



Kirksville Deanery Report

Saint Mary in Milan and Unionville
December 5, 2017

**Eternal God, Father most holy,
whose Son established the Church,
promising that the power of evil
would never prevail against her,
stir up our faith and bolster our perseverance,
that our faith may vitalize our parishes
and our perseverance maintain our outreach.**

**You have taught us that dying to self
and obedience to the Church
are essential to holiness, peace and unity.
Preserve our unity as one Diocesan Church,
and may the spouse of the Holy Spirit,
the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
protect us with her mantle
and intercede for us with her prayer.**

**Through Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.**

Immaculate Heart of Mary: Pray for us!

Welcome!

- Thanks for coming this evening.
- Background for this meeting and report:
 - Diocesan Pastoral plan of 2010
 - Five Year Review of 2010 Plan
 - Parish Vitality Meeting in late Spring.
 - Kirksville Deanery Review of parish meetings.
 - Catholic Center Review.
 - Deanery Viability Review
 - This Parish Leadership Meeting

Process

- Share new resources and statistics.
- Share results of the suggestions for parish reconfiguration in the Kirksville Deanery.
- Questions and clarification of suggestions.
- Insights on suggestions.

Jefferson City Diocese

In 1966

- 62,580 Catholics
- 118 Diocesan Priests
- 0 Pastoral Administrators
- 143 Total Priests.
- 0 Active Permanent Deacons
- 372 Religious
- 93 Parishes and 43 Missions

Jefferson City Diocese

In 2017

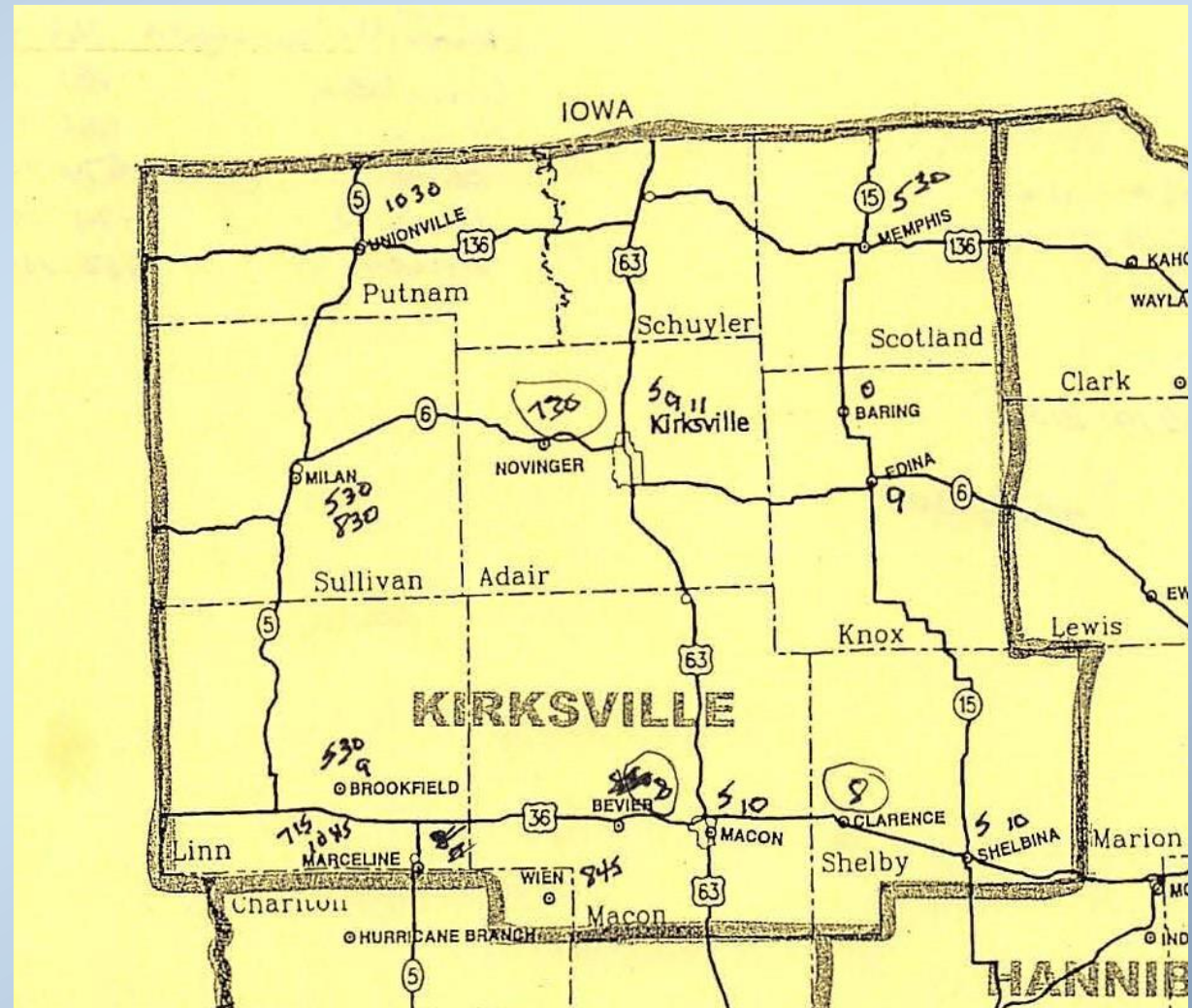
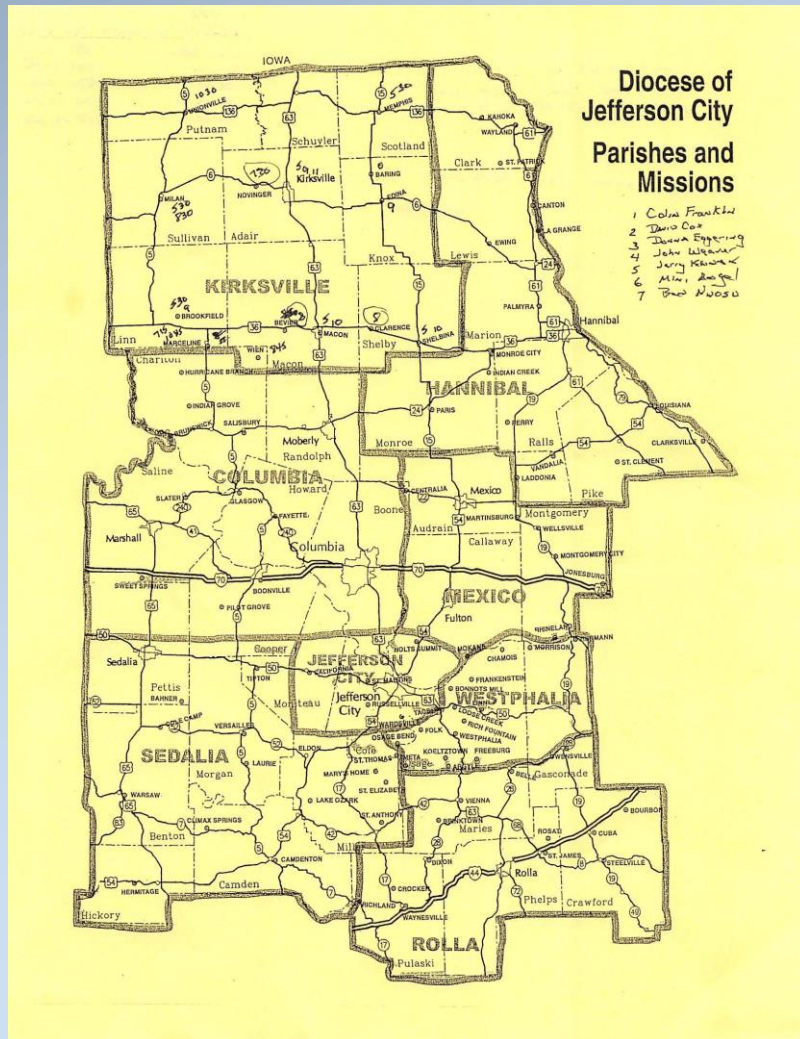
- 81,926 Catholics
- 57 Diocesan Priests
- 6 Pastoral Administrators
- 76 Total Priests.
- 62 Active Permanent Deacons
- 35 Religious
- 95 Parishes and 15 Missions

