

# St. Patrick Parish / St. Michael Mission

## Monthly Report - Cochise Vicariate – 19JAN17

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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

### 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.

**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.

#### Step-up Bisbee / Naco

We are promoting the Step-up Bisbee / Naco program in our bulletin. Step-up Bisbee/Naco is a 501C3 non-profit committed to helping the poor in our community with their basic home repair needs. We are hopeful that some of our low income parishioners will benefit from their services.

### General

#### Safe Environment

In Compliance. Safe Environment Training of all RE children complete.

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### 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. Hosting a Dolan Ellis Concert (fundraiser) on 15JAN17 in the parish hall. Response / tickets sales good.

### Fiscal

#### Weekly Collections

Stable. Fiscal Year Comparison:

St. Patrick Offertory: **Up 10.3 %**

St. Michael Offertory: **Down 20.8 %**

#### Accounting Year to Date (01JUL16 to 31OCT16)

We are solvent, checking account stable; we are operating within our budget. **Year to date Net balance: \$10,820.67.** 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

TBD

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Penance / 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion: 11**

**RCIC: 6**

### 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.

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### Just Faith

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

### Cochise Vicariate Level One Formation Sessions

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

### Liturgy

#### Youth Mass

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

#### Christmas Liturgies

Attendance was impacted by bad snowy weather. Family Mass Christmas Eve was well attended, others were not.

#### Golden Jubilee – Sisters of St. Agnes

Will celebrate a special Mass followed by reception in the parish hall for 4 sisters who live and serve our community. Mass will be Saturday 21JAN17 – 5:15pm.

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

**Annulment Petitions:** 2 in the works

**Funerals:** 4 celebrated since 02NOV16

**Graveside Interment:** (Outside of Funeral): 1 celebrated since last report.

**Weddings:** 0 celebrated since last report.

**Marriage Prep in Process:** 4 couples

**Baptisms:** 4 celebrated since 02NOV16

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion:** In Prep

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

**Quinceañera:** 0 celebrated

#### IBVM / Seminarian 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

The 5<sup>th</sup> Weekend of any month, our faith community takes a special 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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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.

#### **Knights of Columbus**

No Activity

#### **Fall Festival Committee**

Working on fundraisers for the 2017 Festival.

#### **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.

- Completed safety training with David Miller from the DOT Office of Property and Insurance on 10JAN17.

#### **St. Michael Mission**

- **Annex Remodel:** Work is 98% 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. Work to begin March 2017.
- **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 working proposal.
- **Church Porch Light:** Have installed an auto on/off dawn to dusk light for the church front porch. Increases light for parishioner safety.