

## **Principles that will be used as criteria in developing a new Mass schedule**

Maximize Mass attendance and participation in Mass by offering a variety of times and family Masses.

Minimize the disruption to parishioners in their current Mass attendance patterns as much as possible given the challenge of fewer Masses.

Mass times and locations will displace as few people as possible.

Consider the financial impact of whatever decisions we make.

Allow enough time between Masses so that the priests can spend some time with parishioners after a Mass, occasionally visit faith formation classes, and then, if necessary, travel to another church.

Acknowledge that some families need to be able to attend Mass and have their children participate in faith formation classes on Sunday mornings, while recognizing that other faith formation options are available.

Mass times and locations that help unify the parishioners of the Elmira Catholic Community.

Maintain the Sunday evening regional Mass.