



Building the Blessed Community at All Saints Parish

Dear Fellow Parishioner:

For more than 100 years, thousands of people have been helping God build the blessed community at All Saints Parish. Through worship and prayer, teaching and learning, care of one another, and Christian action in the world, we have been discovering and sharing what it means to be a people who belong to God.

Growing and nurturing our faith community is an ever-evolving process that is inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit. The vestry and staff of our parish have begun to discern that God now wants us to fully engage in the ministry of **evangelism**. Our first steps on this path involve three important tasks that will help us to grow our church, both in size and in depth:

- ✦ **Communicate** clearly and cogently that participating in the Christian community at All Saints Parish can transform one's life;
- ✦ **Become a truly welcoming parish** that extends hospitality to all; and
- ✦ **Foster adult spiritual growth** so that Christians of all ages in our parish will understand how their faith journeys are unfolding in the context of God's ongoing story of salvation.

The vestry and staff are beginning to plan for the 2009-2010 program year and are seeking ideas about how to grow our ministries of communication, welcome, and adult spiritual formation.

Won't you please come for dinner and a brain-storming discussion about these opportunities for parish growth?

When: Monday, May 4, 2009
6:30 – 9:00pm

Where: All Saints Parish Dining Room

Agenda: 6:30 – Dinner
7:00 – Introduction: "Building the Blessed Community"
7:30 – Small group discussions
8:15 – Convene for summary of discussion/planning next steps
9:00 – Closing prayer

The dinner tables are open to members of all ages. Free childcare will be provided for children from 7:00 – 9:00pm. To RSVP, go to <http://www.evite.com/app/publicUrl/ZAZSQEKWVKNGYHLIRVLX/aspcommunity>.

Sincerely,

Sue LeClaire and Roberta Schnoor