

Proposed Outline of the Transition Process  
Laporte/Starke Planning Area

Outcome: The transition to a three-parish model with three additional worship sites that will provide for the spiritual, sacramental, and pastoral needs of Catholics in the Laporte/Starke County area. The three parishes will be: Holy Family in Laporte with an additional worship site at St. John Kanty; Sacred Heart in Wanatah with an additional worship site at St. Mary, Otis; and St. Thomas Aquinas with an additional worship site at Ss. Cyril and Methodius

**2026 and following:**

- Bishop McClory announces the transition to a three-parish model with three additional worship sites that will lead to the transition process and collaboration of Catholics in the Laporte/Starke County area for the spiritual, sacramental, and pastoral care of the community.
- After completing the required canonical processes, All Saints in San Pierre will merge with Ss. Cyril and Methodius to become one parish. At an appropriate time, and after the required canonical processes, All Saints campus will conclude its time as a worship site and the community will be relocated to the other campus for spiritual, sacramental and pastoral care.
- At an appropriate time following the All Saints and Ss. Cyril and Methodius merger described above, and after completing the required canonical processes, Ss. Cyril and Methodius will merge with St. Thomas Aquinas to become one parish with these two worship sites. Factors may include the retirement, reassignment, or health of the pastor, demographic shifts, and financial and/or physical status of the parish itself.
- After completing the required canonical processes, St. Mary in Otis will merge with Sacred Heart in Wanatah to become one parish with these two worship sites. At an appropriate time, and after the required canonical processes, St. Martin Mission will conclude its time as a mission church and the community will be relocated to the other campuses for spiritual, sacramental and pastoral care.
- At an appropriate time, and after completing the required canonical processes, Holy Cross Parish and St. Dominic Mission will cease being used for worship and the community will be relocated to neighboring parishes for spiritual, sacramental, and pastoral care. Factors may include the retirement, reassignment, or health of the pastor, demographic shifts, and financial and/or physical status of the parish itself.
- After completing the required canonical process, St. Anthony of Padua will merge with St. John Kanty to become one parish. At an appropriate time, and after completing the required canonical process, St. John Kanty will merge with Holy Family to become one parish with multiple worship sites, and St. Anthony campus will conclude its time as a worship site and the community will be relocated to the other campuses. Factors may include the retirement, reassignment, or health of the pastor, demographic shifts, and financial and/or physical status of the parish itself.