

Major Findings From One-on-One Meetings Guardian Angels Catholic Church

Thanks for the many people that have been able to meet with me. After close to 85 meetings with parishioners some similar patterns of themes have evolved. From my notes every parishioner who came in spoke positively about the parish and the parishioners. –Fr. Tony

Topic / Area of Focus Description / Concern (Fall 2018)	Action (As of Spring 2019)	Follow-up and Dates of Initiation (As of Spring 2019)
Welcoming for visitors and new parishioners – There is a deficiency in welcoming new people at the point of entry into the church building during weekend mass, there is a lack of new parishioner welcome, registration, follow-up for new parishioners.	A new welcoming committee is in the process of being formed. They will be able to answer basic questions, register new parishioners, and offer hospitality to people at weekend liturgies.	Welcoming committee/booth is in place. Pastor’s letter of welcome sent to new parishioners
Parking Lot / Fence	This summer we will be redoing the parking lot and fences. There will be fund-raising in the parish for this venture.	Plan for work to be complete by July 15, 2019. Paving the Way capital campaign May 2019.
Reaching Out to Young Adults – a lack of connecting young adults (ages 20-40+) to the parish.	Beginning young adult gatherings. Beginning a new adult mixed softball team.	Began in November 2019 and has continued. Many other offshoots are resulting from these gatherings of Young Adults; including Dads’ Group and Moms’ Group.
Guardian Angels School	The school is in great shape but can be even better. An extensive school plan has been written to make GA school stronger. This includes not only the school proper but the preschool as well.	A school strategic plan has been completed. Implementation of the plan has already begun. A more extensive preschool plan has also been included. Feedback from high school has also helped identify ways to make our students even stronger in all areas of study. Several goals to be met over the next three years.
Bishop Foley High School	Bishop Foley High School is in great shape. A school plan has been written to make it stronger. New leadership model will be in place for the fall 2019 to make the school stronger.	Implementation has begun and a board of directors will be setting goals and evaluating the school to make it even better. There will not be a president but a board overseeing the high school.
Stability and Healing of Our Parish / Overall Parish Finances	Stability continues to happen. Even with collections down, expenses are much lower. New parishioners continue to...	The new parishioner committee is operating. New opportunities for parishioners in adult faith formation and volunteering are reenergizing the parish.

Stability and Healing of Our Parish / Overall Parish Finances (continued)	register. Several baptisms, less weddings. Thus far, a total of 84 one-on-one meetings have occurred and assisted in identifying concerns and future vision for Guardian Angels.	Implementing a new parish council, “the Mass” series, Divine Mercy series, bible study, the 55 & up group, and young adult group, have brought a lively spirit.
Focus on the Needs of Our Teens	We have a teen group at meeting monthly at Guardian Angels. More work and planning is in process.	Meeting place has moved back to Guardian Angels Additional follow up and planning continues. A plan is being made for implementation in the fall 2019.
Focus on Adult Faith Formation	Offering simple educational opportunities for adults. Discerning the needs of the adults who attend beginning events.	January 2019 – “The Mass” educational series. March 2019 Divine Mercy series began (over 85 people signed up) Parish Mission March 2019 Men’s retreat Women’s retreat Several other opportunities will continue into the future.
Focus on Needs of Seniors	Forming a 55 and up group. Gathering more input from the seniors and their wants and needs.	“Field trips” and fellowship with presentations, movies, and gatherings have taken place, more are being organized to will grow into the future.
Need for Younger Families to Take on Leadership and Existing Roles in the Parish	Inviting new parishioners and younger families. Planning a Ministries Fair for September. A generous attitude of sharing the work load will help.	Parish Council will help bring about ministries fair. September 2019 Training of liturgical ministers will happen in October 2019.
Parish Ministries Fair	A weekend that invites all parishioners to inquire about the several different way they can be involved at the parish.	Parish Council will help bring about ministries fair. September 2019.
Multi-cultural & Celebrating the Diversity & Ethnicity of our Parish	School – Taste of the World Parish – Mary Around the World Celebration with May Crowning	GA school event - March, 2019 Parish Event May 6, 2019, Rosary & May Crowning
Unifying Parish with Faith Formation and School	Mary Around the World celebration with May Crowning	Parish Event May 6, 2019 Parish Picnic, inclusion in Daddy/ Daughter and Mother/Son events