

*The following was an announcement made at Masses January 17-18.*

You may recall that our parish cluster undertook a pastoral planning process that concluded in 2024. After consultation and study, we reached the conclusion that our two parishes should be united into a single parish. Bishop Matano endorsed this recommendation. However, it was reasonable to wait until the uncertainties around the diocesan bankruptcy were resolved. Now they have been. As you may have read in the bulletin, or heard from members of our pastoral council, the formal effort to enact this merger has begun.

In response, a merger committee has been convened consisting of members from both parishes to document the progress that has already been made in our effort work together more effectively, and to draft a plan of merger to be presented to the Diocese.

This process of coming together as one parish anticipates the continued availability of two priests for our four churches and a continuation of our current weekend Mass schedule.

As part of creating a new parish identity, our Faith Formation Coordinator will engage the children of both parishes to help us identify a patron saint for the new parish. We anticipate this process will result in several saints proposed to you for consideration.

The Merger Committee will continue to keep the parishioners informed as the process advances.