

St. Patrick Parish / St. Michael Mission

Monthly Report - Cochise Vicariate – 17NOV16

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Highlighted entries reflect updates since last report.

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). Alexis Reyna – Custodian (Part Time – Has terminated Employment – Replacement search underway), Francisca Morales – Custodian (Part Time), Benjamin Saenz – Office Manager (Full Time).

DRE

Director of Religious Education – Benjamin Saenz

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. November Bake Sale set record profit: \$600 plus. Taking Pie Orders for Thanksgiving – Fundraiser.

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.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoe Box Christmas Gift program for poor children around the world. No numbers yet.

General

Safe Environment

In Compliance. Working on Safe Environment Training of all RE children.

Web Site / Email / Phone

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Centennial Committee

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

Parish Board of Director Election

Process underway for the position of Treasurer.

Fiscal

Weekly Collections

Stable. Fiscal Year Comparison:

St. Patrick Offertory: **Up 6.9 %**

St. Michael Offertory: **Down 27.8 %**

Accounting Year to Date (01JUL16 to 30SEP16)

We are solvent, checking account stable; we are operating within our budget. **Year to date Net balance: (3,599.85)**. 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: Submitted a grant request for \$14,600 to cover Stations of the Cross refurbishment.

Memorial / Tribute Giving Program: N/A

Bequests: N/A

Annual Catholic Appeal

148% of Goal (\$28,520)

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: 8

Sacramental prep 1st Penance / 1st Holy Communion: 19

RCIC: 7

Men's Prayer Group

Have restarted. Participation low.

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.

Scripture Study Group

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

Just Faith

Is underway. Facilitator: Sr. Marilyn Bever. Two classes being offered.

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Cochise Vicariate Level One Formation Sessions

Parish is hosting this workshop once a month for our vicariate. First one held 24SEP16.

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.

Prayer for Jubilee of Mercy

We pray the Jubilee of Mercy Prayer at the end of the Mass Prayer of the Faithful beginning in Lent.

All Saints Day / All Souls Day

Special All Souls Day Mass well attended.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Scheduled. Turnout usually favorable. Families gifted with Blessed bread to take home.

Pastoral

Hospital / Nursing Home Visits: Dcn. Jose visits parishioners staying in Bisbee and Sierra Vista facilities weekly. His familiar face means a lot to them.

Pastoral Council

Council meets monthly. Commitment getting better. We are rebuilding and future now looks promising.

Annulment Petitions: 1 in the works

Funerals: 48 celebrated since 02NOV15-02NOV16.

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

Weddings: 0 celebrated since last report.

Marriage Prep in Process: 3 couple

Baptisms: 29 celebrated since 02NOV15-02NOV16.

1st Holy Communion: In Prep

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.

Chinese Auction Fundraiser

Project Graduation hosted event in the parish hall – great fundraiser - \$700 plus raised

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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.

Christmas Bazaar

In Planning. Good fundraiser.

Knights of Columbus

No Activity

Fall Festival Committee

Just completed our Fall Festival. Committee members hard at work. Largest fundraiser for the parish. Profits TBD in mid November.

Bisbee Ministerial Council

Dcn. Joe Delgado represents our parish.

Youth Group

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

Environmental Ministry

In response to Pope Francis encyclical Laudato Si, we are looking into beginning this ministry.

Facilities

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

St. Michael Mission

- **Annex Remodel:** Work is 90% complete. Jesus Morales serving as General Contractor. Doing a great job.

St. Patrick Church

- **Stations of the Cross:** Received estimate from John Allan Design - \$19,000. Going with John Allen.
- **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. Stephen here this past week working proposal.
- **Rectory Suite upgrade:** Have replaced 1970's carpet with wood laminate. Now getting bids to paint. Is the last room that had "nasty" shag carpet.

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.