

St. Patrick Parish / St. Michael Mission

Monthly Report - Cochise Vicariate – 06APR17

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Worries / Concerns:

Our need to inspire our fallen away Catholics to return and live full, active, conscience, participation into parish life. If they did, oh what good could be shared with those we serve.

Staff

Volunteers

Many, but always need more.

Lay Ecclesial Minister

Sandra Bernal

Women Religious

Sr. Marilyn Bever, CSA

Clergy

Fr. Matthew Thayil, MSFS, Deacon Joe Delgado, Deacon Bill Lugo, Deacon Jose Valle, Deacon Tony Underwood.

Paid Staff

Fr. Matthew Thayil, MSFS – Sacramental Minister (Salaried), Dcn. Tony Underwood – Pastoral Administrator (Salaried). Ramon Zapeda – Custodian (Part Time), Francisca Morales – Custodian (Part Time), Benjamin Saenz – Office Manager (Full Time).

DRE

Director of Religious Education – Benjamin Saenz

Seminarian

Justin Terna Agbir (Here thru 12MAY17)

Our Response to the Poor

St. Vincent de Paul

Fellowship Breakfast scheduled for 23APR17.

We continue to serve 125 plus each week with food and clothing distribution. What a blessing for our community. Conference is very strong and doing much good.

Homebound Visits: 8 Lay Ministers - 40 visits weekly by EM's. Fr. Matthew is also visiting our homebound.

Detention Ministry

Our team of ministry volunteers continues to serve the needs of our incarcerated brothers and sisters at the Cochise County Jail through monthly Communion Services. Ministry coordinators Sue Quayle and Liz Lillard.

Youth Against Hunger

Our Youth Group hosts a free community lunch once a month. Terrific work coordinated by Jennifer and Mike Ratkovich. Usually serve 150 plus. Thanksgiving Community Meal scheduled. Served over 300 people last year.

Mercy Opportunities

The parish office continues to offer help to "drop-ins", people with serious need for help and no place else to go for it. Money, food, clothing, etc. Is not much but is something to spark hope, to live mercy.

Women's Transition Project (WTP) Partnership with SVdP

SVdP continues to receive weekly food donations from WTP for distribution to our poor and hungry. All are blessed by their generosity. Sisters of St. Agnes give spiritual direction.

General

Safe Environment

In Compliance. Safe Environment Training of all RE children complete. Have secured a new compliance officer: James (Jim) McEntee

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Web Site: www.stpatsbisbee.com. Email: stpatricks@cableone.net
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stpatrickbisbee> Phone: 520.432.5753.

Centennial Committee

A committee is in place and planning our parish Centennial Celebration. Much work and planning being done.

Evangelization

Robert Moore, Justin Agbir, and Dcn. Tony went door to door in Naco Az inviting people to become part of St. Michael Mission. Left literature on doors too.

Fiscal

Weekly Collections

Stable. Fiscal Year Comparison:

St. Patrick Offertory: **Up 6.7 %**
St. Michael Offertory: **Down 31.2 %**

Accounting Year to Date (01JUL16 to 31JAN17)

We are solvent, checking account stable; we are operating within our budget. **Year to date Net balance: \$15,533.86.** We publish in each week's bulletin a financial statement of the previous weeks collection results. The bulletin for the first weekend of each month contains a complete monthly financial report for the parish/mission, including PPIT accounts and Catholic Foundation Investments.

Finance Council

Council meets monthly. Function and operation strong. Great team of dedicated volunteers.

Grants: Received a grant request for \$14,600 from the Catholic Foundation. Work can begin on our refurbishment project for the Stations of the Cross

Memorial / Tribute Giving Program: N/A

Bequests: N/A

Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal!!!!!!As of 04APR17: 116% of Goal (Goal 19,100)

Gift Shoppe

Open daily. Is self-sustaining. Income reported with each financial monthly report.

Church Donation Box and Candle Memorial

Located in the narthex of the church. Donation box is meant to invite donations from tourists. Income helpful.

Gift

Received a \$2000 gift – un-designated. Will use to help the poor (\$200), purchase a CD player for church (\$500) and designate balance to St. Mission Renovation Fund

Faith Formation

Youth Religious Education.

Sacramental prep Confirmation: 8 – Retreat Set 22APR17 - Confirmation Date set 29APR17 – 1:30pm

Sacramental prep 1st Penance / 1st Holy Communion: 11

RCIC: 6

Men's Prayer Group

Have restarted. Participation low.

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RCIA

0 Adults in the process

Baptism Class

Held first Tuesday of each month in the church for parents and sponsors. Sandra Bernal facilitates. Have changed registration for class to better know who is attending.

