



## **Diocese of Gary**

Most Reverend Donald J. Hying

### **St. Mary of the Lake-Gary**

Most Reverend Dale Melczek, Administrator

#### **Ecclesial Area:**

**SMART Goal:**

**Priority:**

**SMART Goal Rationale:**

#### **Evangelization**

Increase our parish enrollment by numbers and diversity through our outreach programs by 15 annually through June 30, 2021.

Dynamic sharing of faith

Through our liturgy, our welcoming hospitality, and our involvement in ministry and outreach, we will open our hearts of our parishioners, visitors, and the Gary/Miller community and NWI Indiana to embrace God more deeply.

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#### **Sacraments**

Increase the number and diversity of participants in our liturgical services.

Dynamic Faith Sharing

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#### **Discipleship**

Develop additional spiritual programs for both children and adults to learn to live in the fullness of their baptismal calling and increase participation.

Embracing our baptismal calling.

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**Social Teaching**

Develop programs to acquaint our parishioners and the larger community of Northwest Indiana on the social teachings of the Catholic Church (e.g. poverty, racism, environment, immigration, human trafficking)

Embracing our baptismal calling

Encourage individuals to explore a deeper relationship with God through prayer, participation in the Sacraments, faith formation, and openness to "meet people wherever they are." (Pope Francis)

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**Stewardship**

To provide a safe and lasting environment for our parishioners to exercise their own personal stewardship in both worship and outreach services by developing and administering a physical assets management program by June 30, 2021.

Sharing our Gifts

We invite all to explore and identify their talents to broaden our base of stewardship (time, talent, treasure) in personal faith, mission and parish community.

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**Stewardship**

Refurbish, repurpose and restore the contemplative and inspiring environment of the church for our parishioners and visitors.

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