



Diocese of Gary

Most Reverend Donald J. Hying

St. Edward, Lowell

Reverend Richard Holy, Pastor

Ecclesial Area:

Smart Goal:

Priority:

SMART Goal Rationale:

Evangelization

Reach out to the non-practicing and unchurched community of Lowell by hosting one "come and see weekend" per year.

Welcoming our neighbor (Evangelization)

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Ecclesial Area:

Smart Goal:

Priority:

SMART Goal Rationale:

Evangelization

Community involvement with three events in the community

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Ecclesial Area:

Smart Goal:

Discipleship

Forming parish relationships by establishing a "Companions on the Journey" mentorship ministry

Priority: Forming missionary disciples
(discipleship/formation)

SMART Goal Rationale: In order to serve Christ as a community of disciples, the parish should form and sustain its members through children and adult faith formation programs as well as provide mentors to walk with and support parishioners in their formation as missionary disciples.

Ecclesial Area: Discipleship

SMART Goal: Establish and maintain 10 small faith sharing groups held throughout the year by April 1, 2021

Priority: Forming Missionary Disciples

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Ecclesial Area:

Marriage and Family

SMART Goal: 50 parents to attend Strong Catholic Family, Strong Catholic Youth Night by 2018

Priority: Strengthening marriages and families

SMART Goal Rationale: Acknowledging the main challenges families face in modern society, the parish seeks to support couples in their marital vocation and to reinforce their role as the first and best teachers of the faith. The parish also seeks to integrate young people into the full life of the worshipping community.

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SMART Goal: Establishing a parish marriage preparation team - strengthening marriages and families

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Priority:

Strengthening Marriages and Families (Marriage and Family)

SMART Goal Rationale:

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