

St. Patrick Parish / St. Michael Mission

Monthly Report - Cochise Vicariate – 17DEC15

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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 Ricardo Pinzon, Deacon Jose Valle, Deacon Tony Underwood

Paid Staff

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

DRE's

Interim Director of Religious Education – Dcn. Tony Underwood

Our Response to the Poor

St. Vincent de Paul

We continue to serve 100 plus each week with food and clothing distribution. What a blessing for our community. Conference is very strong and doing much good. Now collecting and distributing blankets to our SVdP friends.

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 coordinated by Maggie Goff.

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. They are hosting a free Thanksgiving Community Meal (see below).

Thanksgiving Community Meal

Hosted by Youth group Saturday 21NOV15 – Served over 300 people - Free.

Christmas Angel Tree

Parish hosts a Christmas tree (church narthex) with Angel Gift Cards (requesting various practical gifts) for the women who are in recovery at the Women's Transition Project. Great participation from parishioners purchasing the requested Angel Gifts. Ensures many women at WTP a Merry Christmas.

Christmas Toys for our Children in Need

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Collections (2) were designated to buy toys for children in our Bisbee, Naco AZ and Naco Sonora communities. Parishioners very supportive, ensures a Merry Christmas for our children.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoe Box Gifts for International use for children in need – 100 plus boxes donated.

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.

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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.

General

Safe Environment

Dcn. Ricardo Pinzon is our Compliance Rep.

Web Site / Email / Phone

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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. Windows of Faith Book being sold as a fundraiser.

Christmas Newsletter and Liturgy Schedule

Sent to all registered parishioners (700 approx.) Great work by Ruth Dugie.

Jubilee of Mercy

D.O.T. prayer cards received and will be distributed.

Christmas Gifts – Christmas Liturgies

We are gifting all parishioners a book by Matthew Kelly titled "Rediscover Jesus". Will be given out at all Christmas Liturgies.

Fiscal

Weekly Collections

Stable. 01 JULY 2015 compared to 31 OCT 2015:

St. Patrick Offertory: **Down 4.4 %**

St. Michael Offertory: **Down 17.4 %**

Accounting Year to Date (01JUL15 to 31OCT15)

We are solvent, checking account stable; we are operating within our budget. **Year to date Net balance: 5,821.54.** 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

153% of goal as of 14DEC15.

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.

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Sandra Bernal has accepted invitation to serve as parish program coordinator.

2016 Parish Calendar

On sale now. Proceeds benefit our Youth Group.

Faith Formation

Youth Religious Education.

Sacramental prep Confirmation: 11

Sacramental prep 1st Penance / 1st Holy Communion: 20

General Religious Education class: 1

Men's Prayer Group

For men of the parish/mission. Held weekly for 1 hour. Response favorable.

RCIA

1 Adults in the process

6 Youth in process

Baptism Class

Held first Tuesday of each month in the church for parents and sponsors. Sandra Bernal facilitates.

Women's Scripture Study Group

Is underway. Facilitator is Sandra Bernal – Attendance Low

Adult Confirmation

Classes begin Easter with Sacrament received Pentecost Sunday

Spiritual Direction

Women's Transition clients attend weekly 1 hour meetings of Spiritual Direction

Liturgy

Youth Mass

Scheduled for the 1st Sunday of each month. Jennifer Ratkovich to begin to coordinate.

Prayer for Vocations

Prayed as closing prayer for the Prayer of the Faithful – Have been doing for 3 months.

Altar

Have contacted Bishop's office to schedule dedication, waiting on response.

Have replaced 2 old scrap small credence tables with dignified new oak credence tables.

Advent Communal Penance Service

Held; 01DEC15 – 6:00pm – Attendance 30 approx.

Important Liturgies

Christmas Liturgies are all planned and advertised in the parish bulletin with letters sent to registered parishioners.

Pastoral

Pastoral Council

Council meets monthly. Commitment of members is weak. We are rebuilding and future now looks promising.

Annulment Petitions: 2 in the works

Funerals: 2 celebrated since last report.

Graveside Interment: (Outside of Funeral): 3 celebrated since last report.

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Weddings: 0 celebrated since last report.

Marriage Prep in Process: 1 couple

Baptisms: 2 celebrated since last report.

1st Holy Communion: In Prep

Youth Confirmation: In Prep.

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

Quinceañera: 0 celebrated

Women's Club

They meet the first Wednesday of each month. They host all funeral receptions. They also host all special rectory luncheons and dinners when needed. Great faith filled Women! Christmas Bazaar a huge success. Have committed to donating \$100.00 to parish to help offset utility costs. Have gifted the parish \$1400 towards the purchase of a new processional cross.

Bisbee Ministerial Council

Dcn. Joe Delgado represents our parish.

Project Graduation

Breakfast held 13DEC15.

IBVM 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. All proceeds will be given the IBVM Sisters to use in their General Operating Fund. 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.

Christmas Message – Giant Fence Display

Our message this year: "Peace Be with You".

Facilities

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

St. Michael Mission

- **General:** Will begin to complete interior work with vesting rooms and storage rooms this winter.

St. Patrick Church

- **Church Boiler:** Have received an estimate for repairing/replacing "leaking" steam valves inside of church. \$1700. Will target replacement work for spring of 2016, after cold temps.
- **Parish Grounds:** Have removed vegetation from church front and are in the process of replacing with weed barrier and rock. Lowers maintenance, watering costs and provides flexibility for seasonal decorations.

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.