

# Vibrant Faith – Vibrant Community

## Strategic Planning Newsletter

### The survey says....

No, it is not Family Feud. It is the next step in the Strategic Planning process and it's being kicked off on May 7 & 8. Two surveys are being fielded. They are:

- **Parishioner Survey**
- **School Parent Survey**

The surveys are an effort to tap into the thoughts and feelings of all of the members of the parish and school.

We believe that every member has a role to play and may have something valuable to contribute as we chart the future of the parish.

### About the Surveys

As the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) worked on developing a parishioner survey, we focused on the ten areas that were identified as important enough to warrant a separate subcommittee. Our original goal was to have one survey that covered the various aspects of parish and school life. The result was a lengthy survey. So the single survey turned in to two: The Parishioner Survey and the School Parent Survey.

### Which survey do I complete?

**Parishioner Survey** – Registered and non-registered members of the parish community. It does not matter how active you are or how often you attend mass.

**School Parent Survey** – Parents of children in SMOS School including parishioners, non-parishioners, and non-catholic families.

**Both** – Parishioners who have children attending SMOS School are asked to complete both survey.

### Who will know what I wrote?

Your answers will be kept anonymous. Neither the pastor nor anyone else in the parish or school will know who provided responses.

### Why should I fill out a survey?

We really want a Strategic Plan that reflects the needs of parishioners and school families. To do this we need to know what you identify as needs. The Holy Spirit might have a message for us that he will deliver through some of you.

To achieve the broad base input we are seeking we expect the majority of parishioners and school families to complete the surveys. Your participation in these surveys will assure that the voice of the parish is heard. You may be the one the Holy Spirit chooses as a messenger.

### How do I get a Survey?

Both surveys are available in hard copy and electronically.

**Hard Copy** (a.k.a. paper copy)-The Parishioner Survey will be distributed at Mass, available in the back of church and at the rectory. The School Parent Survey will be distributed in the Thursday Newsletter and available in the School Office. Once you complete the survey follow the directions for returning them.

**Electronic** – The surveys can be completed on –line. From SMOS homepage ([www.stmargaretstl.org](http://www.stmargaretstl.org)) choose Strategic Planning Page. Follow the directions and click on the link for the survey.

### How long do I have to complete the survey(s)?

The survey period will run from May 7 through May 31, 2005.

### Will the results be reported to the parish?

Yes, we anticipate reporting the results of the surveys to the parish in early fall.

### Who can I contact if I have questions?

Tom Purcell (776-4940 or [purcell1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:purcell1@sbcglobal.net)) or Patty Hendrickson (773-8472 or [stlbarry@swbell.net](mailto:stlbarry@swbell.net)).

What are the best things about the parish?

If there was one thing you could change about the parish what would it be?

What do you want to see the parish doing in 3-5 years?



"Growing a New Parish in a Growing Area of the City."



Learning from our rich past,  
Looking into the mystery of tomorrow,  
Together in the gift that is today.

## Survey – On the Web

The Parishioner and School Parent Surveys can be found on the SMOS Homepage  
[www.stmargaretstl.org](http://www.stmargaretstl.org).  
From the homepage, just click on Strategic Planning to find the surveys.  
Click the link to the survey and you are ready to complete the survey.

## SPC – New Faces

As the SPC has come together and interacted with each other additional members have been identified and have joined the SPC.

Some of these new members come to us as chairs and co-chairs of the subcommittees, others will be replacing members who had to leave the committee for various reasons and a current parishioner from ICSH.

Our new faces are Dick Rohde, Julie Hesed, Joe Hagen, John Williams and Kelly White

## Lets make a Deal

We talked Father Ron in to cleaning out rectory storage cabinets of various SMOS mementos.

Beginning May 12 & 13 member(s) of the SPC will be available after Mass to make a deal for a completed survey. You will have your choice of available items

## Update on Subcommittees

As we announced in the last newsletter, ten (10) subcommittees have been designated. Following is an update on each committee.

**Faith and Spiritual Development** will be chaired by Stephanie Noeker and co-chaired by Gerry Rauch. Their focus will be on the maturing of faith for the adults of our parish

**Evangelization** will be chaired by Joe Hagen and co-chaired by Nancy Nigh. Their focus will be on the spirit of welcome and hospitality, outreach to non-practicing Catholic, invitation to those interested in becoming Catholic and our message of who we are.

**Formation for Faith and Life** will be chaired by Joe Master. His focus will be on programs that strengthen and foster family life and programs for children, youth, teens and young adults.

**Celebrating God's Presence & Action** will be chaired by Cheryl Thomas and co-chaired by Mike Miller. Their focus will be on aspects of worship including liturgy, prayer, devotions and music.

**Expressing Faith** will be chaired by Julie Hesed and co-chaired by Gina Ryan. Their focus will be on outreach and advocacy activities.

**Relationships** will be chaired by Bob Herleth and co-chaired by Gail Hantak. Their focus will be on relationships with other Christian congregations, neighborhood/community organizations in our parish neighborhoods, neighboring parishes and with other institutions.

**Social Activities** will be chaired by Carol Wilmes and co-chaired by Bridget Blaes. Their focus will be on the opportunities for interaction, service and fun within the parish community.

**Facilities** will be chaired by Pete Salsich and co-chaired by Trace Shaughnessy and Mike Diehl. Their focus will be on function, maintenance, accessibility and safety of facilities.

**Financial Resources** will be chaired by Prudence Kramer and co-chaired by Rochelle Dela Roche and John Lenzini. Their focus will be on finances of the parish and school operations for both the short and long term.

**Parish Structure** will be chaired by Mary Cullmann. Her focus will be on parish leadership, internal relationships, decision making processes and communications

## Strategic Planning Committee

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