

Holy Family and St. Robert  
**DRAFT** Vision Statement

The parishes of Holy Family and St. Robert celebrate the presence of God in our midst and embrace our call to strengthen our parishes through collaboration.

We recognize the opportunities collaboration provides to better serve the needs of our parishes. We understand that in coming years our parishes will probably be served by one priest and further understand that there has been a decline over the last 10 years in the number of registered parishioners as well as in the level of active participation in Mass and other areas of parish ministry. Our schools, however, are currently experiencing enrollment increases. We are further blessed to have significant numbers of parishioners of all ages and a steady increase in new parishioners and young adults and families.

In order to make the best use of our resources in service to the mission of our parishes and Church, we propose the following action.

By July 1, 2015-

Our two parishes will continue to operate both our churches and offices.

We will share a priest or priests.

We will share staff in our Youth, RCIA, and Religious Education Ministries.

There will be separate parish councils with regular combined council meetings.

The Human Concerns, Youth Ministry, Engaged Couples, Adult Formation, RCIA, and Stewardship Committees will operate as one committee serving both parishes.

The Religious Education, School Advisory, Prayer and Worship, Finance, Building and Grounds, and Personnel Committees will consult with each other to determine how they best serve the needs of the two parishes within their areas of ministry.

Parish facilities will continue to be used at both parishes as they presently are.

We affirm the archdiocese's ministerial priorities in the four areas of mission-

- Formation – to strengthen Catholic education and formation as well as foster a sense of vocation
- Worship – to promote growth in holiness
- Human Concerns- to emphasize justice and charity
- Finance/Administration – to develop stewardship.

We dedicate our efforts to bring this vision and these priorities into reality through our ministry plan.