

NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH, PRICE, UTAH

Pastoral Plan, Mission, Vision and Strategies

Vision Statement

At Notre Dame de Lourdes Catholic Church, we envision a vibrant and dynamic community of faith rooted in Christ's love, guided by the Holy Spirit, and inspired by the example of our patroness, Our Lady of Lourdes. Our vision is to be a beacon of light and hope in the Price community, radiating God's love and mercy to all who seek refuge and spiritual nourishment.

We aspire to create a welcoming and inclusive parish where individuals and families of all backgrounds feel valued, supported, and encouraged to grow in their relationship with God and one another. Our vision is to foster a culture of encounter and discipleship, where each person is empowered to discern and embrace God's call in their lives and to use their unique gifts and talents for the service of others.

We envision Notre Dame de Lourdes as a center of prayer, worship, and spiritual formation, where the sacraments are celebrated with reverence and joy, and where the Word of God is proclaimed with clarity and conviction. We strive to offer dynamic and engaging opportunities for faith formation and lifelong learning, equipping individuals of all ages to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and to live as joyful and committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

As a parish community, we are called to be agents of transformation and reconciliation in the world, actively engaging in works of charity, justice, and mercy that address the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and the vulnerable. Our vision is to build bridges of solidarity and collaboration with other faith communities and organizations, seeking common ground and shared values in the pursuit of the common good.

Ultimately, our vision for Notre Dame de Lourdes Catholic Church is rooted in our deep faith in God's providence and our trust in His guiding hand. With Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, as our model and intercessor, we entrust ourselves to her maternal care and seek her guidance as we strive to fulfill God's plan for our parish and our community.

Mission Statement

"At Notre Dame de Lourdes Catholic Church in Price, Utah, we are a welcoming community of faith committed to embracing the Gospel message of love, mercy, and compassion. Rooted in the Catholic tradition and inspired by the example of Our Lady of Lourdes, we seek to foster spiritual growth, nurture Christian discipleship, and build a vibrant community of believers dedicated to encountering Christ in word and sacrament.

Our mission is **to proclaim** the Good News of Jesus Christ, **to celebrate** the richness of our Catholic heritage through liturgical worship and sacramental life, and **to serve** as instruments of

God's love and healing in our local community and beyond. Guided by the Holy Spirit and united in prayer and fellowship, we strive to cultivate a culture of hospitality, inclusivity, and mutual support, where all are valued, welcomed, and encouraged to share their gifts for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to witness to the Gospel values of justice, peace, and solidarity, and to actively engage in works of charity, mercy, and social justice that address the needs of the marginalized and vulnerable in our midst. With Mary, our Mother, as our model and intercessor, we entrust ourselves to her maternal care and seek her guidance as we journey together in faith, hope, and love towards the fulfillment of God's kingdom."

Pastoral Plan for Notre Dame de Lourdes Catholic Church

Faith Formation:

Objective: Develop a comprehensive faith formation program that encompasses all age groups and stages of life, including children, youth, adults, and families.

- Establish catechetical programs for children and youth that integrate sacramental preparation, scripture study, and catechesis on Catholic teachings and traditions.
- Provide adult faith formation opportunities such as Bible studies, faith-sharing groups, and theological workshops to deepen parishioners' understanding of their faith.
- Offer resources and support for families to nurture faith at home through prayer, scripture reading, and religious education.

Eucharist and Catholic Identity:

Objective: Foster a sense of reverence, participation, and joy in the celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of Catholic identity.

- Provide ongoing formation for liturgical ministers, including priests, deacons, altar servers, lectors, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, to ensure dignified and reverent liturgical celebrations.
- Enhance the beauty and solemnity of worship through music, art, and ritual that reflect the richness of Catholic tradition and promote active participation of the faithful.
- Offer catechesis on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the importance of Sunday Mass attendance as a central aspect of Catholic identity and discipleship.

Vocations to Religious Life, Priesthood, and Ministry:

Objective: Cultivate a culture of vocations by fostering an environment that encourages discernment and supports those called to religious life, priesthood, and other forms of ministry.

- Promote vocations awareness and discernment programs for youth and young adults, including retreats, vocational workshops, and mentorship opportunities with clergy and religious.
- Provide ongoing support and resources for individuals discerning vocations, including spiritual direction, discernment groups, and opportunities for service and ministry.
- Collaborate with diocesan vocations offices and religious communities to facilitate discernment retreats, vocational discernment events, and discernment weekends.

Dignity of the Human Person:

Objective: Uphold the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image and likeness of God, and promote a culture of life and respect for human dignity.

