



Saint Matthew Parish

4100 East 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46220

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Dear Saint Matthew Parish and School Community,

Greetings in Christ. It has been a great honor to be your Pastor for these past two years. We have grown together spiritually and in great fellowship. I am very grateful for you. I am similarly grateful for the work of the Parish Council and school leadership over the past year, led by the generous direction of Sandi Patel, to develop a Pastoral Plan for Saint Matthew Parish and School.

Our Pastoral Plan is rooted in our Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Guiding Values. We are always mindful that God is present and guiding us in our efforts. I am very excited this weekend to share our Pastoral Plan and vision for the next three years. In developing this Pastoral Plan, the Parish Council, school personnel, and commission members spent a year in prayer, discussion, and discernment to bring it to fruition. I encourage you to read the Pastoral Plan included in this document. You are an integral part to the success and future of our Parish and School. Please consider how the Holy Spirit may be calling you to participate in one of the focused areas of communication, community, evangelization, faith formation, and liturgy and worship. If we all share our gifts in some manner, the Parish and School will flourish!

Thank you for your kind consideration and participation in bringing our Pastoral Plan to life for the good of the Parish and School. It is a labor of love but as St. Paul encourages us, *Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord.* (Col. 3:23) May God bless all our collective efforts in accomplishing our mission and vision in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. William F. Stumpf
Pastor

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