

# OUR PARISH FAMILY — NUESTRA FAMILIA PARROQUIAL

ST. MICHAEL, SNOHOMISH — ST. MARY OF THE VALLEY, MONROE — HOLY CROSS, LAKE STEVENS

## MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses

Saturday, 5:00 PM English

Sunday, 8:00 AM Spanish

Sunday, 9:30 AM English

Sunday, 11:00 AM Spanish



### DAILY MASS & ROSARY

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY,  
9:00 AM



### ADORATION & CONFESSION

SATURDAYS, 9-10 AM



### OUTREACH ASSISTANCE

TUESDAYS  
10 AM-12 PM AND 2-4 PM



## HORARIOS DE MISA

Misas dominicales

Sábado, 5:00 PM Inglés

Domingo, 8:00 AM Español

Domingo, 9:30 AM Inglés

Domingo, 11:00 AM Español



## CUALQUIERA QUE DESEE LLEGAR A SER GRANDE SERÁ.

— MARCOS 10,43

XXIX DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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OCTOBER 20, 2024 | 20 DE OCTUBRE 2024



# CALENDAR (CALENDARIO)

**TODAY: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**HOY: XXIX domingo del tiempo ordinario**

—OCIA Rite of Welcome, 9:30 am Mass (Rito de bienvenida de la OICA, misa de las 9:30 am)

—Ages 5-7 Faith Formation, St. Teresa Room, 9:30 am  
 —Primera Comunión, St. Francis Room, 9:30 am  
 —Adult Formation Class (OCIA), Outreach Center, 10:45 am-12 pm

—Our Lord of Miracles, patron of Peru, celebration, 11 am Mass (Nuestro Señor de los Milagros, patrono del Perú, celebración, misa de las 11 am)

—Ages 8-10 Faith Formation, St. Teresa Room, 11 am  
 —First Communion Class, St. Francis Room, 11 am  
 —Youth Groups, ages 11-17, meet in Parish Hall, 12:30 pm

**Coming Up** (Eventos por venir)

**Oct 22**—Mass & Rosary (misa y rosario), 9:00 am  
 —Hebrews bible study (El estudio bíblico de Hebreos), 9:45 am-12:00 pm  
 —Outreach Assistance (Asistencia alimentaria), 10 am-12 pm & 2-4 pm **\*\*GIVING TREE SIGN UPS\*\***

**Oct 23**—Mass & Rosary (misa y rosario), 9:00 am  
*Today's Mass is offered in memory of Robert Wojcik*  
 —Parish Office closed 12-2 PM for Staff Meeting

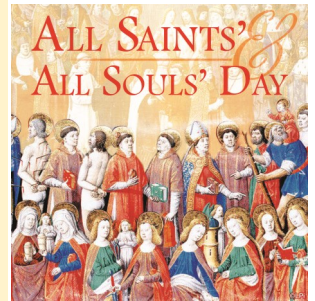
**Oct 24**—Mass & Rosary (misa y rosario), 9:00 am  
 —Divine Mercy Chaplet (Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia) 12:00 pm

**Oct 25**—Mass & Rosary (misa y rosario), 9:00 am  
 —Spanish Prayer Group (Grupo de Oración), 7 pm

**Oct 26**—Confession & Adoration (Confesion y Adoración del Santísimo), 9-10 am  
 —Youth Confirmation, ages 12-17 (Clases de Confirmación de jóvenes, de 12-17 años), 10 am-12 pm

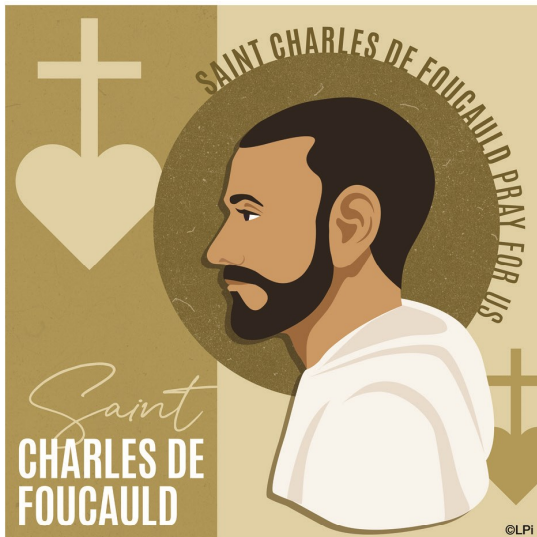
**Nov 1**—All Saints' Day, holy day of obligation (Día de Todos los Santos, fiesta de precepto)  
**Masses at 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM.**

