



***NWMCP Strategic Planning Update  
January 2023***

Our tri-parish planning work is in its third month of collaboration. The four workgroups are meeting regularly and providing monthly updates and recommendations to the Steering Committee. We have 50+ parishioners representing all three parishes engaged in our work.

The Special Assignment workgroup is focused on determining the feasibility of a tri-parish center which would provide outreach ministry to the Northwest Milwaukee community.

The Facilities & Finance workgroup is assisting parish and workgroup leadership with support and utilization of parish resources and various assets.

The Evangelization & Liturgy workgroup is exploring ways for us to better evangelize throughout the Northwest Milwaukee area. They are also charged with the responsibility of creating an environment for effective worship within our collaborating parishes.

The Community Engagement & Education workgroup is identifying ways to connect with the needs in our community and with Northwest Catholic School, our Seton school jointly supported by all three parishes.

A recent recommendation from the Evangelization & Liturgy workgroup, which was approved and implemented, involved changing our weekday Mass schedule. To best utilize availability of priest-presiders on weekdays, the new weekday Mass schedule is already in effect: Tuesdays at 4:00PM at St. Bernadette, Wednesdays at 11:00AM at Our Lady of Good Hope, Thursdays at 12:00PM at St. Catherine of Alexandria, and First Fridays at 12:00PM at St. Catherine of Alexandria. Weekend Mass times will be addressed in the spring. Again, paramount in that decision will be the needs of parishioners and the availability of our pastor and help-out priests.

Finally, as Fr. Greg has embarked on his three-month sabbatical, Fr. Mike Barrett will be temporary administrator for all three parishes. Given Fr. Mike's previous knowledge of our parishes and prior experience within our community, we are in great hands. Please feel free to discuss any questions with Fr. Mike or Michael Laird, Director of Missionary Planning and Leadership for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. You can request a return call from either of them through our parish offices.

Through our deep and ongoing collaboration, we strive to attain  
our common goals, and, together, we will *rise to the moment*.