

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF GOD'S WORK AMONG US DURING COVID-19
STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE
MAY 19, 2020

1. Strengthen Our Spiritual and Biblical Foundation

- a. Online Zoom Bible studies have made studies accessible to the homebound.
- b. Stay-at-home orders have enabled parishioners to participate more easily in online Bible studies.
- c. Snowbirds and former parishioners who now live far away are also participating.
- d. Special prayer initiatives, including an in-depth study and a 24-hour prayer vigil have transpired.
- e. Anecdotaly, COVID-19 has driven many people to a dependence on God in prayer.
- f. We now offer morning and evening prayer two days a week in addition to the Wednesday prayer meeting.

2. Expand Mission and Outreach

- a. Parishioners have inquired and acted on needs for our blessing bag ministry and our local mission partners.
- b. Several in the congregation have begun a mask making ministry and have been donating them to our mission partners.
- c. Several generous donations have enabled us to donate monthly to feeding programs in Congo and Rwanda.
- d. Covid-19 has been an impetus for many more parishioners to take an active interest in Missions and Outreach.
- e. The staff has been busy reaching out to every parishioner to touch base and ascertain needs. This has been very well received.

3. Create A Robust Student Ministry

- a. Student parishioners who previously did not participate on a regular basis are now becoming involved via Zoom.
- b. Three new small groups have been formed, making a total of four.
- c. A midweek game time via Zoom is well attended.
- d. Plans are underway for a summer retreat, if possible.

4. Increase Volunteer Involvement

- a. The volunteer committee, under Fr. Matthew's leadership, has been actively meeting and organizing.
- b. This will become even more crucial upon our return to the building as many of our older volunteers may not be available due to safety concerns.

5. Increase Regular Giving and Income Contribution

- a. Covid-19 has presented a challenge, and our total giving is down.
- b. CARES Act loan/grant awarded.
- c. Online giving is up.
- d. The Easter match was inspired and heartening.
- e. We have received several large, sacrificial donations.
- f. Lindsey Adkins has been hired as our new development director.

6. Improve Communications and Transparency

- a. Digital and virtual communications have leapt into the future with a huge buy-in from the congregation. Only absolute necessity could have brought this about! Even Peter Crisafulli is making iMovies and Patty Kelaher is recording Ed's sermons!!
- b. Our webpage has been solidly updated and is continuing to be improved. The All Saints Together page is now a hub of information for digital offerings.
- c. People have come to rely on the weekly announcement eblast as a dependable source of All Saints news.
- d. We have a new daily, digital devotional that continues to receive excellent feedback.
- e. We have a new monthly newsletter telling the stories of All Saints' ministry.
- f. Edyta Cousens has taken on the job of liturgical admin assist. and is now captioning our digital worship offerings. She has great ideas for only making us better. Digital liturgy is likely to continue when we return to the building, since we will be unable to use hymnals and prayer books.
- g. Live-streaming is planned upon our return to the building.