

## Parish Mission and Vision Update for the Parish Pastoral Council October 1, 2022

### General updates:

-New cleaning company and new partnership with Cooper & Associates ([www.cooperpa.com](http://www.cooperpa.com)) to run our building is working out well. Cooper is helping us with both short term and long-term building issues.

-Catholic Charities Annual Appeal this weekend. All \$ raised stays in Payne County.

-Annual Stewardship Renewal begins next week. Tim Trojan and the Stewardship Council have done a great job in getting us ready.

-Bishop Konderla will be here Sunday for the 1pm Spanish Mass.

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### Encounter #1- Eucharistic Adoration:

-Beginning in November, hours will be added for adoration. We will have adoration beginning Wednesday morning running all the way through the night until Thursday evening. Richard and Judith Cronk are in charge.

-The plan is to add a day when these hours are full of adorers.

### 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, and Invitation to Personal Prayer.

-Catholic Young Adults is having great success with a Monday night book study and social activities. Led by Jessica Petter.

### 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.

### Encounter #7- Confession Times:

-Confession is available 6 days a week in addition to appointments and Confession around special activities like wedding rehearsals. The Advent Parish Mission in December will offer an evening of confessions.

### Encounter #8- The Rosary:

-Evening online rosary continues led by Rob and Gina Agnew with assistance from Mona Pratt, Kyle Doud, and Rob and Margie Ponce.

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-Knights of Columbus pray the rosary every Thursday at 7am in the chapel. Spanish speaker's 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, Spanish formation, Inspired (Becoming Catholic for Kids), Three Hearts Pilgrimage, Catholic Young Adults, 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:**

-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. Led by Angela Vivar.

-An active plan is coming together for better Spanish marriage prep, Quinceñera 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. 22 couples are currently in formation in Stillwater.

### **Grow #7- Marriage Strengthening:**

-"Couples Praying Together with Charles and Shelia Michie" on Saturday September 24th had 10 couples.

-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. OSU made a new hire, Emily Boersman, and it has been excellent.

### **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. Jackson Howell has been key to the effort.

### **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.

-Becoming Catholic began September 13. Inspired (Becoming Catholic for Kids) has also started. About 12 people are in RCIA right now including a man who is at the Payne County Jail. Fr. Healey is working directly with him.

### **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. A big design meeting is scheduled for Tuesday.

### **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:**

-Part I of the Catholic School Feasibility study is over. Dr. Kurt Nelson will be back in mid-October for focus groups with young families, ECDC parents, and Spanish speaking parents. A final report will come in December.