

April: Meeting planned with our new Diocesan/coordinator, Herb Woll, after the 9am service on 4/25/21. All members are asked to be present in the conference room for this in-person meeting.

May: Your search committee met with our Diocesan consultant, Mr. Herb Woll, on Sunday, April 25th after the service. This was our first meeting with our assigned consultant, and he spent a good bit of time going over the process we will be facing. Since we have Pastor V in place, we have time to let the process work. He spent time letting us know his background and each of us took turns to let him know our individual background. It was a good first meeting and you will be hearing more about the process as we move forward.

June: Please be on the lookout for information on the upcoming "Focus Groups". The Search Committee wants to talk to as many of you as possible. Our objective is to gather your input and impressions on both the results of the recent parish survey and where we are going as a parish. We hope to do this in small in person group discussions and via Zoom, for those who still do not feel safe in an in-person group.

July: We have now completed three sessions of our Focus Group meetings. We had about fifty people who participated in the first session we offered. The committee members are now tasked with compiling the results and will use your comments to enhance our understanding of who we are and who we are looking for as we search for the next Rector of St Jude's. Our next step is to prepare a parish profile in electronic format. This is basically a presentation of not only the Niceville area and its advantages, but also a short history of St Jude's. It will also provide information to potential candidates to assist them as they discern why he or she should want to be a part of our loving and dedicated community. The Search Committee appreciates the support and prayers of all of you as we continue in this process together.

August: The search committee has met the last 2 Sundays after church. We have developed a draft of the parish profile which (unlike the last search) will be in electronic format. We have also gotten information from the Diocese on the format of our "job description" and have done an initial draft of that document.

Those will both be sent to the Diocese for approval before they can be released. We are moving forward at a reasonable pace and ask your prayers and patience as we continue in this process.