individual spiritual growth and prayer life.

FAITH FORMATION

The mission of Faith Formation ministries is to guide, oversee, and enable the faith formation of adults, youth, and children by providing them the knowledge, experiences, skills, and community to form their hearts and minds to be faithful and fruitful disciples of Christ. Their purpose is to foster a living, conscious, and active faith through understanding correctly the teachings of the Catholic faith, and, in keeping with their age, to help each assume responsibility as a vital member of the parish.

FELLOWSHIP and EVANGELIZATION

The mission of Fellowship and Evangelization ministries is to support activities which promote spiritual renewal and strengthen faith sharing, prayer and fellowship within the parish (individuals as well as families).

MERCY and JUSTICE

The mission of Mercy and Justice ministries is to support parish social ministry activities related to corporal and spiritual works of mercy, companionship to those in need, education (Catholic social teaching and social justice programs), community and global solidarity and social justice advocacy.

FACILITIES

The mission of the Facilities ministries is to oversee and manage the physical care and maintenance of the parish buildings, grounds and equipment. This also includes the planning of future material and physical needs of the parish.