

Article for April 30/May 1 bulletins
Blessed Sacrament, Christ the Redeemer, and St. Mary's

Elmira-wide Strategic Planning Ministry Committee begins its work – As part of the Elmira Churches' strategic planning effort underway, a subcommittee has begun meeting to assess and document parish ministries and service—what is currently available and what is needed. The goal is to provide recommendations to ensure that the critical ministries of Word, Worship, Community and Service within each parish continue, albeit possibly in a transformed way, shaped by an area-wide perspective and a prioritization based on area-wide needs and available financial resources.

Right now committee members are documenting information about ministries currently available within each parish as well as within the Holy Family schools. They are also sharing information about the ministerial staff positions and responsibilities within our 3 parishes. In order to learn where there are gaps between the ministries needed and what is presently available, a survey is being developed which will be distributed to parishioners in May. We encourage you to fill it out and return it. In the meantime, please keep the parishes and the planning effort in your prayers.

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