

**Tri-Parish Partnership**  
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*Parish School of Religion/ Home-Based Catechesis*

1. PSR Holy Cross and Home-Based Catechesis has reached mid-point for the year, with the numbers who participate near equal status between the two formats.
2. The communications with Ashley, CRE at Holy Cross, is ongoing and fruitful with constant updates, and enthusiastic collaboration for the whole Tri-Parish PSR unit to share events, strategize, and equal encouragement of all students, and families.
3. The Home-Based program continues to thrive with great progression of studies, parental participation, appreciation from the families to utilize the flexibility this offers to them, and ease to receive collaboration immediately with any issues or ask questions on their child's progress, studies, etc..
4. There is ongoing updating, assigning, reassigning, scheduling and grading the Home-Based Catechesis curriculum. This is expected and needed in order to assist the families and their schedules of work and study. It is a blessing for those who utilize this forum of supporting the ongoing formation of the faith in the Catholic family.
5. A monthly Tri-Parish Partnership PSR Newsletter is generated each month with highlights of the month's past events, various thoughts and suggestions for spiritual enrichment for the family, and Catholic education for home life.
6. The PSR Sunday's are on the fourth Sunday of each month with the whole PSR unit excited with the opportunity to assist in ministry in their own parishes and within the other parishes within the Tri- Parish Partnership.

*Spiritual Direction*

1. The demand and appreciation to have access for Spiritual direction has increased (naturally) throughout the fall and into the winter months.
2. The interactions with various individuals require a lot of time, not only with the person, but skilled and diligent preparation before and upon meeting.
3. The utilization of the ministry is assisting folks in numerous ways, and most importantly bringing souls back to God.

*Adult Faith Formation/Education*

1. Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is ongoing with weekly meetings on Wednesday mornings. There are several individuals in different stages of the process.
2. Eucharistic Adoration opportunity will resume during Lent after the Wednesday School Mass.
3. Women's Spirituality Group - SJO- meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday's - Room B
4. Oremus - A Guide to Catholic Prayer- is offered on Wednesday afternoon's - SJO- 1-2pm – with registered members receiving online access to the videos' and talk notes from the week's session. The possibility to extend to an evening or Sunday program after Mass is being investigated.
5. Tuesday Nite Theology- *TnT*- -SJO-7:00 pm-MPR room- is the first Tuesday of each month, with different months shared between the Pastoral Team.
6. Soon to launch - Lenten Women's and Men's Group, Baptismal Ministry, and Married Couples 4 Christ... more opportunities in the long-range planning stages.

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*St. Joseph School*

1. Providing Catholic Catechetical Instruction with the 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Learning about Sacramentals and making Rosaries, studying about the lives of the Saints, Mariology, Prayer, Piety Devotions, etc...
2. Assisting /Preparing in the Sacrament preparations: Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
3. Eucharistic Adoration continues the first Wednesday of the month with the St. Joseph school children.

*FlockNote*

1. It continues to grow with new members - 298 signed - 10 groups. The ease to communicate with many or a few is key in ministry. The accessibility to respond, and or receive messages throughout the day and evening, provides an invaluable outreach to the vast number of parishioners within the Tri- Parish Partnership.

This is just a brief synopsis of the past month activities, work preparation, and diligence. It in no way covers the entirety of the ministerial work or hours it requires to plan, organize, implement, coordinate, and facilitate.