

## Parish Mission and Vision Update for the Parish Pastoral Council - August 13, 2022

### General updates:

-We're holding off on hiring a facilities manager to see if there's a more cost-effective way to do it.

-Wedding Coordinator Amy Wells has stepped down. She's been great so this will be tough to replace. Fr. O'Brien will be acting wedding coordinator until a replacement is found.

-We have an aggressive fall planned with a lot of opportunities to encounter, grow, and go. See below for specifics.

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### Encounter #1- Eucharistic Adoration

-A meeting will take place in September with Eucharistic Adoration leaders and parish staff to increase hours and to begin using the St. Teresa of Calcutta Chapel more frequently for Adoration. We stopped using the chapel during Covid.

### Encounter #2- Aligned Activities:

-Encounter activities coming up: increased Eucharistic Adoration, Becoming Catholic, Inspired (Becoming Catholic for Kids), Life Teen and Edge (Xavier Teens), 7-week series on "The Seven Times God Swore", and more.

### Encounter #4- Daily Prayer:

-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday and Thursday continues to draw people in, daily online rosary in addition to Saturday morning rosary and Spanish rosary on Friday evenings. Adoration times will change this fall. Mass times increased this summer along with the availability of the Sacrament of Confession.

### Encounter #5- Spanish Mass

-Weekly priest videos are now being released in English and Spanish. Weekly Spanish Mass on Wednesday at 6pm.

### Encounter #7- Confession Times

-Confession is now 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, Kyle Doud, and Taylor and Brett Akins. It was 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.

-Knights of Columbus prayer the rosary every Thursday at 7am in the chapel. Spanish speakers rosary on Fridays at 7pm in the nave. Saturday morning rosary in the nave at 8am.

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### Grow #2: Opportunities to Grow

-Becoming Catholic, 7 Times God Swore, Xavier Kids, Xavier Teens, Confirmation formation, First Communion formation, Inspired (Becoming Catholic for Kids), Parish wide stewardship retreat on August 20th, Dr. John Bergsma talk

### Grow #4- Parish Staff Formation

-Fr. O'Brien is offering weekly formation for the staff at their Wednesday staff meetings

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

-Weekly Bible Study is in the works

-Wednesday night formation after the 6pm Mass starting in September.

-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 four 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.

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-We are working with the Diocese of Tulsa to have a one day engagement retreat hosted in Stillwater for engaged couples of St. Francis Xavier and St. John Catholic Student Center.

### Grow #7- Marriage Strengthening

-"Couples Praying Together with Charles and Shelia Michie" on Saturday September 24th

-Catholic Date Night on Friday November 11 with Adam and Haylee Minihan and David and Pamela Niles.

### Grow #8- Vocations

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

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### 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. Parishioner Carol Schmitz has become a key volunteer.

-Afghan resettlement has us continuing to work with the OSU Center for Global Studies to provide funding for medical expenses and other needs for the 71 Afghans living in Stillwater.

### 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. "Pastors of Payne" was voted "Best Podcast in Stillwater"

-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.

-We are purchasing equipment to be able to record podcasts at the parish.

### Go #8- RCIA:

-Annulments continue to be a major part of RCIA work. We have about 14 going right now and more about to get started.

-Becoming Catholic begins September 13. Inspired (Becoming Catholic for Kids) starts that same week.

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### 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.

-Designs are currently being looked at and developed for the chapel.

### 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:

-We are contracting with Dr. Kurt Nelson of Marian University in Indianapolis to do a feasibility study this fall. It will run between August and December with a final report coming at the end of December. The study will involve the parish and larger community as well as surrounding towns. The roughly \$12,000 cost is being covered by a donor.

-In the loop on this discussion are the Superintendent of Catholic Schools David Dean, Vicar General Fr. Gary Kastl, and Chancellor Deacon Harrison Garlick.