

Christ Our Light Vision Process & Statement 2024

Our Family of Parishes led by our own Vision Leadership team has been engaged in a visioning process seeking to discern what God is calling our family to be in the next 5 to 10 years. The process has been rooted in six guiding principle areas of the Beacons of Light process that matter most to a vibrant community of faith. These principle areas are Eucharist, Church, Leadership, Stewardship, Evangelization, and Love in Action.

A vision process was held in the Fall of 2023 with 60 people attending from all eight parishes. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the process was exciting, educational, productive, unifying and extremely positive. The Vision Statement below was created along with Impact Statements and Goals for each principle area mentioned above.

We are in the process of organizing family staff, councils, commissions and committees, resource people and other systems that will help develop a strategic plan and implementation process. We trust and believe that the goodwill and collaboration already fostered in our family will continue to flourish and bear good fruit in the years to come. If you are interested in helping implement our vision and impact statements, please contact your local parish office.

Christ our Light Vision Statement

Christ our Light Family of parishes, rooted in the Eucharist and Sacraments, strives to be an inviting community of believers by: cultivating faith, knowing, loving and serving God. We will joyfully radiate the Light of Christ to all through love, compassion and example on our journey towards heaven.

The foundational ideas:

- **Rooted in the Eucharist and Sacraments** – As revealed in sacred scripture, Jesus himself instituted the Sacraments for all Catholics and we keep them central to our community because they unify and strengthen us. This continues the heritage and values our ancestors passed on to us.
- **Inviting community** – As a welcoming family we want to go beyond and invite all to grow our faith community by engaging you where you are. Join us!
- **Cultivating faith** – Cultivating faith as we do the land, we want to spread the Good News as we do seeds especially in our youth. Strong families and farming are a big part of our culture and heritage and we want to remember God's bounty.
- **Knowing, loving and serving God** – We want to continue becoming better by learning more about God (knowing), developing a personal relationship with God (loving), and following his example towards others (serving).
- **Joyfully radiate the Light of Christ**- The love God shows us, the blessings and Grace he gives us – fill us with Joy and we want to show that and exuberantly share it with the world!
- **Love, compassion and example** – Jesus taught us to love everyone as being made in his image. We strive to put that love into action, sharing time and talent while showing people the true path to happiness and an eternity in heaven.
- **Journey towards heaven** – Our goal is joining God in heaven. We want that for our family and for all.