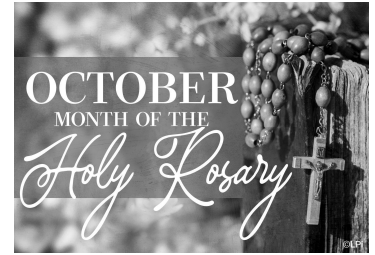


Parish Family Pastoral Council Minutes

October 1, 2024

Holy Cross Parish group



Opening Prayer

Part A: Kelsie Mattingly led us in reviewing our synodal listening results (60 min)

Work groups on discernment, reviewing results from staff, pastoral and finance councils. Identify one trend and make a plan to address the issue. We broke into 4 groups and worked on these four issues:

1. *Anxiety and confusion persist in some parts of the community about if or when their church is closing.* Suggested solution: unified communication, such as a bulletin and other media reaffirming that neither St. Mary, St. Michael nor Holy Cross is closing. All three parishes are growing.
2. *Separation between English and Spanish speaking communities.* How can we bring them together? Suggested solution is to project English subtitles on screens at Spanish Masses and Spanish subtitles on screens at English Masses. Another idea is to have bilingual missalettes in all three parishes (some don't have them) or a two-sided card with Spanish and English Mass responses.
3. *Currently all 3 parishes offer Mass in Spanish at 8:00 AM, and Holy Cross additionally has another Mass in Spanish at 11:00 AM.* Does the parish family need a Saturday 5PM Mass in Spanish? Suggested solution is to poll the Spanish-speaking community.
4. *St. Michael has experienced a sudden loss of Spanish-speakers due to placement of a non-Spanish speaking priest at the parish. They are feeling the loss of community and their presence in the church.* How can they recover from this and support Spanish speakers? Suggested solution: Have St. Michael be the location of a proposed quarterly Spanish language charismatic retreat, and additionally have a Spanish-speaking priest available to hear confessions during the retreat, which has been another missing piece for the St. Michael Spanish-speakers. Each of the 3 locations has a Friday evening prayer group in Spanish. Have the teams work together to put on a quarterly retreat.

Part B: Break into parish groups for council meetings (30 min)

- **Members Present:** Carmella Barger, Pat Thomson, Angel Herrera, Emilia Herrera, Elodia Gonzalez, LeeAnn Balbirona
- **Members Absent:** Brian Doyle, Guy Hazelzet, Fr. Jay
- **Calendar Review, October to December**
 - One correction made to December 10th—move giving tree sorting to the morning of December 11th in St. Francis room.
 - One additional posada added on December 23rd at 7:00 PM

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- **Parish and Program Updates**

- **Giving Tree** had its first day of sign up on 10/1. Over 40 children from 14 families are already signed up.
 - **Pilgrimage** fundraising off to a good start, raising about \$1,800 in the first weekend bake sale. Goal is \$57,600 total (program cost is \$70,400 minus \$12,800 in deposits at \$800 per person for 16 people). Pat asked about putting on a Dinner Auction in May 2025. She has talked with Tracy Rogers about chairing the event. LeeAnn will follow up with Tracy.
 - **Box of Joy** program is planned to begin this coming weekend October 5th and 6th. Angel will follow up with Ed Miller to see if he has all the materials he needs.
 - October 12th **Food Drive** has about 4 spots still open to fill. Brian will be outside with the clipboard again this coming weekend.
 - **Posadas** are planned for December 20-23, now four nights. The hosts are:
 - Friday, Dec. 20: Friday Night Prayer Group & 8:00 AM Mass
 - Saturday, Dec. 21: 11:00 AM Mass families
 - Sunday, Dec. 22: Santa Santos and Family
 - Monday, Dec. 23: Knights of Columbus
 - All posadas will be held at 7:00 PM
 - **OCIA** will have four adults received into the church this fall. Rite of Welcome will be October 20th at the 9:30 am Mass. Carmella has one new inquirer this month. We have 19 children and youth planned to receive full initiation at Easter vigil in April 2025.
 - **Youth Program:** thank you to the Knights for cooking and hosting the Welcome BBQ. They served over 110 people and over 40 youth signed up for youth groups. Amy has a great team of volunteers assisting her.
- **New business:** Next meeting will be November 5th at 6:30 PM also at St. Michael. Caitlin appreciates help with set up and take down of tables and chairs.

Closing Prayer with the parish family group

Meeting concluded at 8:07 pm