

Data Report - The Archdiocese of St. Louis Planning Area Data

Installment #10

8.7.2022



Planning Area #9 Overview

For the planning process, All Things New, the archdiocese has been divided into 15 Planning Areas. We are in Planning Area #9, comprised of the City of St. Charles and the original St. Charles County growth region of the 1970's and 1980's. Our Planning Area also includes the flood plain northeast of I-70 as far as the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers and the remnant Catholic community at Portage des Sioux.

Demographics

82% of the total population in our Planning Area is Caucasian, 6% are African American, and 5% are Hispanic.

20% of the population in our Planning Area identify as Catholic compared to the archdiocesan average of 18%.

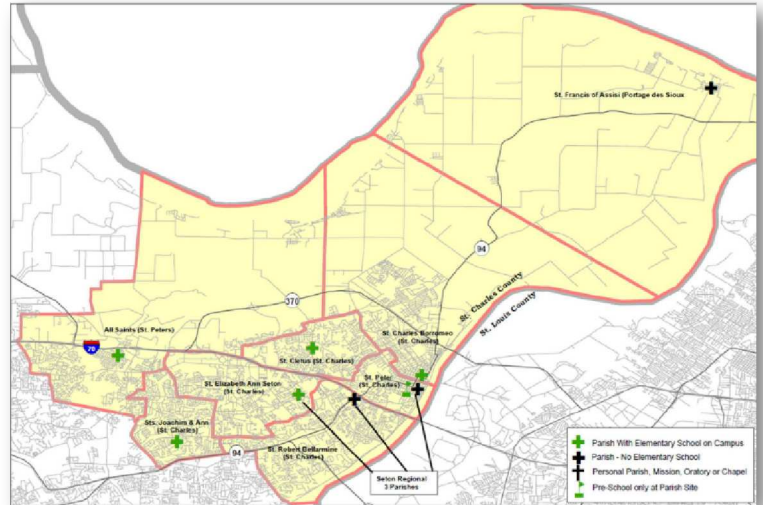
Our Planning area is the most rapidly aging portion of St. Charles County. In 1990, 14% of the population in our Planning Area was 55 or older. Now 30% are over 55.

Mass Attendance, Size and Staff

Mass attendance in our Planning Area has declined by 37% since 2014. Current Mass counts indicate that 5,694 Catholics attend Mass in our 8 parishes, approximately 18% of all Catholics in the area. Given the size of the churches and the number of Masses offered, this represents 28% of total capacity. Our Planning Area is currently served by 6 full-time pastors, 5 full-time associate pastors, 2 retired priests in residence, and 1 deacon as parish life coordinator. 3 of the priests in full-time ministry in our Planning Area are over 70 years old.

Other Parishes in our Planning Area

The parishes in our Planning Area tend to be homogeneous in terms of their membership and demographics. Ministry trends are very similar throughout the parishes in our Planning Area. This data is preliminary and will be refined and updated as the parishes validate or submit corrections to it this summer.



	Registered Parishioner Households		Number of Catholics	Mass Attendance				Baptisms	Funerals
				Average Weekend	% Change 2014 to 2019	Average Weekend	% Change 2019 to 2021	Five Year Average 2017-2021	
	2011	2021	2021	2019	2019	2021	2021		
All Saints (St. Peters)	2,297	2,355	6,673	1,296	-10%	837	-35%	53	61
St. Charles Borromeo (St. Charles)	1,665	1,960	5,625	1,265	-12%	775	-39%	75	38
St. Cletus (St. Charles)	1,760	1,720	4,790	1,235	-17%	818	-34%	34	38
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (St. Charles)	1,980	1,737	5,129	1,475	5%	995	-33%	39	30
St. Francis of Assisi (Portage des Sioux)	62	68	124	69	-23%	67	-3%	3	0
St. Joachim & Ann (St. Charles)	2,139	2,181	5,770	1,077	-22%	898	-17%	43	29
St. Peter (St. Charles)	1,200	1,025	2,505	956	-16%	698	-27%	33	36
St. Robert Bellarmine (St. Charles)	790	723	1,525	653	-12%	606	-7%	11	29
TOTAL	11,893	11,769	32,141	8,026	-12%	5,694	-29%	290	261

Planning Area #10 Overview

Planning Area #10 contains the three largest parishes in the archdiocese and is considered the sole high-growth region in the archdiocese. It also contains all of the yet undeveloped land our part of St. Charles County. Several parishes, including neighboring St. Joseph Parish in Cottleville, still have parish boundaries reflective of the original acreage of parishioners' family farms which have long since been sold and subdivided.

Placing the Planning Area maps side by side, one sees that to our south on the opposite side of I-364/94 St. Joseph's boundaries extend beyond us all the way to Jungs Station Road. On the west they border us at St. Peters Howell Road.

It is our belief that planning for these two Planning Areas should be done in conjunction with each other. The parishes in Planning Area #9, like ours, are well-positioned to absorb some of the heavily populated stress currently experienced in the high growth areas of Planning Area #10 simply by redrawing boundaries.

That will allow the parishes in Planning Area #10 to be well-positioned to provide for new residents as the I-364 corridor continues to be developed all the way west to Highway K.

