

Mission and Vision Update as of August 7, 2021

Encounter #2- Aligned Activities

-We had an excellent summer with VBS, Camp Xavier, Xavier Family Nights, St. Joseph Consecration, A Walk Through the Catechism, Steubenville Youth Conference, Teen Mission Trips, Genesis to Jesus, and other activities are geared toward the Encounter-Grow-Go Discipleship Pathway

Encounter #3- Entry Points

-A Walk Through the Catechism was attended by multiple possible RCIA candidates.
-Discovering Christ begins September 7th

Encounter #5- Spanish Mass Attendance

-We've hired Angela Vivar to help with Hispanic outreach especially on Sundays
-Stillwater Catholic Charities is planning to host English as a Second Language classes after the 1pm Sunday Spanish Mass

Encounter #8- The Rosary

-The daily 8:00PM online rosary continues with great success. Rob and Gina Agnew, Mona Pratt, and Taylor and Brett Akins are leading it

Grow #2

-Invitation to Personal Prayer, Consecration to St. Joseph, and A Walk Through the Catechism were all "grow" opportunities offered this summer for adults. Deacon Tom Cabeen's "Genesis to Jesus" series on Friday evenings consistently draws 20-25 Spanish speakers.

Grow #5- Adult Catechesis in Spanish

-Deacon Tom Cabeen's "Genesis to Jesus" is offered each Friday evening. Xavier Family Nights included a Spanish component for adults. Father Leo Medina (Pastor in Hartshorne) was here for three days in July leading the Spanish Parish Mission.

Grow #7- Vocations

Vocations was the focus of this year's Camp Xavier. Priest, seminarians, and women religious each gave talks. Three summer seminarians had extensive interaction with our youth including going to the Steubenville Conference and the mission trip.

Go #2- Welcoming the Poor

The "Love Thy Neighbor" initiative put in place last Spring is bearing fruit. The Mother Teresa Ministry is helping dozens of people each month.

Go #3- Stillwater Catholic Charities

Local efforts led by parishioner Mike Fitzgerald continue to offer ESL and GED classes. Conversations are underway of what else can be done in the community including how we can use the old St. Francis Xavier Church when St. John's moves out in January 2023.

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.

Go #7- Evangelization Training

Parish staff and a few volunteers have embarked on a prayer tent ministry on Country Club Rd offering to pray with people as they drive by. This is done in the late afternoon when people are commuting home.

Go #8- RCIA

Discovering Christ will begin RCIA on September 7th. At least 8 individuals are signed up and more are expected as we promote it throughout the month of August.

Building #2- Stained Glass Windows

The stained glass window project didn't make much progress this summer. We're having difficulty finding a company who can do both the quality of work we demand and also the size of the project.

Building #4- Catholic School

Father O'Brien is putting together a committee to begin to explore the idea of a Catholic school for our parish. A meeting is expected in August.