**Nov 2**—All Souls' Day (Día de los Fieles Difuntos) **Mass at 9:00 AM**



**Youth Event Coming Up!**  
**Youth Sacrament Prep Retreat (ages 11-17)**  
 ¡Se acerca un evento para jóvenes!  
 Retiro de preparación para el sacramento para jóvenes (de 11 a 17 años)  
**November 2nd, Parish Hall, 2-6 PM**

<i>Parish Family Liturgy schedules</i>	<b>SUNDAY DOMINGO</b>	<b>MONDAY LUNES</b>	<b>TUESDAY MARTES</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY MIERCOLES</b>	<b>THURSDAY JUEVES</b>	<b>FRIDAY VIERNES</b>	<b>SATURDAY SABADO</b>
<b>St. Michael Snohomish</b>	<b>MASSES</b> 8 AM Spanish 10 AM English	Mass 9:00 AM English  Adoration 10 am-7 pm		Mass 6:00 PM English  Confession 6:30 PM	Mass 9:00 am English	Mass 9:00 am English  Adoration 9 am-9 pm	Confessions 9-10 AM  <b>VIGIL MASS</b> <b>5 PM English</b>
<b>St. Mary of the Valley Monroe</b>	<b>MASSES</b> 8 AM Spanish 10:30 AM English	Word & Communion 9:00 am English	Mass 9:00 am English  Rosary 7 PM Spanish	Mass & Rosary 9:00 am English	Mass 9:00 am English  Adoration & Confession 9:30-10:30 AM  Rosary 7 PM Spanish	Mass 9:00 am English  Grupo de Oracion 7-9 PM Spanish	Confession 4-4:45 PM  <b>VIGIL MASS</b> <b>5 PM English</b>  Adoration 6 PM-7 AM
<b>Holy Cross Lake Stevens</b>	<b>MASSES</b> 8 AM Spanish 9:30 AM English 11 AM Spanish		Mass & Rosary 9:00 am English	Mass & Rosary 9:00 am English	Mass & Rosary 9:00 am English  Chaplet of Divine Mercy 12:00 PM	Mass & Rosary 9:00 am English  Grupo de Oracion 7-9 PM Spanish	Adoration & Confession 9-10 AM  <b>VIGIL MASS</b> <b>5 PM English</b>



## Saint of the week

Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916) whose calling was to live like Jesus, is the inspiration for lay associations, religious communities and secular institutes of laity and priests collectively known as “the spiritual family of Charles de Foucauld.”

## Prayer for those who Serve

Oh God,  
 With abiding gratitude,  
 we thank You for the men  
 and women who offer of  
 themselves in service to our  
 church and our community.  
 Bless them, their families,  
 and their ministries with  
 abundance!  
 Amen.

## Observances for the week of October 20, 2024

- Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
- Tuesday:** St. John Paul II, Pope
- Wednesday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Are you in need of assistance providing a gift for your child this Christmas?



On October 1, 2024 we will begin sign-ups for the "Christmas Giving Tree". Children 17 and younger who live with you are eligible to receive a gift.

The signup will be in the Parish Hall during Outreach hours ONLY on every Tuesday, October 1 through November 12.

You will need to provide us with your first and last name and phone number (in case of any questions). We need the name, gender and age of your child or children. We also ask for a couple of gift suggestions or requests for each child. Distribution of the gifts will take place here at Holy Cross on December 13th. You will need to come in person and pick up the gifts. (More information on TIMES and PLACE will be given when you sign up.)

Please be aware we are unable to fulfill requests for game consoles or games, gift cards, laptops or other electronics. Also this year we are unable to fulfill requests for bikes.

We always endeavor to provide a gift for each child registered, even if we are unable to provide the specific gift requested.



¿Necesita ayuda para proporcionar un regalo para su hijo o hija esta Navidad?

El 1 de octubre de 2024 comenzaremos a inscribirse para el "Árbol de regalos de Navidad". Los niños de 17 años o menos que vivan con usted son elegibles para recibir un regalo.

La inscripción se llevará a cabo en el Salón Parroquial durante el horario de Outreach SÓLO todos los martes, del 1 de octubre al 12 de noviembre.

