

**Holy Cross Pastoral Council Minutes – Via Zoom
March 8, 2022**

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

Absent: Eduardo Avalos, Jim Van Dyke, Thom Schessler, Blanca Rosales

Meeting commenced at 6:32 pm.

Welcome

- Opening Prayer

Fr. Jay

Planning & Updates

- Mass Attendance Review – Has been steady in the 600's. Thank you to the generosity of all of our parishioners our offerings have been doing really well.
- Synod Group gathering will take place tomorrow morning at 10am.
- We will have 30 yards of bark delivered this weekend and will have volunteers assisting with spreading the bark.
- Fr. Frank Shuster is the new Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle.
- Liturgies - we will be doing the feet washing on Holy Thursday; will have the Easter Fire and Stations of the Cross. We will also have a procession with candles.
- Annual Appeal will start end of April and go through May.
- We have a busy summer filled with Weddings, Quinceañeras and our Annual Parish picnic.
- Outreach continues to be very busy as there are lots of people in need.
- We will be having another Food Drive this month.
- Fr. Jay & LeeAnn will meet with Diana & Jr. sometime in the summer to talk about where things are and to discuss about future commitments for our Youth Group.
- Please text any announcements for Sunday to Fr. Jay by Thursday.

Calendar

- March 9 – Synod Gathering – 10am in English
- March 12 – Synod Gathering – 10am Bilingual
- March 20 – Covid Vaccine Clinic 8am-1pm
- March 22 – Safe Environment Training – noon
- March 26 – Outreach Food Drive at IGA
- March 26 – Youth Lenten Retreat

Sacramental Programs

LeeAnn:

First Confessions for our First Communion student went very well. There are only about 4-5 sessions left before they receive their sacrament. Working on Family Ministry at our Parish to keep families engaged

over the summer. Outreach continues to be busy and steady every week. We will have a Food Drive at IGA on the 26th. We will be participating in a new program for Outreach (PREPARES). This program offers diaper/wipes assistance for families in need. PREPARES received a grant through June of this year with the possibility of it being renewed. We will be offering a Safe Environment training this month. We are also looking for volunteers for; Eucharist Ministry for the homebound, Outreach, children and youth teachers. We are printing 250 bilingual bulletins per week. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, LeeAnn sent out St. Patrick's cards to any and all of our parishioners named Patrick. Spring forward! Don't forget to set your clocks an hour ahead on Saturday night.

Carmella:

RCIA – We have one adult scheduled for an Easter Vigil Baptism along with 9 children. We have one couple who joined and is in process for the RCIA program. We have three Synod gatherings scheduled after today's council meeting for last minute details. The Prayer Ministry started last Sunday. People came after mass for prayer and it went very well.

Brian:

Two men have recently joined the Knights. They will be here on Saturday morning to set up tables for the Synod gathering and they will also be participating in the meeting. Food Drive is scheduled for 3/26. Mentioned that there was not enough interest in the participation of corned beef and cabbage for Sunday, 3/20, however, they were planning a pancake breakfast for May 15.

Angel & Emilia:

Attendances for our pre-Baptismal classes continue to be steady. We had between 40-50 people at Sunday's class. There will be no baptisms scheduled for Palm Sunday.

Angel Jr:

Our Youth Retreat is scheduled for March 26th from 2pm-6pm which includes mass between 5pm-6pm. There has been great progress within our Youth Group with 9-10 youth in attendance consistently. We had a game day, which included an UNO tournament, and we also had a "Getting to know You" session which built friendship and connections. We've had topics such as "Motivation to go to Mass". We have also challenged our youth to bring one friend each as an invitation to make them be part of our community.

Jeannette:

Music groups have started rehearsing and she is working with Amy & Tony as well. We have an Irish band that will be playing for 30 minutes after the 9:30 mass on 3/20 at the parish hall.

Annete/Financials:

- **Church** – Our Net income is \$113,500.
We have transferred \$45K to our PRF Savings account. We are 5.4% above budget for the year. We received a rebate in the amount of \$3,028.00 from Annual Appeal Campaign. We do not receive a rebate unless pledges are met, so thank you to all who have been able to fulfill their pledges. We are also working on our **Budget Planning** for 2022-2023.
- **Building Fund** – Our Net income is \$81,900.
We transferred \$60K to our PRF Savings.

We received the amortization schedule for our new church loan which is \$9,540 per month. We will start paying \$12K per month to pay more towards the principal. We also plan to move all the funds from the Building fund to the Church fund to consolidate both into a single account. The Building account will be closed and this will save us money in programming cost for QuickBooks.

- **Outreach** - Our Net income is at \$1,800

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 8:05 pm. Next Council meeting will resume on May 10, 2022