

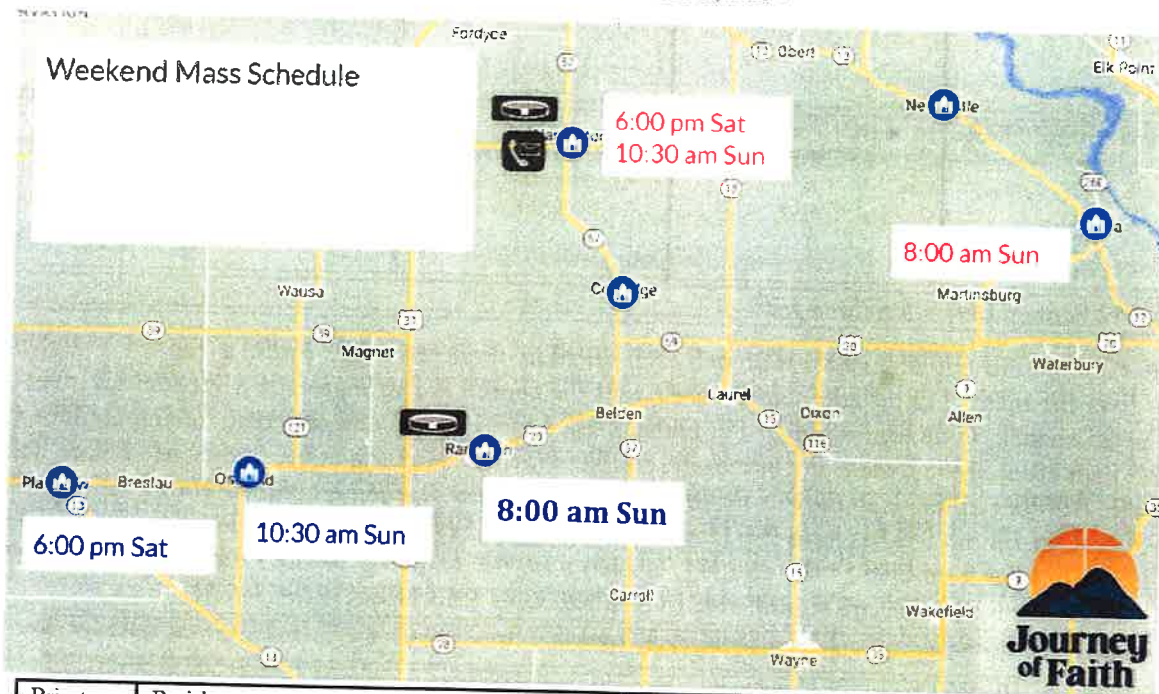
## A BRIEF REPORT TO OUR PARISHES: THE PROPOSED MASS SCHEDULE FOR FAMILY C

### FAMILY C WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE PLAN:

- 1) Seven Parishes, two priests, and a template which called for each priest having either three masses in three locations or four masses in two locations. The template also called for the same schedule each weekend; no rotations. We wanted to give the priest time at each location to interact with parishioners and provide confessions. We wanted to allow our priests to flourish too.
- 2) We had to prayerfully respond to the Big Goal which was to go beyond maintenance toward flourishing communities.
- 3) We began by looking at the parishes that had low mass attendance and potential for growth. This led us to determine that St. Michael in Coleridge and St. Peter in Newcastle would cease to have weekend masses.
- 4) St. Paul's in Plainview has a Sunday mass because the potential for growth in missionary disciples seems to be present there just in terms of numbers in the community
- 5) We decided on a regular mass schedule with easily remembered times: the northern region of family C has the same mass times as the southern region of family C. Because of the size of Holy Trinity it is given two masses but reduced from three.

In total the planning team met: The planning process began with a meeting with Archbishop where the marching orders were given. Our Parish Family Parish Teams met for a retreat. Then the core committee was formed having a rep from each parish, each school and included the four priests. We met 8 times to work on this plan. We met at each of the parishes, often had a meal together, got to know one another, began the process of building trust, prayed together and listened to each other voice the concerns of each of the parishes. It was not always easy but we asked the Holy Spirit to work through us. And we believe the Holy Spirit did just that.