Deberá proporcionarnos su nombre y apellido y número de teléfono. Necesitamos el nombre, el sexo y la edad de su hijo o hijos. También solicitamos un par de sugerencias o solicitudes de regalos para cada niño. La distribución de regalos se llevará a cabo aquí en Holy Cross el 13 de diciembre. Deberá venir en persona y recoger los regalos. (Se le proporcionará más información sobre los HORARIOS y la UBICACIÓN cuando se registre).

Tenga en cuenta que no podemos cumplir con los pedidos de consolas de juegos o juegos, tarjetas de regalo, computadoras portátiles u otros dispositivos electrónicos. Además, no podemos cumplir con los pedidos de bicicletas este año.

Siempre nos esforzamos por ofrecer un regalo para cada niño registrado, incluso si no podemos proporcionar el regalo específico solicitado.

# 2024 PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to the families who completed a parish stewardship pledge card!

*¡Gracias a las familias que completaron una tarjeta de compromiso de corresponsabilidad parroquial!*

ACERO, Jorge & Bertha	GONZALEZ, Carlos	MORRIS, Sharon	SPANITZ, Jack & Madeline
ACKERMAN, Gil & Kathryn	GONZALEZ, Natali	MUNKO, Dan	SZUBERLA, Romuald
ACKERMAN, Gil & Kathy	GREEN, Jay & Jeannette	NARCISO, Maribel	THOMSON, Larry & Patricia
ACOSTA, Arturo & Yarely Almanza	GRIMES, Michael & Eileen	NGUYEN, David	TRAUOGOTT, Sam & Amy
AGUILAR, Julietta	GUARDADO, Maria	NGUYEN, Hung	TREMAINE, Maria Elena
ALLEN, Tim & Stephanie	GUILFORD, John	NYUNDO, Emmanuel & Caroline Ngacha	VALENCIA, Beltzario
AMAYA, Miguel & Maria	HEID, Rita	OLIVAS, Luis & Lorena Hermosillo	VAN OLST, Austin & Laura
AMES, Rusty & Debby	HERNANDEZ, Jorge	ORR, Araya	VANGINNEKEN, Tony & Susan
ATIENZO, Pablito & Gemma	HERRERA, Angel & Emilia	PALACIOS, Haydee	VIDAL GARCIA, Daisy
AUST, Craig & Karen	HOLLER, Jeremiah & Sandra	PARKS, Mike & Pam	VINCELETTE, Dan & Deb
BALBIRONA, LeeAnn	HOMIACK, Steve & Melodi	PATOS, Mary Rosary	VOYTA, Suzette
BARGER, Carmella	HUSBY, Rita	PEREZ, Jose	WAGNER, Rosario
BENNETT, Lena	HUTZENBILER, David & Shellie	PFEFFER, Paul & Alison	WAHLSTROM, Rosalie
BERNAL, Alfredo & Ana	IVERSON, Carl	PIERSON, Joe	WARBIS, Shirley
CARMONA, Alejandra	JAEGER, Fitz & Serina	POLO, Maria Veronica	WESTLEY, Barry & Denise
CARRASCO, MARIA	JEFFREY, Gary & Mary	PRATT, Randy & Mary	WILLHOITE, Rob & Carol
CARRETERO, Edgar & Elizabeth	JIMENEZ, Carlos & Alicia Ramirez	QUIZA, Ryan & Sheryll Asantor	WOJCIK, Sharon
CARRETERO, Jose & Silvana	JOHNSON, Kevin & Frauleine	RAMIREZ, Carla	WOOD, Charlotte
CAVINS, John	KETTER, Carolyn	RAMOS, Rocio	WOOD, Michael & Chrissie
CHEAP, Laurel	KUEHN, Carroll	REEVE, Gary & Mary	YEE, Edward
CLAWSON, Kim	KUHN, Nicolette	REYES, Margarita	YONKER, Ronnie & Merle
COLLISON, Edward & Colleen	LAMONTAGNE, James	RIGGS, Paul & Clavel Traces	ZAMBRANO, Victor & Ana Maria
CRUZ, Olga	LENDALL, Kevin & Lara	RIVERA, Robert	ZAVALA, Alondra
DELGADO, Oscar & Elizabeth Garcia	LEON, Daniel & Eva	ROCKENBACH, Marcella	ZEHRUNG, Steven & Marjorie
DERBY, Len & Donna	LEUNSMANN, GerriAnne	ROGERS, Todd & Tracy	
DEVINE, Bob & Karen	LIBERATO, Fazio & Karen	ROMAN, Alejandro & Adriana	
DOYLE, Brian & Liz	LOZANO, Uriel & Ana Solorio	ROMAN, Alfredo & Yesmin Delacruz	
DOYLE, Maria	MARSHALL, Lori	ROMERO, Rosa	
FARIAS, Teresa	MARTINEZ Family	ROSALES, Carlos & Beth	
FITCH, Ai & Nancy	MARTINEZ, Mariela	RUMMELL, Joel & Carol	
FLORES, Brian	MCCALL, Joyce	SAGUID, Andrew & Giselle	
FONSECA, Miguel	MCKAY, Shirley	SANGWIN, Mike & Kelly	
FORTE, Jean	MELANDER, Hilary	SANKOVITCH, Phil & Jody	
FOSS, Marlene	MIRANDA, Margarita	SANTOS, Benito	
FRANK, Matthew & Suellen	MIRANDA, Patricia	SANTOS, Feliciano	
GABRIO, Peggy	MITCHELL, Lynda	SCHILLE, Norm & Tracy	
GADBOIS, Rob & Karen	MJA ECO Cleaning	SCHMIDT, Dan & Joan	
GALLEGOS, Michel	MONAHAN, Michele	SERUSHEMA, Jean & Sylvie	
GARCIA, Jose & Marilu Diaz	MONTES, Santos	SILVA-KEITH, Phyllis	
GAVIOLI, Jacob & Daniela			

