

**Holy Cross Pastoral Council Minutes – Via Zoom
February 8, 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, Elodia Gonzalez, Blanca Rosales

Absent: Thom Schessler, Angel Herrera Jr.

Meeting commenced at 6:33 pm.

Welcome

- Opening Prayer

Fr. Jay

Planning & Updates

- Mass Attendance Review – Has gone up and down in the past few weeks. This week it was in the mid 600's. We have several new parishioners joining our community, including former parishioners from Perpetual. There is lots of good energy in our community.
- Our Senior Group will be meeting on a monthly basis. Madeline & Jack Spanitz are very excited to be leading this group.
- During Lent, we will be doing the feet washing on Holy Thursday, will have the Easter Fire and Stations of the Cross. We will also have our Parish morning Lenten Retreat. There will be no Lenten dinners.
- We will be spreading bark and getting things ready for Spring/Summer on March 5.
- Dave Hutzenbiler is working on garden boxes & hoping to auction them sometime in the spring.
- We have a total of 90 kids preparing for First Communion. We also have 13 Weddings and 12 Quinceañeras on the calendar for this year.

Calendar

- Feb 12 – Children's Reconciliation retreat 10am
- Feb 13 – Covid Vaccine Clinic 8am-2pm
- Feb 15,16,17 – Children's First Confession 6pm
- Feb 19 – Prayer Team Training #1 8:30 am
- Feb 23 – Senior Mass @ 11am followed by Luncheon
- Mar 3 – Rite of Election @Holy Rosary Edmonds 7 pm
- Mar 5 – Youth Retreat & bark spreading

Sacramental Programs

LeeAnn:

Shared ideas on having a Family Ministry at our Parish over the summer to make better use of our warm weather and bring families together. We need the participation from families for events such as; mother/daughter tea party, family gardening day, father/son events, etc.

Outreach – Open on Tuesdays only and things are working out well. We received gift cards from the food bank, courtesy of Safeway. These are \$50 gift cards that can be used at Safeway for food, and also at Safeway gas. One per family/household.

Blanca:

We are having a retreat on 2/12 for best practices for making a good confession. We have 3 groups of confessions schedules from February 15, 16, & 17th at 6pm. We will be passing out St. Valentine's Day cards at the retreat.

Carmella:

RCIA Rite of Election is scheduled for March 3rd. We have a brand new couple who just joined and is starting on their journey. We have three Synod gatherings scheduled for March; 3/9 morning in English, 3/12 10am-12pm will be bilingual and 3/19 from 12:30-2:30 will also be bilingual.

Stations of the Cross are still available on YouTube for those who wish to participate. Everyone is encouraged to do a walk through, and it was suggested that it would be a fun idea for Angel Jr. & the Youth group to participate.

Jay Green:

Jay Green will be reprinting and laminating new Stations of the Cross signs. He is also working on Confirmation classes/planning for next year.

Angel & Emilia:

We will continue to have our pre-baptismal classes during Lent. They will be held every 1st Sunday of the month like usual. We had 30 attendees at the RCIA family retreat.

Angel Jr:

There are 8-10 attendees at our Youth Group. Everyone is participating and is making it an engaging experience. We will have a Youth retreat on Saturday, March 5th.

Financials:

- Church – Our Net income is \$110K. Budget is 110% over our budget due to PPP loan. We received \$15K in stock donations and \$23K for our Prison Ministry. We had projected a 10% increase in income and we are really close to meeting this goal.
- Building Fund – Our Net income is \$75K. We received an \$8K stock donation . We will start paying about \$12K per month towards our mortgage.
- Outreach - Our Net income is at \$374.68. We submitted application for a Rice Bowl Grant which helps with our yearly potato harvest. There has been an increase in utility assistance. We are still assisting with Rent on a case by case basis.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. Next Council meeting will resume on March 8· 2022

Respectfully submitted by:

Alicia Ramirez, Administrator, 2/8/22