

Dear St. Andrew Community: Below are the responses to our Community Gathering on July 10th. Thanks to you all for participating. A follow up meeting is being planned for the fall in October or November to include more families. It is the goal/hope at that time to prioritize this list into five to ten items that we can actualize through our collective energy. Stay tuned for details. In the meantime, each individual and family can peruse this list and select the items that are most important to you, your family, or the community. We can use this list as a foundational document for our fall meeting. Thank you. The St. Andrew Pastoral Council.

**What do you need to feel
reconnected as a community?**

Having fun as a community
Opportunities for more connection
Celebrate our Pastor
Small faith groups
More people getting involved in more church related-activities
Small projects
Spiritual, contemplative, foundational, meditation/reflective needs
Social justice that is relevant
Church as a Movement
Share our stories
Pride parade as evangelization
Outreach to new members and lapsed Catholics...more outreach to all
Outreach to people not seen since pre-COVID
Retreats (day or overnight)
Ecojustice events
Extra prayer services
Evening services
More one-to-one connection
Lay homilies
More connections with the local/neighborhood community
Robust RCIA ministry
Follow up needed when people sign up for things—better communication response
Need a list of groups at St. Andrew
Connect to women leaders
Teens/children connecting to elders -cross-generational connections
End isolation/loneliness
Inclusivity encouraged

Inclusive language (“we”)
Address Racism
Focus on Mental Health
Focus on families with kids
Women preaching
Be more welcoming to singles and widowed
More inclusiveness for new St. Francis members
Interest in more help to the homeless (Catholic worker house?)
Need to know more about L’Arche community
Learn more about St. Francis’s liturgical traditions
Rebuild relationships
Know more about who is on the pastoral and Admin. Council
Communication team needed

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What action steps can we take as a community?

Resume in person auction
Adult ed (Forums)
Reinstitute picnics, fish fry, pancake breakfast, talent shows, etc.
Lenten soup suppers/Lenten book group
Service projects
Set up a committee to select our next pastor (get Msgr. Leinert involved)
Welcoming table after Mass with established community members (for new parishioners)
Announce that Everyone is welcomed for a blessing each Mass
In addition to the BLM signs, LGBTQIA+ signs
Quick icebreakers after Mass such as: speed introductions to meet more new people
Coordination with St. Vincent de Paul
Scripture study: Women in Bible
STAR (**St. Andrew Relational**) Gatherings
Meals with all
Bilingual liturgies regularly
Recognize one new person each week
More activities with the entire congregation, specifically the 12:30 community
A night of reflection on COVID and how it changed us
Real bread at liturgy
St. Andrew campout
Prayer sashes
Irish dinner
Plan all future gatherings (Mass and others) with COVID protocols in mind
Bring back St. Andrew kiss of peace tradition
Improve sound system
Secede for the Archdiocese knowing where we are going
Return to paper bulletins
Coffee and donuts every week
Support Immaculate Heart Parish

Revive Puentes group
Suggest Pastoral Council to include equal numbers for each Mass (9:30-12:30)
Reimagine Hearts and Hands Group
Updated directory every year: names, photos professions, interests
Tithing suggestion: Half to parish, half to charity/community
Witness talks
Interactive opportunities as part of Mass
Expand youth ministry
Youth Mass
Find out interests of new members by category such as: ecojustice, homelessness, youth
Liturgy of the Word zoom for adults
Active senior ministry (reaching out to those who cannot return to church)
Increase the parish staff to include at least one pastoral associate