

Saint Christopher's Specific

Question: Can it be made known that the Chapel is not a play area?

Answer: We understand that the Chapel is not a play area.

Question: Can the Tabernacle at Saint Christopher's be moved?

Answer: Worship Commission is being formed and will evaluate these questions and provide recommendations to the pastor and pastoral team.

Question: Can the Crucifix at Saint Christopher's be suspended so that all can see it?

Answer: Worship Commission

Question: Can a *corpus* be added to the processional cross?

Answer: Worship Commission

Question: Can Saint Christopher's reflect more Gospel passages, Saints and Angels? Can statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Joseph be painted to emphasize their presence? Can stained glass windows be added to the windows in the Chapel and Baptismal font area?

Answer: Worship Commission

Question: Can the schedule for the Eucharistic Ministers and the Ministers for the shut ins be reorganized?

Answer: Yes, but we need more Eucharistic Ministers, having someone agree to help organize this would be a great benefit.

Question: Are kneelers going to be installed at Saint Christopher's and Saint John the Baptist?

Answer: The kneelers would cost anywhere from \$60 to \$80 thousand dollars.

Saint John the Baptist Specific

Question: Can previous music ministers be welcomed back at SJB?

Answer: Yes, they will be welcomed back, but they would need to follow the direction of the music ministry here at the Family of Parishes.

Question: Is Sunday night a youth group meeting or a religion class?

Answer: Both, forming our young people to have a closer relationship with Jesus.

Question: Is it possible for the DRE, Youth Minister and Pastoral Associate come to SJB and introduce themselves?

Answer: Andrea, Elena and Elise introduced themselves and have a regular presence in the office at SJB.

St Peter Specific

Question: Can the screen projected on the altar be taken down?

Answer: Although I am not a fan of it, it does make the sound better because people are looking up.

Question: It is hard to hear the priest, deacons and lectors, not the music, can this be improved?

Answer: The middle speaker is out, we are actively working on evaluating possible solutions.

Question: Can we bring back coffee and donuts?

Answer: yes, just need someone to spear head it.

Question: Can we spruce up the grounds and buildings of Saint Peter's?

Answer: we always can improve, and I you would like to help we would love to have more volunteers.

Question: Can the organist sing softer so that others can be heard?

Answer: There is always a tension in having a cantor/organist lead the community in singing versus singing so others can follow along. One of the challenges is the lack of the ability to hear what is coming across the sound system while playing the organ or the piano. Having a trained sound board operator would help this process.

Question: Can we make it easier to access the parish library?

Answer: The plan is to open it again once coffee and donuts begins

Question: Will the Community dinners go back to in person?

Answer: They are looking into it.

Question: What was done with the survey results that were conducted last year?

Answer: The survey was never fully conducted.

Question: Why does the music at St Peter seem to be like a concert and less about guiding others to enter fully into participating in the Mass?

Answer: See the question above regarding the organist. There are times when it is appropriate to have the choir leading a hymn or song for meditation versus leading the community in singing. From my experience, the Choir strikes this balance well.

Question: Is it possible not to have the choir practice before the 11:00am mass, I come to mass to pray, and the practice is distracting?

Answer: There is no space to do this.

Question: Why do we have 10 Eucharistic Ministers at Saint Peter's?

Answer: We need this many to have both species available to the Community, as Jesus instructs us to 'Take and Eat, and Take and Drink.'

Our Lady of the Rosary/Holy Cross Specific

Question: Would you consider having a late morning or afternoon Mass during the week? And on Holy Days? OND in particular.

Answer: We will evaluate after the feast days and on a regular basis, and will make any potential changes over the summer

Question: Can the Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary start at 7:00am and /or survey the parishioners to see what works best for them?

Answer: Worship Commission

Question: Could we have a Bi-lingual Mass said at OLR?

Answer: Yes, Father Carlos will be joining us to celebrate two masses in our family of parishes, one at OLR and the other at SJB

Question: Is there a possibility that the office at Our Lady of the Rosary be reopened?

Answer: We are looking into the practicality of this.

Question: Can we have additional support for cleaning and maintenance?

Answer: We would love volunteers

Question: Can the new Mass streaming at OLR be promoted?

Answer: Yes, and it will be in the bulletin and newsletter

Question: Can we have a town meeting in OND?

Answer: We do not have any more town meetings on the schedule, but yes this is an option for the future.