- Advocate for the dignity and rights of the unborn through education, prayer, and support for pro-life initiatives and pregnancy resource centers.
- Provide pastoral care and support for individuals and families facing difficult life situations, including those affected by poverty, homelessness, addiction, or mental illness.
- Foster a welcoming and inclusive parish community that embraces diversity, promotes racial and social justice, and supports immigrants, refugees, and marginalized populations.

Stewardship:

Objective: Cultivate a spirit of stewardship that recognizes God as the source of all gifts and invites parishioners to generously share their time, talent, and treasure for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

- Offer stewardship education and formation programs that emphasize the principles of gratitude, generosity, and sacrificial giving as expressions of discipleship.
- Encourage parishioners to discern their gifts and talents and find opportunities for service and ministry within the parish and wider community.
- Promote responsible stewardship of the earth and its resources through environmental initiatives, conservation efforts, and sustainable practices within the parish and parishioners' daily lives.
- By implementing this pastoral plan, Notre Dame de Lourdes Catholic Church can fulfill its mission of fostering spiritual growth, promoting Catholic identity, nurturing vocations, upholding human dignity, and practicing stewardship in service to God and neighbor.

Strategies aligned with each priority area of the pastoral plan:

Faith Formation:

1. Offer a variety of faith formation opportunities throughout the week, including evening classes, weekend retreats, and online resources to accommodate diverse schedules and preferences.
2. Partner with neighboring parishes, diocesan offices, and Catholic institutions to provide specialized faith formation programs, such as catechist training workshops, theological seminars, and spiritual retreats.
3. Integrate technology and multimedia resources into faith formation initiatives, such as online courses, podcasts, and video series, to engage parishioners and reach those unable to attend in-person sessions.
4. Encourage intergenerational learning and collaboration by hosting family faith formation events, interfaith dialogue forums, and mentorship programs pairing older and younger parishioners.
5. Create opportunities for service and outreach as part of faith formation, such as mission trips, community service projects, and volunteer opportunities with local charities and social justice organizations.

Eucharist and Catholic Identity:

1. Provide ongoing training and formation for liturgical ministers to deepen their understanding of the Mass, liturgical norms, and the theology of the Eucharist.
2. Foster a culture of reverence and active participation in the liturgy through catechesis, homily reflections, and liturgical music that engage the senses and uplift the soul.
3. Celebrate the diversity of the parish community through multicultural liturgies, feast day celebrations, and cultural heritage events that reflect the universal nature of the Catholic Church.
4. Encourage personal devotion to the Eucharist through opportunities for Eucharistic adoration, Benediction, and Holy Hours, inviting parishioners to encounter Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Provide resources for ongoing spiritual growth and formation, such as books, pamphlets, and online resources on Catholic identity, sacramental living, and the spiritual life.

Vocations to Religious Life, Priesthood, and Ministry:

1. Create a parish vocations committee to promote vocations awareness, discernment, and support within the parish community.
2. Host regular discernment retreats, guest speakers, and vocation panels to provide opportunities for individuals to explore their call to religious life, priesthood, diaconate, or lay ministry.
3. Facilitate mentorship relationships between parishioners and those discerning vocations, offering guidance, encouragement, and prayer support throughout the discernment process.
4. Partner with diocesan vocations offices, religious communities, and seminaries to provide resources and pastoral care for individuals discerning vocations and those preparing for ministry.

5. Encourage parishioners to actively support and pray for vocations, participating in parish-wide novenas, Holy Hours, and prayer initiatives for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Dignity of the Human Person:

1. Establish a parish social justice committee to address issues of human dignity, justice, and solidarity within the local community and beyond.
2. Provide pastoral care and support for individuals and families facing challenging life situations, including grief support groups, counseling services, and material assistance programs.
3. Advocate for policies and programs that uphold human dignity and promote the common good, such as affordable housing initiatives, immigration reform, and access to healthcare.
4. Foster a welcoming and inclusive parish community that celebrates diversity, promotes racial reconciliation, and welcomes immigrants, refugees, and marginalized populations.
5. Collaborate with local organizations, charities, and community groups to address systemic injustices and support vulnerable populations through outreach, advocacy, and service.

Stewardship:

1. Educate parishioners on the principles of stewardship, emphasizing the spiritual dimensions of generosity, gratitude, and sacrificial giving as expressions of discipleship.
2. Provide financial stewardship resources, such as budgeting workshops, debt reduction seminars, and estate planning consultations, to help parishioners manage their finances responsibly and support the parish's mission.
3. Encourage parishioners to discern their gifts and talents and find opportunities for service and ministry within the parish and wider community, fostering a culture of volunteerism and collaboration.
4. Practice environmental stewardship within the parish community through energy conservation initiatives, waste reduction programs, and sustainable landscaping practices.
5. Implement a parish-wide stewardship campaign to raise awareness of the parish's financial needs and invite parishioners to pledge their time, talent, and treasure in support of the parish's ministries and programs.