

### **Is Corpus Christi considering a potential merger with St. Adalbert?**

Yes, Father Paveglio was approached by the Archdiocese in April to consider the possibility of merging with St. Adalbert. The parish leaders were asked if this possibility should be considered and it was agreed upon that it was worth exploring. The leadership group (now known as the discernment team) was then tasked with creating the process for discernment, not the discerning itself. The first step was to broaden the communications with the parish. The proposal to consider the merger was brought to the staff on Aug 14, the Parish and Finance Councils on Aug 20, and the entire community on Aug 25. Our parish is currently in the process of considering, not deciding, this proposal. As part of the Corpus Christi family, your input is incredibly important in this process. A Listening Session has been scheduled for Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 pm. Please mark this on your calendars. In the meantime, here are some answers to the most-asked questions that have been shared.

Let's Learn More.....

### **Why is St. Adalbert in need of a new home?**

Their church is over 100 years old and is facing extensive rebuilding, at the price of over \$1,000,000, to remain safely usable. Money is available for the \$1,000,000 renovation, but that would drain all reserves of the parish. One factor in the discernment of this investment is the lack of parking available at the current location. There are no options to expand parking.

### **What are the current Mass times at St. Adalbert?**

Saturday	4:30 pm (English)
Sunday	8:30 am (Vietnamese), 10:00 am (Vietnamese)
Daily	8:30 am (English/Vietnamese)
Lenten Fridays	6:30pm

### **How many parishioners are there at St. Adalbert and what is the demographic of the community?**

There are approximately 800 registered parishioners with 240 families of Vietnamese descent and 70 families of other ethnicities. There is a wide range of zip codes where parishioners live.

### **What is a snapshot of attendance at St. Adalbert?**

The 10:00 am Vietnamese mass is attended by about 600 people. Christmas and Easter services have an attendance of about 1,000 people. For reference, Corpus Christi seats 475 in church and 190 in the Gathering Area for a meal.

### **How about a snapshot of St. Adalbert ministries?**

The Faith Formation program enrolls about 150 children. Class is held every Sunday during the school year after the 10:00 am Mass and includes Vietnamese language classes. Lunch (prepared by a chef) is provided and the education program lasts until 3:00 pm. Children are required to attend this program to be able to participate in Confirmation, which is combined with St. Columba, and takes place in 10<sup>th</sup> Grade. First Communion is celebrated in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

**As long as we are doing snapshots, what do finances look like at St. Adalbert?**

The parish has a balanced budget and is debt free. Finances depend more on fundraising than parishioner contributions.

**What is the number of staff at St. Adalbert?**

The parish has one part-time secretary. All programs are facilitated by volunteers.

**Who will be our pastor if we merge?** Father Minh Vu (formerly placed at St. Rose of Lima) is the current pastor at St. Adalbert. The St. Adalbert community will continue to need a Vietnamese speaking priest.

**Now I have even more questions! Who should I ask?**

- Write a note and put it in the Suggestions Box on the Kiosk
- Mail to Parish Office (ATTN:Discernment Team, 2131 Fairview Avenue N., Roseville, 55113)
- Call the Parish Office (651-846-9210) or contact a member of the discernment team
- Send an email to [corpus.christi.listening@gmail.com](mailto:corpus.christi.listening@gmail.com) and receive a response from the discernment team:

**Who is part of the discernment team?**

Marie Barnum	Tom Martin	Eric Iverson	Matt Kaney
Glenn Skuta	Liz Russell	Mo Boxrud	Sandy Banaszak

Again, we want to clarify that the discernment team is not tasked with making decisions regarding the merger proposal. The mission of the team is to facilitate opportunities to hear the voices of parishioners, staff, and other stakeholders.