

## Parish Mission and Vision Update for the Parish Pastoral Council September 3, 2022

### General updates:

-We're aware of complaints regarding the cleanliness of the nave. We have fired our cleaning company (they actually stay on for 30 days per the contract). We have been patient with them and our patience has run out. We are looking at new cleaning companies. The nave floor was cleaned Friday night by an outside company.

-We'll be hiring Cooper and Associates to manage the building instead of a facilities manager. [www.cooperpa.com](http://www.cooperpa.com). This will save us money from hiring a facilities manager and will bring the expertise of the company.

-Lori Wieder has been hired as the new Wedding Coordinator.

-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 Young Adult Book Study, Spanish adult formation, Invitation to Personal Prayer, 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 #7- Confession Times

-Confession is available 6 days a week in addition to appointments and Confession around special activities like wedding rehearsals.

### 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.

-Knights of Columbus pray 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 September 14th. Mass, then dinner, then formation. Leading to adults receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on December 12th.

-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. 32 couples are currently in formation.

-A push will be forthcoming to parishioners who never married in the Church.

-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 are in initial discernment for 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 is a key volunteer.

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-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. Jackson Howell has been key to the effort.

-We have purchased equipment to be able to record podcasts at the parish. The Pastors of Payne Podcast is now recorded in house saving priests time.

### **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.

### **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 have contracted with Dr. Kurt Nelson of Marian University in Indianapolis to do a feasibility study. Dr. Nelson will be in Stillwater and Tulsa September 13th and 14th for visits with parish and diocesan leadership. He will return in October for focus groups. An online survey will be forthcoming. The roughly \$12,000 cost is being covered by a donor.