

HOLY CROSS PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 10, 2024

Holy Cross Parish Statement of Mission: Having been gifted with the life of the Lord, we the Parish Family of Holy Cross also accept our mission from Him. Our Mission is TO PRAISE THE FATHER, proclaim His word, and instruct the coming generation. TO ENCOUNTER THE SON in the sacraments and walk in the way of faith, hope, and love; TO LIVE IN THE SPIRIT, welcome each other, share our faith and blessings, bring our sacrifices, and be strengthened in the Father's service.

- Members present: Sharon Edwards, Dusty Smithenry, Cindy Blank, Holly Nettleton, Tammy Rudolphi, Pam Blank, Tonya Hall, Kevin Blank, Kelly Geier, Fr. Steven, Sherry Geier
- Naming of Concerns by Parishioners- Marty Klingler brought forward a question-What should/could funeral dinners look like once the church re-opens? She is concerned that not enough people are available to help with funeral dinners to be able to continue as pre-fire. Father Steven expressed hope that this is a ministry that can continue and will put forth a request for people to volunteer. There will be sign-up sheets placed at the back of the church for this purpose.
- Financial Review-It was agreed to consolidate CD's for individual accounts (i.e. Building, Cemetery, General) to have fewer maturity dates to monitor, etc. Father Steven also brought forward the option of an account that parishes in the Belleville Diocese can save and borrow money (shorter term basis) as an option. The Council will re-visit this topic at the January meeting. This calendar year, weekly contributions, regular envelopes have averaged \$11,294/month and building fund collections \$3672/month.
- **Pastor Report – (Fr. Steven)**
 - Finance/pastoral/partnership councils-Father is considering re-structuring the leadership for our Tri-Parish group. Each church would have a finance council to advise management and financial decisions for their parish, a pastoral council to advise spiritual needs and decisions for their parish, and a partnership council to coordinate and collaborate within the Tri-Parish. He will discuss this idea with the other parishes at their next meetings. Parishioners would be invited to nominate themselves, or other parishioners, who would serve these ministries for our parish.
- **Building and Grounds**
 - Parish Hall rental documents-updating almost complete and ready to publish
 - Cemetery-preparations to work on the east side of the road are still in progress
 - Church restoration-Flooring is finished in the nave. Pews will be installed beginning October 21.
 - Classroom expansion-not started yet.
 - The church office is looking at a program called "Parish Soft" to move us forward in creating electronic data that can be shared and submitted to the diocese, parishioners, and for office use. Father, Ashley and Caroline will look more closely at this program to determine what pieces of it might be a good fit for Holy Cross.
- **St. Joseph School Support-Holly**
 - Nothing new to report
- **Picnic-**
 - Total Profit \$49,xxx with a few outstanding items to be confirmed.

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▪ **Church Ministries**

- Pastoral Associate & CRE-Caroline & Ashley-Family Catechesis-
 - Family Catechesis began October 9.
 - Trunk or treat October 31 after All Saints Day Vigil Mass
 - Listening Session Saturday November 2 after 4:00 mass, catered meal to follow, please rsvp for meal count. This is \$15,000 that will be used for the family catechesis program
 - Looking for people to register for the Power and Purpose Conference June 20-22, 2025
 - 40 women registered for the current Sisters in Christ Wednesday night book group
- Family Life-Cindy, Tammy-nothing new currently, waiting for church to re-open and hall availability to plan for future events.
- Youth-Tyler-nothing currently, please watch the bulletin for schedule. Painting is complete and floor covering is installed in the basement youth space. Furniture is ordered and they will purchase a base model refrigerator. A ping-pong table will be donated to the space.

- Date & Time of Next Meeting-January 9, 2025.
- Adjournment & Blessing