

St. Patrick Parish / St. Michael Mission

Monthly Report - Cochise Vicariate – 21JAN16

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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 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 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 Soup Community Meal this Saturday 23JAN16.

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.

General

Safe Environment

Have begun all High Risk Clearance Renewals for 2016. Dcn. Ricardo Pinzon is our Compliance Rep.

Web Site / Email / Phone

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. Windows of Faith Book being sold as a fundraiser.

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Board of Directors Convocation – 23JAN16

Both lay directors attending. Pastoral Administrator cannot attend as he has a funeral scheduled at Espinosa Funeral Home.

Fiscal

Weekly Collections

Stable. 01 JULY 2015 compared to 30 NOV 2015:

St. Patrick Offertory: **Up 0.9 %**
St. Michael Offertory: **Down 13.8 %**

Accounting Year to Date (01JUL15 to 30NOV15)

We are solvent, checking account stable; we are operating within our budget. **Year to date Net balance: 7,257.07.** 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: Submitting a Request for St. Michael Mission (late).

Memorial / Tribute Giving Program: N/A

Bequests: N/A

Annual Catholic Appeal

2016 Campaign has begun

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.

Stewardship Program

Sandra Bernal serves as parish program coordinator. Have a meeting set to discuss details Tuesday 26JAN16.

Faith Formation

Youth Religious Education.

Sacramental prep Confirmation: 11

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

General Religious Education class: CANCELLED due to low enrollment

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. Have changed registration for class to better know who is attending.

Women's Scripture Study Group

Is underway. Facilitator is Sandra Bernal – Attendance Low

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Adult Confirmation

Classes begin Easter with Sacrament received Pentecost Sunday

Spiritual Direction

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

Best Lent Ever

Will once again promote the Dynamic Catholic Web Site: Best Lent Ever for parishioners during Lent.

Rediscover Jesus

This book was given away at Christmas Liturgies (500 total). Have received many positive responses. Have ordered additional books for distribution.

Women's Religious Communities

Have advertised in the bulletin dates for upcoming Religious Communities Open Houses for Bisbee and Douglas.

Youth Fest – Diocese of Tucson

Our Youth Group coordinator is planning participation with our youth. Details to follow.

Lent Retreat – Adults - Living the Works of Mercy

Parish retreat offered by Jordon Ministries – 13FEB16

Lent Retreat – Youth

Retreat for our youth offered by Sandra Bernal – 06FEB16

Just Faith

Meeting with Sister Marilyn Bever to discuss program implementation in parish – Wednesday 20JAN16.

Liturgy

Youth Mass

Scheduled for the 1st Sunday of each month. Jennifer Ratkovich coordinates.

Prayer for Jubilee of Mercy

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

Prayer for Vocations

Prayed as closing prayer for the Prayer of the Faithful – Have been doing for 3 months. Will end Ash Wednesday and be replaced with Year of Mercy Prayer.

Altar

Have contacted Bishop's office to schedule dedication same visit as Border Mass in Naco Sonora.

Lent Communal Penance Service

Scheduled for 16FEB16 – 6:00pm – Theme: God's Mercy Endures Forever.

Mass for the Unborn

Scheduled for Friday 22JAN16. Our first and is long overdue. Praying for a good attendance.

Masses on the Border

Dcn. Ricky is coordinating liturgy planning with Sr. Lois. We understand the date for the Naco Mass is changing.

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 of members is weak. We are rebuilding and future now looks promising.

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Annulment Petitions: 2 in the works

Funerals: 4 celebrated since last report.

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

Weddings: 0 celebrated since last report.

Marriage Prep in Process: 1 couple

Baptisms: 3 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 \$1500 towards the purchase of a new processional cross.

Bisbee Ministerial Council

Dcn. Joe Delgado represents our parish.

Project Graduation

Chinese Auction Fund Raiser held 17JAN106 in the parish hall. Supports all 2016 graduating youth. Funds raised: \$1018.

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.

Facilities

Risk Management -We work very hard to identify and resolve possible issues. Had an inspection on 14JAN16. Performed by David Miller of the Property and Insurance Dept. for the Diocese. Very little reported needing repaired.

St. Michael Mission

- **Annex Remodel:** Will begin to complete interior work with vesting rooms and storage rooms this winter. We are submitting (late) a grant request with the Catholic Foundation to cover costs. Jesus Morales serving as General Contractor.

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.

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- **School Building Boiler:** is giving us trouble. May seek alternate source of heat for tenant (Women's Transition Project) as system is very old and expensive to run.
- **Parish Grounds Snow Damage:** The snow fall of 07JAN16 did much damage to our trees. Two suffered extensive damage, one repairable the other needing complete removal. Have contracted local tree service to repair and remove. Have contacted D.O.T. Property and Insurance Dept. to see if our insurance covers such damage/repair.

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.