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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For the past several months the All Saints Strategic Planning Committee has been working hard to listen and gather important information to present to the Pastoral, Finance, and School Advisory Committees. We held over twenty listening sessions since April 2022. Those consultative bodies met on August 16th and gave their unanimous consent to our overall strategic plan (please see the enclosed document for all the details). We then forwarded the plan to Bishop Walsh for his own study and approval which he gave on August 29th. We are proud to present to our entire community our multi-year plan for living out the Gospel in Alpena County.

Our plan centers around three important areas:

- Evangelization – **Encountering the Risen Lord.** Jesus calls us to go out into the deep to bring the good news of the Resurrection to our neighbors, friends, and family.
- Worship – **Being transformed by God’s Grace.** The encounter with the Risen Lord changes our lives as we become His disciples. Through the Sacraments and the Word of God we are transformed as “we put on the new man” (Ephesians 4:24).
- Charity – **Responding as Disciples of Christ.** Having been transformed by Christ we then go out to ‘be Christ’ for one another by the good that we are called to do both in word and deed.

We invite you to prayerfully consider the proposals both in concrete capital improvement projects and new ministry initiatives. An important principle we have adopted is that we will not take on any new debt for this plan. In fact, it is our goal to retire our current debt liability of \$550,000 so that **we can be debt free by the end of 2023.** What we do, will depend on the resources that we have on hand and any future fundraising efforts and capital campaigns for specific projects. We will be embarking on a feasibility study to see if there is the necessary support for the various parts of this 10-year strategic plan in the coming months. I want to thank the many people who helped to make this consultative process a reality. Let us pray that over the coming years that our good planning and trust in God’s Providence will lead to great fruit for building up the Kingdom of God!

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