*If you have yet to make your stewardship pledge of treasure, there is still time to have your name added to the list!*

Updated 10/15/24



**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**  
ADMINISTRACION PARROQUIAL

**TIME, TALENT & TREASURE**

TIEMPO, TALENTO & TESORO

**Financial Report for October 1-7, 2024**

Informe financiero del 1 al 7 de octubre de 2024

1ST COLLECTION

Sunday Envelopes (80): \$4,667.50  
Sobres del domingos

Sunday Loose Donations: \$2,010.55  
Donaciones sueltas del domingo

TOTAL: \$6,678.05

2ND COLLECTION

Building Fund (58 envelopes): \$2,529.25  
Hipoteca

Additional Giving in Sept & Online via PushPay:

Online Stewardship Giving: \$13,265.00

Outreach: \$5,430.42

Building Project: \$4,320.00

Cath Cam Human Dev (21 env): \$477.00

Cath School Support (17 env): \$181.00

**Mass Attendance, Oct. 5-6: 1,166**



**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances** (Alégrate siempre, ora sin cesar, da gracias en todas las circunstancias)

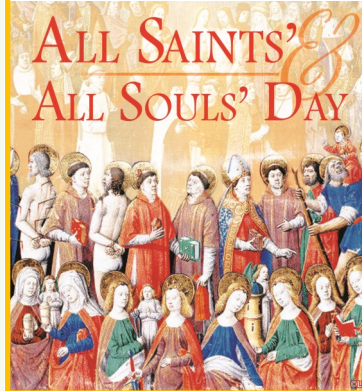
**We pray for the following people:** (Oremos por las siguientes personas:) ED MILLER, CARMELITA AGNES, OLIVER BUETTNER. VIRGINIA ORTIZ, DOROTHY VOYTA, CYRILLA NIXON, FR. JAY DEFOLCO, JOHN ZUANICH, KATIE DOYLE ...and those whom we hold silently in our hearts. (... y aquellos a quienes guardamos en silencio en nuestro corazón.)

**We also pray for the repose of the souls of:** (Tambien oremos por el eterno descanso de:) JEANNETTE CORTESE AND EDWARD SIEDLIK.

**If you would like to place a name on our prayer lists please contact the parish office** (Si desea poner un nombre en nuestras listas de oración, comuníquese con la oficina de la Parroquia) **360-691-2636 ADMIN@HCCCLAKESTEVENS.ORG**

**COMING UP: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

ALL SAINTS' DAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

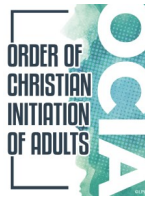


**Friday, Nov 1—All Saints' Day,**  
(Día de Todos los Santos,  
fiesta de precepto)

**Masses—9:00 AM English  
& 6:30 PM bilingual**

**Saturday, Nov 2—All Souls' Day**  
(Día de los Fieles Difuntos)

**Mass—9:00 AM**



**At the 9:30 am Mass today...Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Rite of Welcome**

The OCIA (formerly RCIA) is a process through which adults join the Catholic church. Today we are welcoming four adults who were baptized in other Christian traditions and are now becoming Catholic. We whole heartedly welcome these new members of our community!

