

## Proposal Phelps County Mass Time Restructuring

On Thursday, June 9, 2022, at the St. Patrick Parish Center in Rolla, parish leaders from the following parishes of Phelps County met to prayerfully and jointly discuss options and possibilities for a Weekend/Sunday Mass schedule:

Immaculate Conception Parish in St James,  
St. Anthony Parish in Rosati, and  
St. Patrick Parish in Rolla.

Around 70 people were in attendance.

A number of parish meetings and meetings of parish clergy and staff had taken place prior to this joint parish meeting:

- May 7-8—Fr. Brendan Griffey and Fr. Greg Meystrik coordinated and arranged the diocesan approved early announcement of Fr. Brendan Griffey's retirement.
- May 14-15—Fr. Stephen Jones celebrated weekend Masses at Immaculate Conception and St. Anthony, along with parish clergy, we coordinated the plan on this the scheduled weekend of clergy announcements.
- May 16—Fr. Greg Meystrik shared by social media and then the following weekend (May 21-22) at each parish in printed form, a letter informing the community about the timing and background of the upcoming changes and a plan/proposal looking ahead to July 1, 2022.
- May 17 and 24—Fr. Brendan Griffey, Fr. Greg Meystrik, and parish staff of Immaculate Conception and St. Anthony met to discuss related general parish communications, plans, weekend and bulletin announcements. Parish staff and clergy of St. Patrick met on a number of occasions at St. Patrick.
- May 17—Fr. Greg Meystrik and various parish council members of Immaculate Conception and St Anthony spoke by phone—initial contact.
- May 19—Thursday, St. Patrick Parish Council meeting—discussed process, plan, metrics/numbers and a draft integrated proposal, based upon fruits of the diocesan 10 County Initiative.
- May 24, Tuesday evening, 7 pm--initial meeting with St. James and Rosati parish council members and leaders. Meeting was at St. James. The main purpose of the meeting was to continue planning St. James' 150th celebration. Date was set for a follow-up meeting, June 1, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
- June 1—Wednesday, 5:30 pm, meeting of St. James and Rosati parish councils and parish leaders. Meeting was at Rosati. Mutual agreement to count parishioners at each Mass.
- June 3—Friday, invitation, metrics/numbers, and proposals etc. sent to Rolla parish leaders
- June 3—Friday, invitation (June 9 mtg), metrics, and proposals sent to St. James and Rosati parish staff to forward to parish leaders.
- June 7—St. James Parish Council meeting.
- June 7—St. Patrick Liturgy Committee, feedback, concerns, and suggestions offered.
- June 8—St. Patrick School Advisory Council meeting, Rolla
- June 9—Inter-parish meeting, in Rolla at the St. Patrick Parish Center, see below

Upcoming dates

- June 11-12—Fr. Brendan Griffey and Fr. Greg Meystrik will “switch pulpits.” This Weekend Mass Restructuring Plan will be shared.

### **Mass Schedule beginning July 2-3, 2022**

#### **Saturday**

**4:00 or 5:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception in St. James**

#### **Sunday**

**8:00 a.m. at St. Patrick in Rolla**

PSR, Confirmation, and Faith Formation resources and activities between Masses

**10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick in Rolla**

**6:00 or 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick in Rolla**

throughout the year - not just when Missouri S&T is in session

Further Options and Considerations:

- “Test-drive” time to try out the new schedule
- Maintain a Mass count, each Mass
- Liturgical Ministry scheduling
- Bulletin availability at each parish
- Offertory envelopes: Where do my contributions go, and how do they get there after July 1?
- CSA to CSR parish stewardship process, conversion to, and integration
- Weekday Masses
- Holy Day Masses
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Stations of the Cross
- Parish socials and events
- Local parish ministry and outreach
- Local Confession times