

Combined Pastoral Council Meeting
Holy Cross, St. Michael, St. Mary of the Valley
September 3, 2024 @ St. Michael, 6:30pm

Staff: Fr. Jay DeFolco, LeeAnn Balbirona, Veronica Mendez, Caitlin Bowers.

Pastoral Council Members: Holy Cross: Carmella Barger, Elodia Gonzalez, Angel & Emilia Herrera, Brian Doyle, Pat Thomson, Guy Hazelzet, St. Michael: Robin Kreul, Jack Stiegler, Kerry Lynch, Judy Bartelheimer, Patty Wunsch, Jeremy McIver, Claudia Barajas, Consuelo Gonzales, Gene Vanderzanden. St. Mary of the Valley: Austin Mitchell, Cathy Ortiz, Cristofer Barajas, Harry Halliburton, Jim McDaniel, John Sekreta Jorge Maldonado, Mariana Medina, Janina Meeks, Steve Ramseyer, Meriza Vincent.

Agenda: Prayer – Introduction – Speaker Kelsie Mattingly

Parish Calendar for Holy Cross—Fall 2024

Jay & Jeannette: Jeannette is leading a Praise & Worship event on September 15th at 1:00 pm. Jeannette will attend future council meetings if they concern liturgy/music. Jay has begun his diaconate program. He won't continue to serve on the pastoral council.

Vivian/Chito - Simbang Gabi confirmed for Saturday 5 pm Mass December 7th; please note that Viv & Chito have decided not to continue on the council but they are continuing to serve by organizing the Simbang Gabi and coffee & donuts rotation

Alicia & Annette - will mainly be at the combined finance council in the future, but will attend pastoral council if needed

Brian - Food Drives will be September 14 and October 12th.

Angel/Guy - Knights events: Sept 29 - youth BBQ, Oct 5/6 –Box of Joy begins (Ed Miller), Nov 10 - veterans breakfast. Also with Ed Miller: Dec. 1, Cookies with Santa after morning Masses.

Pat - Giving Tree: Intake begins Oct 1, every Tuesday through Nov 12. Tags in church: Nov 23/24 and Nov 30/Dec 1 and Dec 7/8. GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED BY DECEMBER 9th.

****Confirmation Mass Friday 12/6--gifts brought early must be taken to St. Francis**** Take

all gifts to St. Francis after Mass on Dec. 8th. Shopping day for missing gifts: Dec 9.
Organize gifts Dec. 11. Distribution day: Dec. 13

Carmella - RCIA: This year's group of Adults are all baptized in other Christian traditions, so their formation will be shorter and most will receive Sacraments in December and January. Planned date for rite of welcome is October 20th at the 9:30 am Mass (may move to 5 pm on October 5th).

Angel & Emilia - December programs: Guadalupe Mass & fiesta are Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30 pm. Las Mananitas are Thursday morning December 12th at 5:00 am. Alicia is pursuing a mariachi group to play for either event. Las Posadas dates will be Dec. 20, 21, 22. Hosts to be determined. All will be in the evening.

LeeAnn - Faith Formation: Confirmation began Aug 31. First Communion begins Sept 15. Sunday school begins Sept 22. Youth Groups begin Sept 29 -- Amy will be preparing some of the teens for Sacraments as well. They will have a retreat on Nov. 2 in the afternoon including dinner and going to Mass. Holy Cross Confirmation Mass is Friday, December 6th. St. Mary of the Valley & St. Michael will combine for a Confirmation Mass on May 2, 2025. Youth Pilgrimage 2025 preparation has begun. The group will be holding regular fundraisers (bake sale, etc.) the last weekend of the month. Potentially hosting an Italian theme dinner in January. To fully fund the trip, the goal is \$56,000 for 16 people (4 adults, 12 youth). Open to high school students only. New programs coming up for Adult faith formation include Divorce Care and Care for Creation & Social Justice workshop.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2024 at St. Michael, Snohomish.