

**Holy Cross Pastoral Council Minutes – Via Zoom
October 13, 2021**

Present: Fr. Jay, LeeAnn Balbirona, Alicia Ramirez, Annette & Jim Van Dyke, Carmella Barger, Brian Doyle, Elodia Gonzales, Thom Schessler, Pat Thomson, Jeannette & Jay Green, Angel & Emilia Herrera

Absent: Blanca Rosales, Carol Cornish, Eduardo y Rosario Avalos

Meeting commenced at 6:32 pm.

Welcome

- Prayer

Fr. Jay

Planning & Updates

- Mass Attendance – We are in the mid 600's for attendance every week. Saturday, 5pm mass averages about 75-80 attendees. 8:00 am mass averages between 80-110 attendees and 9:30am & 11:00 am mass average 200+ each. We are fortunate to have had only very few people with mild Covid cases in our parish.
- Met with deacon Pierce Murphy about forming prayer teams on Sunday mornings to assist family with health issues such as depression and anxiety through prayer. We are looking to develop teams of 3 people for each mass.
- Would like to invite Ann Marie Shields to our Parish Council. She will serve as the chair of the Synod committee for our parish. She will be the face and the voice of the lay to the Archdiocese. We will need more help with the Synod process as things move forward. A Synod mass at St. James Cathedral will be celebrated at 5:30pm on 10/17/21.
- Our Senior luncheon is scheduled for November 10th in St. Therese.
- Carol Cornish will be stepping back from here position here as facilities manager to dedicate more time to Augustine Institute. We are looking for volunteers to fill in some of her duties such as ground maintenance, cleaning, cutting grass, weeding, etc.
- We have a Time & Talent Form available to fill out for anyone who is interested in sharing their talents. We have reached out to neighboring parishes to get a sense of what they are doing and St. Michaels pays someone to clean, however, they rely on volunteers for ground maintenance. We are looking into several options to see what works best for our parish needs. We have flexible times and volunteers are welcome.
- Giving Tree gifts will be sorted and picked up in St. Francis.

Calendar

- October 19 – Giving Tree - Intake from clients begins
- October 24 – Vaccine Clinic will be here.
- November 1 – All Saints Mass at 8:00am (No obligation)
- November 2 – All Souls Mass at 8:00am and 6:30pm (No obligation) Pictures of loved ones can be brought in and placed at the altar as of 10/30. We will also have a Book Remembrance available.
- November 3 – Anointing Mass at 8:00am & 6:00pm.

- November 6 – Confirmation Sponsors meeting at 10:00 am (led by Eduardo)
- November 20 – Confirmation services at 9:00am, 11:00 am, and 1:00pm.
- December 12 – Virgen de Guadalupe Mass; Rosary at 7am (led by Elodia & Toni), we will have pan dulce and Mexican hot chocolate after the 8am and 9:30 masses. Fiesta/Food and Mariachi will be available after the 11am mass including pictures with Santa. Grab and go food will be prepared by volunteers instead of our traditional pot luck.
- December – Giving Tree – Will be led by Thom starting in November 7. Gifts to be returned by December 6 and delivered on Friday, December 17.

Sacramental Programs

LeeAnn:

We are halfway through Confirmation classes. We will be having 3 ceremonies on November 20; 9:00am, 11:00am, and 1:00pm. Youth group will have a pumpkin carving party via Zoom.

Carmella:

RCIA is off to a good start. Catechumen's are attending regularly. She extended an invitation to all to come by and check out the new RCIA trailer.

Pat:

Suggested the possibility of having prayer cards during Lent. For example, we would keep the cards in baskets at church and parishioners could pick them up and pray for individual for a week. Pat Thompson, Marian Lecours, and Sharon Desmond will be working together for the Giving Tree Project. Intake starts on 10/19. Tree will be put up in the parish hall on 11/13 and will be available with gift tags for parishioners to take. Gifts are due back by 12/5 and they will be distributed on December 17th. Giving Tree flier has also been shared with 211 public services.

Angel & Emilia:

Baptism in person classes are working very well. Their last class had 23 attendees. They are interested in putting together a bible study group for the Spanish speaking community and they will decide if they would like for it to be in person or via Zoom. Emilia & Angel will be coordinating a short play for Virgen de Guadalupe. They will also coordinate the posadas.

Eduardo:

Rosario and Eduardo will coordinate the Christmas Eve Posada.

Brian:

Knights of Columbus will be setting up a tent outside of church and will be selling Christmas cards from 10/31-11/21.

The Knights will be having a Pumpkin painting event via Zoom.

LeeAnn personally thanked the Knights for a great year of Food Drives.

Angel and Brian will set up a table to recruit new KOC members. They are especially hoping to be able to recruit members within our Spanish community.

Elodia:

Will connect with Amy & Lynn to discuss having Mental Health talks with our community. The idea is to assist people with coping, confronting fears, anxiety, depression, etc.

Financials:

- Church – Offerings are at 5% above projected. We received our first ACA rebate in the amount of \$500
- Building Fund – Our 2nd PPP loan of \$64K has been forgiven and can now be counted as income.
- Outreach - Giving Tree sign ups started on 10/19/21.
One of our parishioners, Ricardo, is doing the siding on our Outreach trailer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. Next Council meeting will resume on November 9th.