

## **Parish Mission and Vision Update for the Parish Pastoral Council- November 5, 2021**

**A search has begun for a new Communications Director. Lauren Lacy had been doing the bulletin and website. Father O'Brien doing social media. Karen Bisges doing the graphics. We hope to combine it into a single position for ease, efficiency, and to allow Fr. O'Brien more time for parish leadership and pastoral care.**

**Partnership with St. John Catholic Student Center continues to go well for all involved**

**Stewardship Renewal has come to an end (commitments can still be submitted) with about 200 individuals turning in their commitments.**

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### **Encounter #2- Aligned Activities**

-Encounter activities beginning this month: RCIA, Xavier Kids, Xavier Teens, Invitation to Personal Prayer, St. Joseph Consecration groups (English and Spanish). All aligned towards Encounter, Grow, Go.

### **Encounter #3- Entry Points**

-RCIA teaching begins. More are interested every day. Meet Your Mother (English and Spanish) begins December 1st.

### **Encounter #7- Confessions**

With school in session, many more Confession opportunities are available through St. John Catholic Student Center along with the hours we regularly offer. Students and parishioners take advantage of both places. 12-15 hours a week are available between the two parishes. Sunday morning Confession available when both Father O'Brien and Father Robert are here.

### **Encounter #8- The Rosary**

We hope that the "Meet Your Mother" initiative in December and the opportunity for a Consecration to Mary in January will increase devotion to Our Lady.

### **Grow #2**

-Invitation to Personal Prayer, St. Joseph Consecration groups, Cursillo, CCO small groups, and Meet Your Mother. RCIA on Tuesday nights is also open to the whole parish.

### **Grow #5- Adult Catechesis in Spanish**

-Meet Your Mother in December will be offered in Spanish with Father Leonardo Medina giving two of the three talks.

## **Go #2- Welcoming the Poor**

"Love Thy Neighbor" continues to help people every week through the parish office. Mother Teresa Ministry volunteers are in the office returning phone calls and helping people with gas and food.

Afghan resettlement is about to begin. The first two families will arrive this week. Mike FitzGerald of Stillwater Catholic Charities is leading the effort. Larry Hoberock is a lead volunteer. Dozens of people from our parish and many other churches around Stillwater are involved.

## **Go #3- Stillwater Catholic Charities**

Local efforts led by parishioner Mike FitzGerald continue to offer ESL and GED classes.

We are also offering Spanish counseling two days a month with Clara Willis from Catholic Charities in Tulsa.

Current Catholic Charities Annual Appeal for Stillwater is around \$44,000. We hope to meet the \$50,000 for the matching gift sometime this week.

## **Go #6- Use of Media**

We continue to livestream two Sunday Masses (11:15 and 1pm). We record many classes and talks to make them available on social media and our SoundCloud account. Sunday homilies are available on SoundCloud, Facebook, and YouTube. Pastors of Payne podcast and radio show continues to reach 500-700 people a week. Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram followers continue to rise.

We are hiring a Communications Director who will enhance our digital footprint and increase outreach.

## **Go #8- RCIA**

We're seeing many people return to their faith after a time away. Some are going through the formal RCIA process, others don't need it. In the next few weeks we'll be bringing into the Church several older individuals in their 70s and 80s.

RCIA candidates and catechumens is at about 16 and rising each week.

## **Building #2- Stained Glass Windows**

We made significant progress in the stained glass window effort this week. The committee met with a company that made an outstanding presentation. We think they have the ability to do a project as large as ours. They are working on a plan for the St. Teresa of Calcutta Chapel and will submit that in the months ahead.

#### **Building #4- Catholic School**

Father O'Brien will convene a group this Spring to discuss a Catholic school for Stillwater. Several signs point to possibly opening a school: Stillwater growing, OSU growing, no Catholic schools for 40 miles, ECDC is booming, lots of babies being born (11 in October for our parish).