**En la misa de las 9:30 am de hoy...Rito de bienvenida de la Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos.** La OICA (anteriormente RICA) es un proceso a través del cual los adultos se unen a la iglesia católica. Hoy damos la bienvenida a cuatro adultos que fueron bautizados en otras tradiciones cristianas y ahora se están convirtiendo en católicos. ¡Damos la bienvenida de todo corazón a estos nuevos miembros de nuestra comunidad!

**At the 11:00 am Mass today...Celebration of The Lord of Miracles.**

This devotion to Jesus is inspired by a 17th Century image painted of Jesus and venerated in Lima, Peru. The painting survived several large earthquakes in 1655, 1687 and 1746, despite widespread destruction of the city of Lima, giving it a miraculous reputation. The original mural was painted by an Angolan man, Pedro (Benito) Dalcon, who was enslaved and brought to Peru. The devotion was originally celebrated by Afro-Peruvians, but became generally celebrated over time. *The Rivas Torres family invites you to join them for Peruvian food in the parish hall after Mass.*



**En la misa de las 11:00 am de hoy...  
Celebración del Señor de los Milagros.**

Esta devoción a Jesús está inspirada en una imagen del siglo XVII pintada de Jesús y venerada en Lima, Perú. La pintura sobrevivió a varios terremotos grandes en 1655, 1687 y 1746, a pesar de la destrucción generalizada de la ciudad de Lima, lo que le dio una reputación milagrosa. El mural original fue pintado por un hombre angoleño, Pedro (Benito) Dalcon, que fue esclavizado y traído a Perú. La devoción fue celebrada originalmente por los afroperuanos, pero se generalizó con el tiempo. La procesión anual de octubre es una de las más grandes del mundo. *La familia Rivas Torres te invita a disfrutar de comida peruana con ellos en el salón parroquial después de la misa.*

## Parish Family Pastoral Council

October 1, 2024

Holy Cross Parish group minutes

### Opening Prayer

#### Part A: Kelsie Mattingly led us in reviewing our synodal listening results

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

**Members Present:** Carmella Barger, Pat Thomson, Angel Herrera, Emilia Herrera, Elodia Gonzalez, LeeAnn Balbirona. **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

### 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

## Combined Finance Council Meeting

Holy Cross, St. Michael, St. Mary of the Valley

October 8, 2024 @ St. Michael Hall 6:30pm

**Staff:** Annette Van Dyke, Alicia Ramirez, Janice George, Veronica Mendez. **Finance Council Members:** Holy Cross: Annette Van Dyke, Alicia Ramirez, Debby Ames, Danae McLoughlin, [cont.] Jon Kurtenbach. St. Michael: Billy Ladowski, Kerri Foust, Matthew Goldor, Bill Tucket. St. Mary of the Valley: Monica Sandoval, Teresa Lindo, Chuck Davis. **Absent:** Fr. Jay, Joan Schmidt

### Agenda

1. Prayer – Introduction – Annette Van Dyke
2. St Michael: Shared the remodeling of their school.
3. St. Mary of the Valley: Shared 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for roof project and that they may need to take a loan to complete this.
4. Break into parish groups for financials.

*Meeting commenced at 6:35 pm*

### Parish Financials for Holy Cross

The council reviewed financial reports from September 2024 for the Church and Outreach.

#### Holy Cross Church :

- PRF Savings - Church: received quarterly interest of \$1,162.
- PRF Savings - Building Fund received \$7,153 in quarterly interest.
- Checking account was \$25,236 lower than last month, mainly because of large expenses always due in the first quarter (Deanery Assessment, Property & Liability insurance and books for our Religious Ed and Sac Prep programs).
- New Church loan is \$2.33 million and \$12,000 per month is paid towards the loan.
- Net income for September was \$60,254.
- Offerings for Sept were 2.7% above projections. For the year so far offerings are 2% over budget.
- Building Fund Revenue was 17% below projections, but continues to do well, as donations are 59% above budget for the quarter.
- Total income for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter was 20% above projections.
- Net income was -\$7,092 for September, but is \$60,254 for the quarter.