Jefferson City Diocese

In the Near Future

- 3 Priestly Ordinations by 2022
- 14 Priests will retire within 5 years
- 2 Pastoral Administrators will retire within 5 years.
- Next Permanent Deacons ordained in May 2019
- 35 Religious
- 95 Parishes and 15 Missions

Kirksville Deanery



Kirksville Deanery

- 12 Parishes and Missions
- 5 Resident Priests
- 1 Priest Sacramental Minister
- 2 Pastoral Administrators.
- 9 Missouri Counties
- 83,150 General Population
- 4,501 Catholics, 5.4% of population

Saint Mary Milan and Unionville

- 1 Parish and 1 Mission
- 0 Resident Priests
- 1 Priest Sacramental Minister
- 1 Pastoral Administrator.
- 2 Missouri Counties
- 11,115 General Population
- 1,097 Catholics, 9.8% of population
- 1,172 Square Miles in area

Benchmarks for Parish Viability

- Core members of the parish who are willing to make the parish a priority with time, talent and treasure.
- Availability of a priest or appropriately trained deacon, religious or lay person to serve as pastoral leader.
- Active involvement of a significant number of members.
- Demand for and ability to provide spiritual growth opportunities through participation in worship and parish programs.

Benchmarks for Parish Viability

- Ability to hand on the faith to the next generation.
- Commitment to evangelization, social ministry, service beyond the parish, and hospitality.
- The ability to cover costs and provide resources for programs; ability to pay all the bills of the parish.
- Demographic trends and the local economy.

Kirksville Deanery Diocesan Level Suggestions

- Develop part-time ministry of retired priests as Sacramental Ministers.
- Strong encouragement to increase vocations
- More Pastoral Administrators would seem to help.

Kirksville Deanery Level Suggestions

- Clarence with Macon and Shelbina and Bevier – served by one priest with assistance
- Shelbina could be attached to Monroe City.
- Brookfield and Marceline function together. If Brookfield had only one mass, then one priest and one pastoral administrator could provide for Marceline, Brookfield and Wein.

St. Mary Parish Level Suggestions

- Continue with Pastoral Administrator
- Adjust mass schedule/times to ease burden on future Sacramental Minister

Questions?

- About resources/statistics.
- About Suggestions.

Insights/Observations?

- At the Diocesan level.
- At the Deanery level.
- At the Parish level.

What's next

- Diocesan Review January 5.
- Reflection and decisions by Bishop McKnight
- Notice of individual restructures
- Implementation Summer 2018

Get Involved!

- Pray for guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- Work to achieve or maintain vitality benchmarks
- Promote vocations in the community and the home