

St. Patrick Parish / St. Michael Mission

Monthly Report - Cochise Vicariate – 14DEC17

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Highlighted entries reflect updates since last report.

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. Christi Ann Laudolff, 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). Charlie Sproule – Custodian (Part Time), Phillip Martinez – Custodian (Part Time), Francisca Morales – Custodian (Part Time), Benjamin Saenz – Office Manager (Full Time).

DRE

Director of Religious Education – Wanda Liekem

Our Response to the Poor

St. Vincent de Paul

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. Hosting a Christmas bake sale 16/17DEC17. Winter coat and blanket drive underway.

Homebound Visits: 6 Lay Ministers - 35 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 several times throughout the year. Terrific work coordinated by Jennifer and Mike Ratkovich. Usually serve 150 plus.

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.

Web Site / Email / Phone

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Fiscal

Weekly Collections

Stable. Fiscal Year Comparison:

St. Patrick Offertory: **Down 1.6 %**

St. Michael Offertory: **Up 22.7 %**

Accounting Year to Date (01JUL17 to 30NOV17)

We are solvent, checking account stable; we are operating within our budget. **Year to date Net balance: (\$1,129.04)**. 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: N/A

Memorial / Tribute Giving Program: N/A

Bequests: N/A

Annual Catholic Appeal

Attending 2018 Campaign Orientation 20DEC17

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.

Faith Formation

Youth Religious Education.

Sacramental prep Confirmation: 12 Students

Sacramental prep 1st Penance / 1st Holy Communion: 13 (Classes at St. Michael Mission)

RCIC: 6

RCIA

2 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 – 6 attendees average

Scripture Study Group

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

Cochise Vicariate Level One Formation Sessions

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

Liturgy

All Saints / All Souls Day

2 Masses Celebrated each day - Attendance average

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Thanksgiving Day Mass

1 Mass Celebrated - Attendance average

Immaculate Conception

2 Masses Celebrated - Attendance average

Our Lady of Guadalupe

2 Masses Celebrated; 1 at St. Michael Mission, 1 at St. Patrick Church - Attendance usual

Youth Mass

Discontinued Youth Mass. Low participation and commitment from parents / youth.

St. Michael Mission

Parishioner participation has increased since youth are assigned liturgical ministries.

Advent Communal Penance Service

None scheduled (Like last year). Will schedule Penance Service during Lent 2018

Christmas Liturgies

Letter sent out. Liturgies planned.

Pastoral

Hospital / Nursing Home Visits: Dcn. Jose visits parishioners staying in Bisbee and Sierra Vista facilities weekly. Fr. Matthew goes when called.

Pastoral Council

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

Annulment Petitions: 1 in the works

Funerals: 3 celebrated since 02NOV17

Weddings: 1 celebrated since last report.

Marriage Prep in Process: 2 couples

Baptisms: 2 celebrated since 02NOV17

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 Justin Agbir. 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.

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Operation Christmas Shoebox

Coordinated by Karen McNeal. Wonderful ministry work for our global poor. Well supported.

Introduction to the Devout Life

Advent Spiritual Exercise facilitated by Fr. Matthew and Debbie Klimek.

Parish Newsletter

Ruth Dugie is our publisher and has once again put together an informative enjoyable read. Being mailed with the Christmas letter.

Clubs / Organizations / Committees

Women's Club

Great faith filled Women!

Fundraiser

Christmas Bazaar – Great Success!

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.

Knights of Columbus

Funded the purchase of new collection baskets for the church.

Fall Festival Committee

Great success. Largest fundraiser for the parish. Profit: \$15,573.28

Bisbee Ministerial Council

Dcn. Joe Delgado represents our parish.

Youth Group

See Our Response to the Poor – Youth Against Hunger

Parish Calendar Fund Raiser – Proceeds benefit the Youth Group

National Catholic Youth Conference- Indianapolis: 3 Youth sent – Wonderful experience. Youth raised all funds required.

Facilities

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

St. Michael Mission

- **Porch Cover:** Building a porch cover for the side door to protect against rain.

St. Patrick Church

- **Storage Garage:** New doors constructed. Parishioner donated material and labor.
- **Computer:** New computer purchased for Tony. Old one broke down.
- **Landscape:** Church landscape is beautiful, thanks to parishioner Wayne.
- **Parking lot Wall Repaired:** West parking lot wall built to replace crumbling wall.
- **Stations of the Cross:** Restoration project underway. Hope to have it completed by mid-January.
- **John Allen Design:** has submitted a proposal for the painting of our Sanctuary walls / dome. Will present to pastoral and finance committees for input.
- **Stained Glass Windows:** Have received proposal from Stephen Frei of Frei Studios – St. Louis Mo. They are the original firm that created, built and installed our windows in 1916. Project to replace lexan covers on

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all St. Patrick windows. Will be seeking grant money to cover costs. Work needed to preserve windows and to increase exterior beauty. Proposal received.