



St. Thomas of Villanova Draft Parish Priorities

Priority #1: Continue the Path of Synodal Listening and Sharing	
Description: Create opportunities for greater sharing of information and inclusion in the decision-making process of the parish.	
Activities to support this priority	Timeframe (Month/Year)
1. Create a listening plan that would have bi-annual listening sessions in May and October with the goal of capturing input from parishioners that would lead to new programs/ideas/initiatives to be implemented in a reasonable time.	Annual effort beginning May 2023
2. Engage Parishioners under 55 in a listening session to gather relevant ideas for engagement with at least 10 attendees. Have at least 1 session with those 18-35yrs old.	March to July/2023
3. The welcome committee will personally contact all newly registered Parishioners to gather their input on their needs within 6 months of registration. Create tools necessary to equip welcome committee to reach out.	April 2023
4. Have at least 2 listening sessions to which those Parishioners who no longer participate regularly or are inactive to help us understand why and how we might get their re-engagement.	January –December 2024
5. Engage a professional consultant to help us review and improve our Parish website, social media communication channels, and create an enhanced communication plan for the Parish.	June to December 2023



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Priority #2: Accompany Parishioners on their Faith Journey

Description: Prepare parishioners to share their story and help them to grow spiritually by creating more opportunities for Parishioners to gather to meet one another and learn more about their faith.

Activities to support this priority	Timeframe (Month/Year)
1. Organize a once per month “donuts after Mass” program from October-June that includes an educational/faith element	October 2023-June 2024
2. Create at least 2 new opportunities for parishioners to gather to share Faith stories and learn more about our Faith, such as Bible Study groups and Catholic Book Club(s) leveraging already existing programs like Alpha and Bible in a Year podcasts	September 2023-June 2024
3. Begin a new Adult Faith Education program focused on the teachings/history of the Church with 1 focused on the understanding the Mass.	March 2023 – Dec. 2023
4. Identify at least 4 parishioners to host a meal in their home with a priest and 10 other parishioners.	June 2023 – June 2024
5. Send a group of key leaders in the parish to participate in the “Schools of Missionary Discipleship” session to help equip them to share their faith story	March 2024



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Priority #3: Be a more welcoming and inclusive parish

Description: Create a more robust culture of welcoming and inclusion that will help establish the Church as necessary to the faith of parishioners and strengthen the community through enhanced encounters for gathering. Our activities need to reach those that currently feel unsupported by the community. Activities should include pre-evangelization/initiatory catechesis events

Activities to support this priority

Timeframe (Month/Year)

1. Find ways to influence the broader Church to be more welcoming to various groups such as women, young people, divorcees, and minorities of all kinds.

March to July/2023 planning and then implement various ideas

2. Plan at least 3 new annual community building events (such as a beer tasting event, sports watching events), for all parishioners and the community to kick off with March Madness events in 2023 developed by the Men's Group.

March 2023- June 2025

3. Sponsor an outside speaker series of interest to attract wider attendance of Parishioners, if possible, in collaboration with other Parishes.

Plan through July 2023 and implement speakers in Fall 2023-June 2024

4. Develop specific programming (movie nights, speakers, etc.) that reaches out to those feeling excluded.

June 2023 – December 2024