

Parish Mission and Vision Update for the Parish Pastoral Council - June 4, 2022

General updates:

-Facilities Manager Sheryl Lacy's last day on staff will be June 9th. We're looking at a number of options for the best way forward.

-Spanish Parish Mission was a hit. 40 adults each night along with 15-20 kids.

-Summer activities and initiatives coming up are Scott Hahn, VBS, Camp Xavier, Xavier Family Nights, Marian Consecration, Steubenville, Mission Trip, and Summer Catechism

-Fr. Robert Duck moves June 30th. Fr. Robert Healey moves in that same day. St. John's Associate Pastor Fr. James Porter also moves in that day.

-Seminarians Marcus Lyons and Kyle Doud have moved in and are getting involved in the life of the parish.

Encounter #2- Aligned Activities:

-Encounter activities beginning this month: "A Walk Through the Catechism with Fr. O'Brien" Saturdays this summer, XLT Eucharistic Event June 18th, Camp Xavier, VBS, Spanish Bible Study

Encounter #4- Daily Prayer:

-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday and Thursday continues to draw people in, daily online rosary. Adoration times will change July 1st. Daily Mass schedule will change along with a doubling of Confession times throughout the week.

Encounter #5- Spanish Mass

-Weekly priest videos are now being released in English and Spanish. Weekly homilies now being posted in English and Spanish. Spanish Parish Mission was excellent and well received.

-Spanish Mass during the week will be added starting in July. It will be Wednesdays at 6pm.

Encounter #7- Confession Times

-Confession will be available 6 days a week starting July 1st. This is a major commitment for the priests but it's one of the most important things we can do for the spiritual growth of our people.

Encounter #8- The Rosary:

-Evening online rosary continues led by Rob and Gina Agnew with assistance from Mona Pratt and Taylor and Brett Akins. It will be three nights a week during the summer due to lack of volunteers. We've made dozens of efforts to get others involved but no one has stepped up.

Grow #2: Opportunities to Grow

-Spanish Bible Study, Spanish parish Mission, Marian Consecration, Young Adults "Made for More" on Mondays, Scott Hahn June 10th, XLT Eucharist event June 18th, Vacation Bible School, Camp Xavier, Steubenville Youth Conference, Fr. O'Brien Summer Catechism are all grow opportunities.

Grow #5- Adult Catechesis in Spanish:

-Weekly Bible Study starts in June

-Spanish Parish Mission with Fr. Mauricio Carrasco was well attended and well received.

-An active plan is coming together for better Spanish marriage prep, Quincenera prep, and adult Confirmation classes. This is being led by Angela Vivar with assistance from Deacon Tom Cabeen and Fr. O'Brien

Grow #6- Marriage Preparation:

-All three Stillwater based priests continue to spend significant time preparing couples for marriage. Many get married here, others in their hometowns but there's lots of preparation taking place here. About 30 couples are currently in formation. With the addition of a fourth priest, this will only get better.

Grow #7- Marriage Strengthening

-A parish wide marriage retreat is being planned for the fall

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Grow #8- Vocations

-Four men in the parish has filled out preliminary paperwork to formally discern a vocation to the diaconate

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 has moved to a new phase with Catholic Charities support through a federal contract ending May 1st. Due to significant financial support from two individuals outside our parish but with strong Catholic and Stillwater ties, we are funding a position for 3 months through OSU's Global Studies Department. Through these donations we are also funding legal aid and medical expenses for the 70 Afghans in our area.

-We are also making a major financial investment in dental care for the Afghans. This will likely be in the \$25,000-\$30,000 range.

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.

-Communications Director Rob Ponce is making videos in house and has done a lot to beef up our social media and other communications. It would be hard for anyone to say they cannot find info on what's going on.

Go #8- RCIA:

-Annulments continue to be a major part of RCIA work. We have about 12 going right now and more about to get started.

-Those thinking about becoming Catholic are being encouraged to engage with our many summer activities especially the Saturday morning Catechism class.

Building #2- Stained Glass Windows:

-We have signed a contract with Conrad Schmitt to begin design for the windows in the St. Teresa of Calcutta Chapel. The pricetag is \$90,000. We had \$66,000 in an account for this purpose and have a donor that is covering the rest. This is a first step in a MUCH larger project to do the whole church.

Building #3- Expanding Classrooms and Other Spaces

-We're looking at purchasing a property close by. Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and staff have toured the facility.

-We're also in an active discussion to possibly sell the old St. Francis Xavier. This is being discussed among the PPC, Finance Council, and parish staff.

Building #4- Catholic School:

-Bishop Konderla has given the go-ahead for us to begin a conversation in earnest. He said a school in Stillwater, if feasible, would be good for this part of the diocese. It's his desire that it could not only serve the Stillwater area but also places like Cushing, Drumright, and Pawnee.

-Father O'Brien will convene a group this Summer 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.

-A nearby property is available for sale and could be converted to a school.

-Fr. O'Brien visited St. Joseph Catholic School in Enid. They have 100 students in grades PreK-5th grade. They make it financial but with significant subsidy (\$250,000) from the parishes of Enid.