



## AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FATHER DAVE

This past year has made me realize more than ever that change is needed. I don't want to go back to the way things were before the pandemic. I truly believe this is an opportunity for us to be bold and embrace our call to make a difference in the world. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He asked us to do one thing - go and make disciples.

The purpose of the Church is to evangelize, and to fulfill that purpose I realized that we needed to have someone on staff who could dedicate all of their time to that endeavor. I would like to announce that we have hired Laura Stierman to be our Director of Evangelization. She will begin working for our parish on June 28. She brings a lot of experience from parish life and has a great zeal for evangelization. Laura will help us develop and implement an overall evangelization plan which corresponds to our mission and vision. She will be part of a team that will develop and implement the curriculum for our adult and youth formation so that it is missionary and evangelical. It is our goal to have a discipleship path for every parishioner and for those who seek to come back or join the Catholic Church.

I am excited that Laura has joined our team. In order for our parish to thrive and be a place that is filled with joy and the mercy of God, we all need to embrace the call to be evangelists. The Good News of Jesus is so wonderful that we must be willing to share it with others. My desire is for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to be a place in Hastings and the surrounding communities that radiates the love and mercy of Jesus Christ!

