**Update on the Planning Process:**

As you know, next June 18, we grow into the Family of Eight Communities. We continue our planning and working together. I praise God for the wonderful energy and passion around this process. We all understand that it is a process that must happen. In February, every catholic in the Racine area received a letter from all the priests of the deanery and the archdiocese announcing the plan. I have made a video explaining the process and the steps that we have taken on this. This video also explains the vision and the next steps in this planning process. The video is my attempt to make the letter you all received more personable. The video is on our YouTube page, Catholic Community in Central Racine. I hope you can watch it. This is not just a video; it’s an opportunity to gather, watch, and discuss with friends. It will be a good summer night opportunity for you to get together with fellow parishioners and friends and actively engage in our community’s planning process for the future.

I want to share some metrics on the upcoming group of eight communities. Currently, we have **21 masses** on the weekend for the eight parishes. The mass attendance is as big as an average of **330 people per mass** and as small as **51 people per mass**. This is our reality. Some of our masses are small. This is not news since you see it every time you come to mass. We also have **16 masses during the weekdays**, and when school is in session, we have **17** masses during the week. We are also in charge of a weekly mass in the Jail. So, the total of weekday masses is **18.** Currently, for the **four priests** who will configure the team, there will be **39 masses to be celebrated from Monday through Sunday.** This number of masses does not count funerals, weddings, quincieañera, or other celebrations that may happen during the week. Between the eight parishes, we have **13,212** parishioners, and **2,956.57** come on average to mass every weekend. Our average attendance is **22.38%.** Close to one out of four members come to mass on the weekend. We must work on this to bring more people back into our churches. **Two parishes comprise 64.2% (8,481) of the Family of Eight members, with 38% (8.33) of the masses celebrated during the weekend but 55%** (**1,627.9)** of people who come on Sunday to mass.

It’s evident that we can be more efficient with our resources and spaces. We have a dedicated group of planning individuals from each of our communities who are examining the mass schedule to see if restructuring is possible. However, as of June 18, we will continue with our current mass schedule. We aim to present a proposal in the fall for a new schedule of masses, starting on the first weekend of Advent, December 1, 2024. I urge you to keep this process in your prayers and maintain an open heart to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we strengthen our Catholic Community in Racine.