

**Holy Cross Pastoral Council Minutes – Via Zoom
January 11, 2022**

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

Absent: Elodia Gonzales, Thom Schessler, Blanca Rosales, Angel Jr.

Meeting commenced at 6:35 pm.

Welcome

- Opening Prayer – Come Holy Spirit led by Carmella

Fr. Jay

Planning & Updates

- Mass Attendance Review – Attendance has lowered and it is now in the low-mid 500's.
- Reviewed 6 month Financial Report which is included in Sunday's bulletin.
- Planning on a Lenten Retreat. More details to come. We will have Stations of the Cross. There will be no Lenten meals this year.
- We have 11 weddings and 9 Quinceañeras on our 2022 calendar so far.
- We will be meeting with Madeline and Jack Spanitz to discuss our plans to have a Senior Group.
- We will also be meeting with Deacon Pierce Murphy to discuss our Prayer Ministry including putting together prayer teams and trainings.

Calendar

- Jan 9 – Rite of Acceptance (9:30)
- Jan 15 – Synod Retreat (10am)
- Jan 23rd – Health Clinic
- Jan 29 – RCIA retreat (10am)
- Jan 30 – Mental Health Clinic
- Feb 5 – Quinceañera Retreat #1 (noon)
- Feb 12 – Children Retreat (10am)
- Feb 12 – Wedding Retreat (noon)
- Feb 12 – Food Drive

Sacramental Programs

LeeAnn:

Classes have resumed again and kids are back from winter break. Some families were unable to come back due to being quarantined. We have lessons recorded on YouTube which allows them to make-up classes from home.

Youth Group has resumed in person. We had 6 attendees last Sunday who participated in a getting to know you session which is helping build conversations.

Outreach has new hours. We are now open on Tuesday's from 10am-noon and 2pm-4pm. A new banner showing our new hours is hung up by our Outreach tent.

We now offer a Bilingual Bulletin instead of one English and one Spanish one.

Carmella:

RCIA Rite of Acceptance took place last Sunday. This group will be joining Fr. Jay's Lenten retreat since there is only one catechumen.

Stations of the Cross is still available on YouTube for those who wish to participate.

Synod retreat will take place on Saturday, 1/18 10am-noon. Carmella is encouraging council members to join this important retreat as the final plans will be discussed. Pat, Elodia and Eduardo have all participated in the listening sessions that were provided by the Archdiocese. It was suggested that KOC, Bible Study and Prayer Shawl all participate in Synod meetings. Fr. Jay recommended that we gather in larger crowds instead of smaller groups for better dialogue. Materials and questions for Synod retreats/meetings will be provided ahead of time in order for everyone to be better prepared for discussions.

Pat:

Giving Tree was a huge success. Although it was slightly less than previous years, we still had 129 gift requests. The box with stocking stuffers for kids was also very popular and parents loved the idea.

Angel & Emilia:

Baptism class will resume this Sunday, 1/16 at noon.

Eduardo:

Rosario and Eduardo have 7 couples that will be attending the wedding retreats and 8 Quinceañera participants for retreats as well.

Brian:

Food drive will be held on Saturday, 2/12 at our usual place, IGA Market. KOC will be attending Synod Retreat on Saturday. Family of the month chosen for December goes to Jay & Jeannette Green & Family! Congratulations to them!

Financials:

- Church – Our Net income is \$65,100.00. We received rebates for Annual Appeal (\$2,251.27) and Called to Serve (\$860.10)
- Building Fund – Offerings were below projected due to lower attendance; however, we are still 30% up from last year.
- Outreach - Our Net income is at a loss of -\$1,590.71, however, our total income is up 25% from last year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm. Next Council meeting will resume on February 8, 2022