Question: Can we reestablish a parish council in OND?

Answer: Representative's from OND are currently on the Parish Council; Saint Peter, Holy Cross and Our Lady of the Rosary serve on the same council; additionally, we will be moving to one unified council for the Family of Parishes, beginning in this summer.

Question: Can we improve the signage in OND?

Answer: We will look at this after July 1 when the mass times will be reevaluated.

Question: What is the purpose of the young people living in the rectories, do they help the Church?

Answer: To live together in community and to have them grow in a deeper relationship with Christ through ministering to the community.

Question: Can a part time paid position be created to coordinate and regularly clean Schumaker Hall?

Answer: Need a clearer picture of what this job position would entail.

Family Wide

Question: Is there a possibility of having Communion Rails installed?

Answer: No, the aesthetics of the churches would not allow them to be installed. The goal when renovating church is to have everything new fit in the current architecture.

Question: Is it possible to provide childcare during Mass and or encourage parents to use the cry room?

Answer: I will not tell a parent to take their child out of Mass.

Question: What happens to my donation to a particular parish?

Answer: All donations to a particular parish stay in that parish, we have to follow the intentions of the donor when distributing donations.

Question: Why are we not offering face-to-face Reconciliation? Is there a possibility of bringing it back?

Answer: This is something I felt Jesus inviting me into via prayer, and has borne good fruit in the Community so far.

Question: Do you have any recommendations for an Examination of Conscience that goes beyond the “Big Sin”?

Answer: Father Smith is going to look into this, and it will be in the bulletin at a later time.

Question: Would it be possible to have one Sunday morning mass without music?

Answer: No, music is requisite part of the mass

Question: Why are we adding more Latin prayers and responses to the Mass in place of the vernacular?

Answer: Latin prayers are Liturgical season based. We also have a desire to bring from the storehouse both the new and old; as the

Second Vatican Council does call for Latin to have a 'pride of place' in the Church's liturgy.

Question: The Gather books are heavy, and I cannot find the Eucharistic prayers in the book. Can we get more seasonal missals the pews?

Answer: Gather books are at all parishes, this was my choice. We have seasonal missals, and you also can go online and get them yourself. We are looking into the number of seasonal missals that we will provide as well.

Question: Can all five parishes have Communion under both species?

Answer: Volunteers, we need more Eucharistic Ministers.

Question: Can the host be dipped into the wine?

Answer: No, the USCCB asked for clarification on this from the Vatican, who responded that this was not permissible.

Question: Is there a plan to bring the altar servers back?

Answer: Father Hale is working on this.

Question: Is it possible for the traditional elements of Catholic worship to return?

Answer: We currently have Eucharistic Adoration at Saint Peter's every Friday. We are also planning to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Question: What is the status of the Family of Parish Name?

Answer: The Family of Parish name will be announced shortly.

Question: Will we have one mission statement for the family?

Answer: Yes, we are working on this.

Question: What is the timetable to fully integrate the collective parishes?

Answer: The timeline is 5 years, as outlined by the Diocese at www.catholicaoc.org/beacons.

Question: Will the individual priests be able to get to know the parishioners better at each parish?

Answer: We are all doing our best.

Question: How are the priests doing?

Answer: Father Kyle: I am in a better place than I was a year ago, I start my day with one hour of prayer with Jesus.

Father Hale: Excited to be here as a priest. I originally was going to be a priest in the Diocese of Louisville but decided to stay here and I love it.

Father Smith: I am having challenges with my MS and depression.

Question: Can the religion and youth ministries use the bulletin more to reach the parishioners?

Answer: Yes, the bulletin is submitted the Monday before the Sunday, so if you want something in the bulletin it needs to be submitted by Monday morning.

Question: Can students of the three parishes that don't have schools participate in the CYO?

Answer: Yes, working with the various athletic directors in each parish.

Question: Can the office hours be more convenient for those of us who work and may need to call or come to the office?

Answer: If there is a need to be met after hours, parish staff do their best to accommodate requests.

Question: Did office staff receive a raise and how many new people have been hired in the last 2 years?

Answer: Cost of living increases were made over the last few years. The only position that has been created is the executive assistant to Fr. Kyle: overall staffing has decreased over the last six months as we evaluate what our current needs are and what areas we need to cover in order to grow.

Question: Why are all decisions being made by paid employees?