The actual plan is over 60 pages long and includes a lot of minutiae everywhere from the Sunday schedule to how we will provide confessions to our Religious Education Students to how we will form consultative governing bodies to how we will share expenses. This is the plan that is being submitted. **THE PLAN IS DUE ON NOVEMBER 15. IT WILL BE REVIEWED AND TENTATIVELY APPROVED BY ARCHBISHOP LUCAS. THEN IT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY AND COMMENTS CAN BE MADE AT THAT TIME. FINAL APPROVAL WILL FOLLOW SOON AFTER. THE MASS SCHEDULE WOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL JULY 1, 2023.**



Priest	Parish	Mass #	Times
Priest 1	Holy Trinity, Hartington	2	6 pm, 10:30 am
	St. Michael, Coleridge	0	
	St. Joseph, Ponca	1	8:00 am
	St. Peter, Newcastle	0	
Priest 2	St. Jane Frances, Randolph	1	8:00 am
	St. Mary of the Seven Dolors, Osmond	1	10:30 am
	St. Paul, Plainview	1	6:00 pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Month at a Glance					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>W e e k 1</b>	1 Ponca Nursing Home	1 Holy Trinity GS 2 St. Mary GS	1 Hartington Nursing Home 2 Religious Ed @ Newcastle with Ponca	1 Holy Trinity GS 2 Randolph	First Friday 1/2 Cedar/HT 1/2 St. Mary GS <small>(the priests would alternate once in a while)</small>
<b>W e e k 2</b>	1 Randolph Nursing Home	1 Holy Trinity GS 2 St. Mary GS	1 Cedar 2 Religious Ed @ Osmond with Plainview	1 Holy Trinity GS 2 St. Mary GS	2 Randolph
<b>W e e k 3</b>	1 Plainview Nursing Home	1 Holy Trinity GS 2 St. Mary GS	1 Cedar 2 Religious Ed Randolph	1 Holy Trinity GS 2 St. Mary GS	2 Newcastle
<b>W e e k 4</b>	1 Coleridge Nursing Home	1 Holy Trinity GS 2 St. Mary GS	1 Cedar 2 Religious Ed Hartington	1 Holy Trinity GS 2 St. Mary GS	2 Coleridge
<b>W e e k 5</b>	1 Wausa Assisted Living	1 Holy Trinity GS 2 St. Mary GS	1 Cedar 2 Missional Formation	1 Holy Trinity GS 2 St. Mary GS	2 Ponca
Week 5 Masses happen only 3-4 times a year.					

We can work out any conflicts as we approach each situation. Funerals might cancel a mass or it might be possible to have the mass. For instance when a wake uses the church in Hartington on a Wednesday, mass is held in the Cedar chapel. If we have some of our parish masses at 5:30p it would eliminate funeral conflict on those days and then again, if the wake is in church, the conflict remains. Nursing home masses need to be held in the afternoon. Another option is to move a morning daily mass to noon when it conflicts with a funeral. First Friday option: One month SM has it on the Thursday before First Friday and HT/CC has it on First Friday. Another month SM has it on First Friday and HT/CC has it on the Thursday before First Friday. The core Masses on T-Th are such that they are set and able to be planned by the schools in our family.

Parish	Weekday Mass Description
Holy Trinity, Hartington	2 Masses per weekend; 3 school Masses per week; 1 weekday Nursing Home Mass per month
St. Michael, Coleridge	1 weekday parish Mass and 1 weekday Nursing Home Mass per month
St. Joseph, Ponca	1 Mass per weekend; 1 weekday Nursing Home Mass; 5 <sup>th</sup> weekday parish Mass
St. Peter, Newcastle	1 weekday parish Mass per month; 1 Religious Ed Mass with Ponca per month
St. Jane Frances, Randolph	1 Mass per weekend; 2 weekday parish Masses, 1 weekday Nursing Home Mass, and 1 Religious Ed Mass per month
St. Mary, Osmond	1 Mass per weekend; 2 school Masses per week; 1 Religious Ed Mass with Plainview per month
St. Paul, Plainview	1 Mass per weekend; 1 weekday Nursing Home Mass per month