**Holy Cross Pastoral Council Minutes**- **In Person**

**Date:  November 14, 2023**

**Present:**  Fr. Jay, Annette Van Dyke, Alicia Ramirez, LeeAnn Balbirona, Brian Doyle, Carmella Barger, Pat Thompson, Jeannette & Jay Green, Elodia Gonzalez, Vivian & Chito Cancio, Jessica San Luis

**Absent:** Angel & Emilia Herrera, Guy Hazelzet

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm. In-person meeting.

**Welcome**

* Opening and Closing Prayer- Pat
* Calendar
* Parish and Program Updates

**Planning & Updates**

**Fr. Jay** – We received a $15K Donation for Outreach and it is recommended that this be used for Food. Farmer Frog will be cutting back due to subsidized Government program. Farmer Frog will require a membership for 2024 which will cost $1K per month.

* We went over the HCC calendar of monthly events.
* Vivian & Chito will be the coordinators of Simbang Gabi celebration.
* Emilia & Angel will be the coordinators of the Posadas & they will start rehearsals for the Guadalupe play soon.
* Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Saturday, 12/3 at 11 am.
* Finance/Parish Council Parties will happen on 12/5/23
* Giving Tree- 56 families have signed up so far. We have about 143 children who will be receiving gifts.
* Milk & cookies with Santa will be on Sunday, 12/3 after each mass.
* Discussed food sign-ups for each night for Posadas as follows: 12/22 to 12/23, 12/24
* We will follow up with Martha Aquino to see if she can lead the Pastorela for our Spanish mass.

**Sacramental Programs & Ministries**

**LeeAnn:**

Shared Ebenezer having a Thursday night meal for those in need once a month and she suggested that we consider doing something like this at our church.

**Alicia:**

Alex Anguaiano will be our musician for Las Mañanitas for Virgen of Guadalupe on Tuesday morning, 12/12 at 5am.

**Carmella:**

Currently there are 6 RCIA participants and 1 adult in the Spanish group. 15 total will possibly be in attendance to be baptized at Easter Vigil mass. Rites of Acceptance will take place first or second Sunday in January during the 9:30am and 11:00am mass. There is a retreat opportunity available for all parishioners to participate for 5 Sunday’s during Lent.

**Jeannette:**

Antonio will be covering the morning masses on Christmas Eve and Jeannette will be covering the evening masses. We are looking for new members to join the choir with Antonio for our Spanish masses.

**Jessica:**

First Communion is going great. She has two retreat opportunities planned during lent on a Sunday from 10:45 – 12:15pm

**Angel & Emilia:**

Talked about Guadalupe play & posadas. We will also have food sign-ups and rehearsal sign-ups for the Guadalupe Fiesta. Baptism classes are going great.

**Pat:**

We have started sign-ups for The Giving Tree on Tuesdays during Outreach. So far, we have 24 families that have signed up, which is a total of 57 children to receive gifts. Giving Tree will go up on the weekend of Nov 18 & 19. Gifts must be returned by Dec. 10.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.  Our next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2023 which will be our Christmas Social.