



Chippewa Falls Catholic Community

Pastoral Plan - Fall 2021 Update

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First Phase 2021-2026

The Pastoral Plan consists of six general areas: Parish Organization, Faith Formation and Evangelization, Social Justice, Stewardship and Communication, Finances and Facilities, and McDonell Area Catholic Schools. **This update focuses on three of the areas, which are, Faith Formation and Evangelization, Finances and Facilities, and McDonell Area Catholic Schools. Watch for the next update in March.**

Faith Formation and Evangelization

Goal 1: Study if and how all religious education for children and youth can be coordinated through McDonell Area Catholic Schools (MACs).

- All Chippewa Falls parish religious education programs (including St. Peter) use the Spirit of Truth Parish Curriculum from Sophia Press for grades 1-9. In alignment with the parishes, MACS has also adopted the Spirit of Truth school curriculum for grades K-12. (August, 2021)
- All Chippewa Falls parish religious education programs (including St. Peter) have a common website, chippewafallsfaithformation.net.
- Confirmation preparation for all 10th grade students, no matter school affiliation, is combined for Notre Dame, St. Charles, Holy Ghost, St. Bridget, and St. Peter.
- Parish staff is working to develop a vision for a combined parish religious education program (Holy Ghost, St. Charles, St. Peter, Notre Dame). Further coordination in 2022-2023 is expected.

Goal 2: Develop a total youth ministry for adolescents.

Dead Theologians Society (DTS) has been revitalized. Consideration of a new youth ministry coordinator is in progress for 2022.

Goal 3: Establish a ministry for young adults in their 20's and 30's

- Director of Outreach and Evangelization at Notre Dame is collaborating with a team of young adults to help plan and implement ministry for the broad young adult community.
- Source and Summit: a monthly event for all young adults in the Chippewa Valley to gather for adoration, confession, praise and worship, a brief exhortation, with social time and happy hour following the event.

Goal 4: Create faith sharing groups and/or retreat experiences for adults.

As of October, 2021, the following groups and/or experiences exist in the Chippewa Falls area Catholic Community and everyone is invited to attend even if they are not members of the hosting parish.

- a. Catholic Connect for Adults
- b. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
- c. Various Women's Groups/Clubs
- d. Encountering Persons in Christ (E.P.I.C.)
- e. Bible Studies
- f. MACS Faith Boosters and Religious Education Family Nights
- g. Knights of Columbus Men's Group

Goal 5: Create evangelization teams to contact present and former parishioners.

Plans to begin these teams in 2022, as a collaborative effort between the parish outreach and evangelization director and existing evangelization groups.

The Catholic community in the Chippewa Falls area has been working hard to implement the Pastoral Plan that was developed in early 2021. In an effort to be transparent with all parishioners and stakeholders, **quarterly updates** will be made available in parish bulletins and on the MACS website.



Everyone is encouraged to review the process, ask questions and get involved as we continue to grow our Catholic community



Finances and Facilities

Goal 1: Complete a facilities study by September of 2021 and devise a facilities master plan for all sites.

A long range facilities planning committee, with representation from the city parishes and MACS, has been meeting regularly. They completed a review of all facilities with the assistance of Meitler Consulting Inc.. Master planning efforts continue, with several architects having been consulted. Proposals from several regional and local architects have been submitted. The committee will be meeting in November to decide on an architect to develop a master plan.

Goal 2: Reduce the parish investment or subsidy to the schools to 50%.

The Dean, MACS Controller, and appropriate committees are in the process of reviewing the parish investment. They will continue to plan for an eventual reduction. This effort is tied to increased advancement efforts at MACS, which are in the beginning stages.

Goal 3: Conduct a coordinated capital campaign as part of the Diocese of La Crosse campaign.

The diocesan capital campaign will begin sometime in 2022. We are awaiting updates from the Diocese of La Crosse.



Dead Theologians Society Youth Ministry

McDonnell Area Catholic Schools (MACS)

Goal 1: Emphasize the role of advancement and fundraising in the revenue stream of the school.

MACS has started an Advancement Advisory Committee. The committee is working with the MACS President and Advancement Director to develop a Comprehensive Ministry of Advancement Program.

Goal2: Phase out the pre-school program for one- and two-year-old children.

Following the publication of the Pastoral Plan, MACS administration completed a financial and operational review of the one and two-year-old programs at the St. Charles Borromeo Early Childhood. The one-year old program will be phased out in early 2022, with plans for the two-year old program yet to be determined.

Goal 3: Promote MACS as a 3-year-old to 12th grade school which includes BB4C (now called Chippewa Falls 4K Cardinals) with wrap-around care.

Marketing materials will be revised in 2022 as programming offerings are continuously updated and improved. MACS currently serves children ages two through grade 12. This includes the free 4K and wrap-around care for 4-5 year olds.

Goal 4: Create a facilities master plan for MACS.

See above - master planning is progressing in full cooperation with the parishes, as the schools are a ministry of the parishes and share many facilities. With growing enrollment (25% in five years), space is becoming an issue.



McDonnell Area Catholic Schools

The complete Pastoral Plan, along with the reports and survey results that helped build the plan, plus this update can be found at <https://bit.ly/meitler>

Watch for the next update in the spring.