#### Holy Cross Expenses

- Personnel expenses were a little lower than projected in September.
- Sacristy Supplies - Included expenses for Guadalupe mariachi, new corporal and purificator linens, and lector workbooks.
- Food included costs for Family 8 staff luncheons that Fr. Jay led.
- Sacramental Prep expenses for the quarter were a little higher than projected. There are 210 students in Sac Prep and 19 youth & 5 adults in OCIA and workbooks and supplies are purchased for these programs
- Youth Ministry expenses include expenses for 40 bibles geared for Youth.

- Other Parish Programs include expenses for VBS held in August.
- Repairs and Maintenance expenses included the new lawn mower service, and were much higher than budgeted.
- Bank services Fees are a little higher than projected, but the fees are turning out to be lower than the old vendor (OSV).
- Utilities expenses are pretty much on track.
- Vehicle expense shows the auto insurance that was paid for the Outreach truck. This will be reimbursed by Outreach when they have more funds.
- Deanery Assessment is our parish's contribution towards the Jail Ministry.
- Net income was -\$7,092 for September, but is \$60,254 for the quarter.

#### Holy Cross Outreach

- PRF Savings shows \$173 interest earned in September.
- Checking balance was \$350 less than at the end of August. All of the ACA rebate was given in assistance.
- Net Income for the quarter was -\$16,531.
- Offerings were 10% below projections for the year so far.

#### Holy Cross Outreach Expenses

- Outreach stats for September:
  - 185 bags of groceries given out
  - 81 cars came to Outreach
  - 45 clients received utility assistance
  - Average monetary gift was \$48.83. No client received more than \$50 this month.
  - No rental assistance in September.
- Utilities Assistance was below budget.
- Food Assistance includes the monthly subscription to Farmer Frog and supplemental purchases.
- Auto insurance was paid in September by the Church to be reimbursed when Outreach builds up its cash.
- Utilities for Outreach include recycling services and water for potatoes and corn.
- Outreach truck expenses show the license tabs paid.
- Total expenses were kept much lower than projected and the net income for September was only -\$177.

**ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:** Money from the land sale. How do we want to use this?

Some Options:

- Expand parking lot
- Start building a new parish hall
- Pay down the loan
- Leave in savings

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2024 at St. Michael's

## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

### Made to Serve

I thought it often in my first year as a mother, when I was every day discovering what this new life of parenthood looked and felt like: doing anything with kids is a hundred times harder than doing it without kids. But it's a thousand times better.

From eating dinner to going to Mass to taking a walk around the block — every single outing, even the simplest ones, had an extra level of logistical complexity. I had to bring diapers and food and extra clothes, I had to be ready to distract, to comfort, to settle, to de-escalate. Before, I just showed up, did the thing and went home. Now, I had to be ready to coordinate.

I had to be ready to serve.

But even while everything had become so much more complicated, so much harder, there was suddenly a joyfulness to these experiences that had not been there before. Yes, I was a mom now, a servant if there ever was one, constantly tending to someone else's needs, and it was difficult. Sometimes terribly so. But it was beautiful (not in a physical way — I was usually covered in baby spit-up — but my soul had that glow, you know?).

It was the first time in my life that I really understood what it was to serve, and the power of that vocation to which we are all called.

This isn't just true of parenthood. It's true of every relationship. When we find someone we can meaningfully, wholeheartedly serve — our spouse, our best friend, our employees, our students, our patients, whoever it is — the effort becomes nothing compared to the joy and the fulfillment we find in the work.

We were made for greatness, and Christ tells us that to be great is to serve. So don't be afraid of greatness. Don't be afraid to serve.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

#### Answer:

The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallows' Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first!



## Prayer

Lord, show me how to be helpful, but not a slave.

## Mission for the Week

I will give a cup of water to everyone in my family.

## Sharing the Gospel

God wants you to help others. He does not want you to be a slave to others. If you are helping your friend clean his room, and he leaves watch television, it's ok to stop helping him. Your friend should come back and clean part of his room, too. But, if your friend is unable to clean his room, then it is a great gift for you to clean it for him. God rewards you for helping others.

Now color the picture! →

Circle the picture that is **different**. Then color in all the pictures.

