

Who is LOTWEM?

Light of the World Evangelization Ministries (“LOTWEM”) began in Rockford, Illinois in 2001. To date, our parish evangelization process has been implemented in 19 dioceses in the United States, Canada and Australia.

Vision Statement

Our vision is that the Light of the World (“LOTW”) Parish Evangelization Process will help all people to have a living encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. This will be lived out in an evangelizing parish using the LOTW Process, to reach out to all people -- from the new faith seeker to the most faith-filled disciple -- and help them become active servants of God.

Core Value

We will hold to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and will not alter the Gospel or the Catholic faith in any way.

A Light of the World Retreat is scheduled for Our Parish!

When: September 15th-17th, 2018

Where: St. Mary’s School

**Time: Sat 8:00am-6:30pm
Sun 8:00am-5:00pm
Mon 6:00pm-8:00pm**

For questions regarding the Retreat:

Contact St. Mary’s Parish Office
309-691-2030

Learn more about
**Light of the World
Evangelization Ministries**

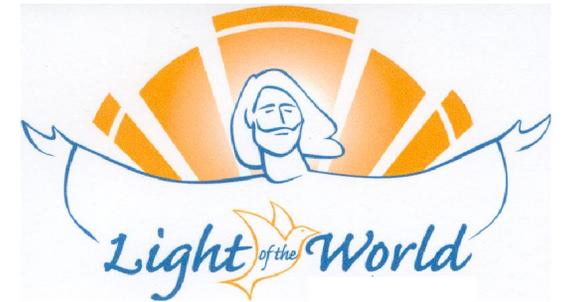
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Evangelization Ministries

*Helping to
light, grow and spread
the fire of Christ in
your parish.*



Dear Pastor and Parishioners:

Is your parish ready to move to a higher level of spirituality? Are you looking for a way to make faith in your parish more dynamic and alive?

Parishes that evangelize tend to grow in numbers, involvement, and ministries while those that do not tend to stagnate or decline.

Evangelization addresses the need for Catholics to hear and understand the foundation of our faith centered in Christ. Many “catechized” or “cradle” Catholics have never truly embraced the Gospel message in their hearts. As a result, they lead a shallow faith life.



The call to evangelize is not new. It is the primary mission of the Church. The Bible, popes, ecumenical councils, and U. S.

Conference of Catholic Bishops have encouraged us as a Church to get back to the basics of our faith through evangelization.

The Light of the World Parish Evangelization Process is a wonderful tool for promoting evangelization within your parish. Parishioners will hear/rehear the Gospel in a way that encourages them to embrace and live its message, deepening their commitment to Christ.

What can the Light of the World Parish Evangelization Process do for my parish?

- Proclaim the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ in a way that calls for a response
- Invite parishioners to better know and accept our Catholic faith through a renewal of the Sacraments of Initiation
- Bring Catholics of all faith levels to a new or deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Highlight the importance, power and gifts of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.
- Increase the involvement of parishioners in the life of the parish through more active ministry participation
- Provide an on going opportunity for parishioners to grow spiritually and remain excited about the Catholic faith
- Promote a return to a more active participation in the Mass and the Sacraments



Light of the World Evangelization Ministries Strengthening the “Good News” of the Gospel in your parish through:

• Parish Retreat

Proclaims the Gospel message through talks, testimonies, small group discussions and music.

Renews the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist, leading each person to a living encounter with Jesus Christ.

The Retreat takes place on a weekend, preferably at your parish. They continue once or twice a year depending on size of parish.

• Small Faith Communities

Small groups are formed for continued study, and personal spiritual growth. These communities meet on an ongoing basis to study the faith, pray, share life, support one another and serve others.

• Parish Outreach

Past retreatants evangelize others through parish ministries and home visits.