

St. John the Baptist Church
Announces
New Pastoral Initiatives
2007-2008

We are happy to announce the following New Pastoral Initiatives for 2007-2008:

1. *Arete* – a Men’s Group meeting monthly on Monday evenings to help deepen men’s spiritual strength.
2. We are expanding our Religious Education Program to help further development of the relationship between family life, the Sunday Eucharist and catechetical formation in three ways:
 - offering families copies of *Catholic Household Blessings* Book which contains prayers and rituals for all the seasons of family and parish life
 - introducing Level Six students to the Catholic practice of meditation
 - improving our efforts to incorporate students and their families in the celebrations of the Church Liturgical Year at the Sunday Eucharist and their family gatherings at home
3. The Parish Pastoral Council is working on a means to dialogue with parish members about present and future directions in parish life.
4. The Parish Liturgy Committee will be working on a means to dialogue with parish members about our celebrations of the Sunday Eucharist.
5. We are increasing our contact with members of the parish through the Parish E-mail Address Book by sending out a weekly message, *This Week at St. John’s*, outlining parish activities.
6. We are reformulating our Adult Education Program to reflect topics of daily Christian living.
7. We have begun exploration of a Social Justice Committee to offer ways for parishioners to expand their reflection and action as disciples and citizens.
8. We are expanding our Lazarus Ministry to include more bereavement opportunities (especially during the first year after death as well as the holidays). We will continue with our regularly scheduled *Commemoration of Those Who Have Died* on second Saturday of the month at 9 A.M. for those who grieve the absence of one who has died.