

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish**  
**Visioning Summary: January, 2021**

**Total Responses = 57**

**Question 1: What is great about St. Elizabeth Ann Seton?**

**EDUCATION/FORMATION COMMISSION**

- Educational opportunities, learning about the teachings of the Church
- Small group studies and speakers—increases faith and instills sociability among laity
- Totus Tuus summer for our younger parishioners

**PARISH LIFE COMMISSION**

- The Parish is inviting and there is a strong sense of community.
- There is a wide variety of ministries in which to participate, and plenty of opportunities to serve.
- The monthly birthday announcements
- The Youth Group and the Parish support for our youth

**PEACE AND CHARITY COMMISSION**

- Helpful, charitable, generous: Help is there when needed.
- Our support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Food pantry, prison ministry, and Angel tree

**SPIRITUALITY AND WORKSHIP COMMISSION**

- Convenient Mass times, in-person Masses during COVID and during weekdays, Sunday Mass on YouTube, Saturday night teen Mass
- Music program is best in area; the acoustics enhance the experience
- Parishioners are a faith-filled community; Church services offer the ultimate spiritual experience, beautiful and inspiring, and Christ centered.
- Tabernacle in center of sanctuary
- Silence before and after Mass and after Communion shows respect for Jesus in the Eucharist.
- New devotional area for Mother Seton
- First Friday adoration
- Father Mick's homilies and stories about saints' lives. Extra items that Church provides—small books, calendars, holy cards, song books, etc.
- Candles to light for the needs of others or ourselves

### **STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION**

- Father Mick's positive attitude, leadership and availability encourage dedication in our leaders, staff and ushers.
- Appreciation for Fr. Bertino and other visiting priests helping out
- Strong leadership with Parish Pastoral Council
- Financial stability
- Physical condition of church and hall: It is clean, inviting, HVAC system kept up-to-date, security system installed, landscaping and grounds well kept.

**Question 2: *If Resources were unlimited, what would you like to see more of?***

### **EDUCATION/FORMATION COMMISSION**

- More adult formation to enhance spiritual lives: Short courses available through various institutes, subscription services, book studies, video series, and presentations; opportunities to learn Church Dogma and Doctrines; invite outside speakers and presenters.
- For Youth: Prayer services directly related to the children of our parish; activities that go beyond the Faith Formation classroom and curriculum; more parental participation to enhance our students as they grow in faith; involvement in CYO and other youth organizations; and service learning and charitable projects with Faith Formation Junior High students (food drive, clothing drive, etc).
- A St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Elementary School and/or Preschool
- Utilize free social media to reach out and catechize parishioners and others interested in learning about our faith.

### **PARISH LIFE COMMISSION**

- Provide rides to Sunday Mass/activities
- Have an Idea Box in the narthex for adults, youth and children
- Enhance outreach to those with medical issues, which incorporates spirituality and get-well wishes.
- More social events for adults, youth, and families
- More advertisement of the parish in the community, with invitations to join us
- Celebrate wedding anniversaries like birthdays, highlighting the number of years and blessing the couples.
- New Parish Pictorial Directory
- Outreach to all those struggling including families and teens, inviting them to contact our Parish for assistance.
- Publish a monthly electronic newsletter and/or mailing, spotlighting Parish activities.

### **PEACE AND CHARITY COMMISSION**

- Offer more assistance to the St. Vincent de Paul Society so they can help more people. Offer them space for a drop-off location that can be accessed after weekend Masses, with visible signage.
- Re-establish a Pro-Life Ministry
- Expand food pantry and clothing center by building an addition
- Host charitable drives: food, toilet paper, diapers, socks, toys, sanitizers, etc.
- Emergency Fund for parishioners to help with rent and utilities
- More outreach to St. Roche
- Help other parishes

### **SPIRITUALITY AND WORSHIP COMMISSION**

- Evangelization activities: Bring Christ to the world through our parish; establish a Ministry or Committee to explore opportunities; expect youth involvement in all parish ministries.
- Liturgies and worship activities: Revisit Current Mass Times; add various special Mass events, such as Tridentine Latin, Eastern Rite, outdoor Mass in conjunction with a social event; Eucharistic Adoration availability; keep Sacred Space sacred before and after Mass.
- Spirituality: Parish Mission; Guest speakers; telephone/Zoom Prayer Group
- Physical updates: Audio-visual enhancement to encourage participation during liturgies; new devotional spaces and update current areas.
- Music Ministry: Musical Diversity both more traditional and more modern; Choir and Cantor Positioning; enhance variety of Instruments.

### **STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION**

- Strengthen general leadership skills, founded on a deep faith rooted in spirituality, knowledge and dedication.
- Hire a Parish Business Manager, so that Father can focus more on true mission and spirituality of Parish.
- Increase wages for staff.
- Upgrade facilities: Video technology, paint, new carpet, remodel sanctuary, refinish pews, improve sound system, new floors, blinds over side-door stained glass windows, replace kneelers, new folding chairs, new coffee makers, add kneelers and chairs in St. Elizabeth Devotional area.
- New Additions: Erect bell tower, establish Stewardship office, new classrooms, reconfigure driveway.
- Budget monthly donations to St. Roche, SVDP and Prison Ministry.
- Post regular scheduled office hours for staff.
- Outside improvements- Stone sign outside of Savio Hall; outdoor garden sitting area and grotto, a cemetery.
- Improve message sign on corner so that it is easier to read,

## **OTHER**

- Update and revise church bulletins. Insert articles of interest: Pope's monthly intention, something from the internet website USCCB. Highlight a different ministry each week or month with a contact. Follow up with anyone expressing interest. Explain the different sacred areas, objects, and surroundings in church.

## **PARISH VALUES**

**Growing in Education/Formation**

**Evangelization**

**Providing for All Ages**

**Being a Welcoming Community**

**Being Generous in Charity**

**Being Prayerful**

**Providing Opportunities for Worship**

**Having Good Leaders/Staff**

**Being Financially Stable**

**Providing Practically for Today/Tomorrow**