Answer: We do consult with the Pastoral Councils as needed. As we move forward, Councils will take a larger role in spearheading some of the principals the Diocese has outlined for us.

Question: Can more Evangelization and outreach be done in the Churches?

Answer: We can always do more, but we will have a regional Evangelization Ministry soon.

Question: Why isn't there a parish council?

Answer: There are currently 3

Question: Why must a person log on to Facebook to read about parish information?

Answer: Facebook, social media, is an outlet that is used because of the accessibility to get information out to the parishes quickly. The website has the same information but may have a lag in getting the information on it.

Question: What is the toughest part of all the change for the Priests in NE10?

Answer: Growing up I had a role model om Father O'Connor and all I wanted was to be a parish priest like him. This assignment is being a parish priest and a CEO at the same time, and it is a challenge; because we entered seminary and discerned a particular model of the priesthood that is no longer operative. Yet, Jesus has led us to this place and we will do our best to respond as Jesus would.

Question: What makes your answer the most difficult?

Answer: Hard being a priest to 5 parishes and not being able to serve them like I should, if I only had 1 parish

Question: What can we do as parishioners to assist the Priests?

Answer: Volunteer, be open to change. We are all doing the best we can. Be present at events when the priests are, such as the Study on

the Mass; as that is a time when we can get to know you and you can get to know us better, too.

Question: How can we accept the changes more readily?

Answer: Pray; try to see things from multiple perspectives, not just my own. It is a challenge to take a step back and put my own perspective down.

Question: What is the Priest's prayer for NE10?

Answer: Empowering parishioners to advocate for the poor and needy and to learn and accept Jesus in their hearts

Question: Is it possible to survey the parishioners to find out which masses they prefer or need?

Answer: Worship Commission.

Question: It is possible to have a Sunday evening mass for those that work on the weekend?

Answer: We currently do not have one, but churches, including UD, have mass on Sunday evenings. We will put this information in the bulletin for your reference.

Question: Can we have more opportunities for families with young children?

Answer: Yes, volunteer to do it. Don't wait for me to do it, take charge, come to me with a solution not a problem.

Question: Why have we removed the sound of bells before communion?

Answer: We currently do this if we have servers. If we have servers and they are not doing this, we will work on it.

Question: Why have we stopped using incense?

Answer: We need more servers

Question: Is it possible to have quiet time during mass, especially after Communion?

Answer: We do in the appropriate areas and some priests respond to this better than others, as do some parishioners! We will continue to evaluate with the worship commission.

Question: Can the NE10 Family of Parishes provide education and processes regarding voter registration? Teaching us the importance of Governing with God

Answer: I vote Catholic and the USCCB have information on all the candidates and how to vote Catholic.

Question: St Peter's recites the Amazing Parish Prayer, is this program that the family of parishes is pursuing as a whole or is this something we are moving away from?

Answer: This would be something for the Pastoral Council to examine once they are formed regionally this coming summer

Question: Is there a potential to replace the Amazing Parish Prayer with something tied to each parish's patron Saint or our new parish name?

Answer: Staff and Pastoral Council will examine over the summer.

Question: Is there currently a plan to close parishes in the family and move toward a single, "mega-Church"?

Answer: No, all five parishes are currently vibrant and financially stable. As this remains the case, I hope to continue to grow all five parishes.

Question: Could there be a change in scheduling that would allow a Priest to say both masses at St Peter and St Christopher's so when there are donuts or pancake breakfasts the Priest can attend?

Answer: This is hard do to the amount of masses and the shortage of priests on any given Sunday.

Question: As we increase the understanding of the Mass, can there be an effort to explain the choices for current Mass settings? Why they are chosen and what is the desired effect? Can we make the parishes more tied to liturgy?

Answer: not entirely sure what is being asked in this question other than some of the particular Mass settings are chosen based on how the composition fits with the particular season, for example: a more somber setting for Lent vs. a more joyous one for Easter.

Question: Why do St Peters and St Christophers no longer have dedicated music directors- Andrew LaRochelle and Paula Kern are listed as "all" while the other Parishes have a specific person. Is this in part because directors are being pulled in too many directions/have more duties on their plate? Is there a way that some of their other duties could be covered by Parishioners during this time of transition?

Answer: Andrew and Paula are full-time employees. Maddie, Megan and Aaron do the weekend masses. As such, Andrea and Paula help cover items during the week. It also helps to have a clear chain of command with various decisions being made.