GOAL ONE

*Saint Elizabeth Parish is committed to providing a variety of opportunities for parishioners of all ages to become more knowledgeable and informed about their Catholic faith and about the Catholic Church, and in this way foster the spiritual growth and sacramental life of each parishioner and of our parish community as a whole.*

Objective 1

Continue the work of existing committees that further the spiritual growth and sacramental life of the parishioners of Saint Elizabeth.

*Such committees include the Liturgical Life Committee, RCIA, Pre-Jordan Team and others.*

Objective 2

Sustain and strengthen programs of faith formation for the children and youth of our parish.

*This may be accomplished by continuing to develop our EREP catechetical classes; religious instruction and liturgical practices in our parish school; the high school and middle school youth group programs (FISH & FLY); and programs that help parents recognize and fulfill their parental responsibility to share our Catholic faith with our children in both word and deed.*

Objective 3

Sustain and strengthen programs of faith formation for the adults and young adults of our parish.

*This may be accomplished by continuing to develop our adult faith formation activities, sacramental preparation programs, formation programs for liturgical ministers and related opportunities; and by promoting formation opportunities based on the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: Christian beliefs; sacraments and liturgy; moral living; and prayer/spirituality.*

Objective 4

Provide a resource library in the parish education center which is accessible to adults and youth.

*These resources may include: spiritual reading, religious books and journals, DVDs/videos, speaker lists and worldwide web links – all of which serve as tools to support our parishioners’ ongoing journey in faith formation.*
GOAL TWO

**Saint Elizabeth Parish is committed to providing a variety of opportunities for parishioners of all ages to recognize the spiritual and material gifts each of us has been given by God, to cultivate these gifts with the grace of the Holy Spirit, and to share these gifts with others.**

**Objective 1**
Assist parishioners in developing a deeper recognition of the spiritual and material gifts they have been given through ongoing discernment and assessment.

This may be accomplished by incorporating discernment/assessment programs within the structure of existing parish activities and education programs (including adult faith formation, youth ministry, EREP and our parish school); by communicating practical techniques for the discernment and assessment of one’s gifts; and by offering a parish-wide retreat day focused upon the discernment and assessment of one’s gifts.

**Objective 2**
Design and implement opportunities for parishioners to cultivate the spiritual and materials gifts they have been given and to develop a deeper understanding of the fruits their gifts might bear for others.

Opportunities to cultivate one’s gifts may be provided through existing parish activities and education programs (including adult faith formation, youth ministry, EREP and the parish school). This may also be accomplished by providing a prayerful, supportive atmosphere within our parish community that fosters a deeper understanding of vocations to married and single life, religious life, priesthood and the permanent diaconate; and by developing a mentoring program in the parish for those eager to share their gifts.

**Objective 3**
Identify and communicate to parishioners specific needs for their time, talent and treasure within the parish and our surrounding community so they may share their God-given gifts with others.

Opportunities may be communicated through the parish newsletter, the weekly parish bulletin, the parish website, periodic stewardship fairs, etc.
GOAL THREE

Saint Elizabeth Parish is committed to providing a variety of opportunities for parishioners of all ages to participate in the Church’s evangelical mission of promoting peace and justice in the world by shaping their everyday lives around the values and convictions of the Gospel.

Objective 1
Live out our faith more fully in our own lives and foster among all our parishioners such an enthusiasm for their faith that, in living their faith in Jesus, they freely share it with others.

This may be accomplished by promoting more active participation in the sacramental and devotional life of the Church; by providing adult faith formation workshops and resource materials about prayer, the sacraments, Christian spirituality, bible study, etc.; by sponsoring parish retreats; by promoting use of the parish library in the education center; and by drawing upon archdiocesan resources for faith formation and evangelization.

Objective 2
Be a welcoming and inviting parish, one of belonging without exclusivity, marked by a deep sense of togetherness and a ready hospitality towards others.

Opportunities may be provided through the existing parish activities and educational programs (including adult faith formation, RCIA, youth ministry, EREP and the parish school). This may also be accomplished by continuing to sponsor periodic welcome events for new parish members; by establishing a Welcome Home Team (such as Landings) to reach out to inactive Catholics; by promoting participation in the activities of the Exton-Lionville Ministerium; and by publishing our regular and holy day Mass schedules on the parish website and in local papers.

Objective 3
Be disciples in the world to foster Gospel values in our society, promote the dignity of the human person, the importance of the family, and the common good of our society, so that we may continue to be transformed by the saving power of Jesus Christ.

This may be accomplished by making use of archdiocesan resources to explore ways to evangelize in the workplace and in the media; by evangelizing inactive Catholics and becoming outspoken in defense of Catholic values; by encouraging participation in established pastoral outreach activities, such as Good Works, Respect Life, and One-to-One Ministry, and the outreach activities of the Exton-Lionville Ministerium; and by leading by personal example.