We are committed to offering ministries, services, a parish office, school, and church that look and feel joyful, positive, respectful, and Christ-like.

THE HEART Symbol of love, charity, joy, understanding, happiness, piety, and sorrow. It is recognized as the key organ of the human body, one that coordinates the intellect with the emotions. The emblem for devotions to the Sacred Heart is a flaming heart, surmounted by a Cross and enclosed in the Crown of Thorns. As an attribute, the flaming heart generally suggests fervor; the pierced heart, empathy and compassion.

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Parish Pastoral Plan

Because we want to be a parish after the Sacred Heart of Jesus!
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Evangelization

- **We will welcome** everyone to conversion experiences like Cursillo, Couples for Christ, Marriage Encounter, Retrouvaille, parish retreats, and Christians in Commerce.
- **We will invite** active Catholics to faith-sharing communities, prayer experiences, leadership formation, theological reflection, and chats about sensitive issues.
- **We will reach out** to non-practicing Catholics by organized visitation and "Remembering Church" gatherings.
- **We will target** special groups (parents, seniors, youth, and children) with special outreach.
- **We will offer** prayer experiences to the larger community. We will put forth the face of Christ at theater announcements and on billboards.
- **We will do** splendid favors for the community in Christ’s name.

Social Justice

Social Justice is a condition of inclusion and right relations between and among all persons and groups. It is a true shalom, where everyone is respected and basic human needs are met.

- **We will work with** COPA (Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action), with other parishes, and with city officials and police to deal with street violence and other community concerns.
- **We will work to** identify and train community leaders.
- **We will reach out to** parishes needier than we through a sister parish program.

If this still seems vague...

It is... but not for long! Our next step will be convening focus groups to develop concrete strategies to promote evangelization and social justice.

"If you want peace, work for justice. If you want justice, defend life."

-POPE JOHN PAUL II

Our pastoral plan will be more than just grandiose ideas with no actual fruit. With the help of our whole parish (and hopefully other parishes in town), we will develop strategies, actions, and careful evaluations that will change and convert us!