

Pastoral Priority III

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

1. Our parish promotes Catholic teaching on marriage and family life beginning with youth and young adults.
2. We have a comprehensive marriage preparation process which, in collaboration with the diocese, provides future married couples with opportunities to grow in faith, to learn the moral and social teaching of the Church, including the full truth of conjugal love, and to acquire life skills for marriage.
3. We assist those in marriage preparation and help newlyweds to address their particular challenges and to become actively involved in the sacramental life and mission of the Church.
4. Our parish offers parents, especially new and single parents, opportunities to deepen their faith, and we help them to become involved in the faith formation of their children.
5. In a variety of ways, we respond to the various needs of our families and their members including: families suffering from domestic violence or addictions; couples in struggling marriages; divorced, separated and widowed persons; needy or troubled children and youth at risk; those in crisis pregnancies or post abortion trauma; and persons with disabilities.
6. We support the vocation of marriage and family life by providing enrichment opportunities, by promoting family and cultural traditions and practices, and by offering activities which bring families together within the parish community.
7. Our parish engages a qualified marriage and family life coordinator who works in collaboration with our pastor in implementing diocesan policies and guidelines.