

October update

Holy Spirit Family Parishioners,

As we continue our journey as a family of parishes, we are looking forward to more opportunities to fellowship together. Over this past year, we have held a number of events to accomplish this end. We have enjoyed many committee/commission meals, town hall meetings to update everyone on our progress through Beacon of Lights such as the recent Vision Day meeting in August, the Love In Action & Stewardship meeting in the spring, the family picnic in September. Throughout 2023, we have held a combined mass at one of the church sites, for all parishioners to celebrate together.

In 2024, there will be four combined masses of the Holy Spirit Family of Parishes scheduled each quarter of the year. We have the dates and times planned, We will share details on the location, as we get closer to next year. However, we want to share the information the dates at this time. Ideally, each of us will take this opportunity to fellowship together, as one community.

The planned masses are as follows:

First Quarter of 2024 - Easter Vigil, March 30, 2024 at 8:30 p.m.

Second Quarter of 2024 - Pentecost, May 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Third Quarter of 2024 - Family Picnic, September 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Quarter of 2024 - Advent, December 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Please remember that when we celebrate a combined mass of the our family of parishes, the mass is the only mass for that weekend. There are no other masses scheduled for the weekend. Do look forward to hearing of the locations for each of the 2024 combined masses - updates will be provided in the bulletin and announcements will be made well in advance.

As part of our Beacons of Light participation, our efforts continue to progress. We have entered Phase 2, which is Vision. During this phase our family of parishes collaborate to define our family of parishes' Vision. We will have more information to share in November.

Our Holy Spirit Family of Parishes continues our welcoming efforts for our parishioners who have English as a second language. In August, there was a Cultural Food Festival held at St. Benedict the Moor. This was a great opportunity to share our cultural backgrounds through the diverse foods that were cooked and then shared by attendees. There were games and dancing . Social Action representatives from the community were available to provide resources for those new to the Dayton community. We also have plans to hold panel discussions and other activities to build relationships.

Parish Council (now named the "Pastoral Council) and the various commissions (Worship/Faith Formation, Evangelization, Stewardship/Love in Action, and Leadership are now holding meetings on bi-monthly schedules.

Those are just a few updates. Please do continue to check your bulletin for more information.