Bible Care Group (Scripture Study Group)

Is underway. Facilitator is Sandra Bernal – Meets Wednesday and Sunday nights – Renamed to.

Scripture Study Group

Is underway. Facilitator is Sisters of St. Agnes – Meets Tuesday Mornings

Just Faith

Is underway. Facilitator: Sr. Marilyn Bever. Two classes being offered – Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Cochise Vicariate Level One Formation Sessions

Parish is hosting this workshop once a month for our vicariate.

Liturgy

Youth Mass

Scheduled for the 1st Sunday of each month. Jennifer Ratkovich coordinates. We bless all parishioners celebrating birthday's in the current month. Well received.

St. Michael Mission

Have increased Spanish Homilies by using Spanish speaking deacons. Trying to increase parishioner participation.

Communal Penance Service

Well attended – 35 approx.

Holy Week

Ready.

Lenten Retreat – Parish Lay Ministry Leadership

Set for Thursday 06APR17 – 5:00pm. Facilitated by Justin

Training – EM's

Set for Wednesday 26APR17 – 6:00pm. Facilitated by Debbie Klimek, Fr. Matthew, and Justin

Summer Mass Location Survey

A survey is underway to hear from parishioners their thoughts for where and when Mass might be celebrated during the hot summer months.

Pastoral

Hospital / Nursing Home Visits: Dcn. Jose can no longer visit parishioners staying in Bisbee and Sierra Vista facilities weekly. Will hopefully return to this ministry in May 2017. Fr. Matthew and Dcn. Joe Delgado filling in.

Pastoral Council

Council meets bimonthly. Will be asking council members to conduct a survey of parishioners regarding participation in parish life.

Annulment Petitions: 2 in the works

Funerals: 9 celebrated since 02NOV16

Graveside Interment: (Outside of Funeral): 2 celebrated since last report.

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Weddings: 0 celebrated since last report.

Marriage Prep in Process: 4 couples

Baptisms: 12 celebrated since 02NOV16

1st Holy Communion: In Prep

Adult Confirmations: 0 celebrated since last report.

Anointing's Homebound / Hospital: Many – Fr. Matthew making regular home visits.

Quinceañera: 0 celebrated

IBVM / Seminarian 2nd Collection

The 5th Weekend of any month, our faith community takes a special 2nd collection to benefit the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sisters and seminarian Dennis Marcos. All proceeds will be split; ½ to the IBVM Sisters to use in their General Operating Fund and ½ sent to seminarian Dennis Marcos. One from our community is an IBVM Sister. Her name is Sister Christa Parra.

Exercise Class

Held each weekday in the parish hall. 8:30am – 9:30am. Regular monthly donation to the church.

Movie Nights

Held in ball court or parish hall (depends on weather). Free family / community event. Youth Group sponsors.

Newsletter

Mailed Newsletter with Holy Week Schedule to all registered parishioners. Newsletter published by Ruth Dugie, outstanding job!

Toy Drive

In Memory of Maya Douglas. Underway. Benefits Children's Hospital in Phoenix.

Clubs / Organizations / Committees

Women's Club

Great faith filled Women!

Utility Help

Have committed to donating \$100.00 to parish to help offset utility costs.

Funeral Reception

Our Women's Club members continue to serve brilliantly our grieving families through their work hosting Funeral Receptions in our parish hall.

St. Patrick Day Dinner

Hosted by the Women's Club in the parish Hall 18MAR17. Wonderful hospitality and meal shared.

Knights of Columbus

No Activity

Fall Festival Committee

Working on fundraisers for the 2017 Festival.

Bisbee Ministerial Council

Dcn. Joe Delgado represents our parish.

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See Our Response to the Poor – Youth Against Hunger
See Liturgy – Youth Mass
See Pastoral – Movie Nights

Facilities

Risk Management -We work very hard to identify and resolve possible issues.

St. Michael Mission

- **Annex Remodel:** Work is complete. Annex is beautiful. Parishioner Jessie Morales has done an excellent job. What a blessing to our community. Open House set – 23APR17.

St. Patrick Church

- **Stations of the Cross:** Received estimate from John Allan Design - \$19,000. Going with John Allen. Work to begin.
- **Stained Glass Windows:** Have contacted Stephen Frei of Frei Studios – St. Louis Mo. They are the original firm that created, built and installed our windows in 1916. Discussing a project to replace lexan covers on all St. Patrick windows. Will be seeking grant money to cover costs. Work needed to preserve windows and to increase exterior beauty. Proposal received.