

HOLY CROSS PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, August 13, 2026

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:** Fr. Steven, Fr. Levi, Tony Kuentler, Kelly Geier, Sharon Edwards, Kasey Iffert, Dustine Smithenry, Cindy Blank, Tammy Rudolphi, Holly Nettleton
- **Financial Review-**Dusty Smithenry – Fr. Steven has approved and gave the go ahead to start a Money Market account for the general church account.
- **Pastor Report – (Fr. Steven and Fr. Levi) –** Fr. Steven went over the Diocese of Belleville Annual Financial Report, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026. Fr. Levi is working on corrections and touch ups for the new church pictorial directory. Very excited to share once it is completed.
- **Building and Grounds**
 - Discussed getting statues in reredos for church. Fr. Steven agreed that it would be great to get statues, but would like more information on cost and more details if the church reredos would be able to handle the weight and hold statues in the top part without causing damage.
 - Looking into Starlink for internet for better connection. Frontier internet is slow and not providing good internet for all buildings. Dustine provided estimates and initial cost for equipment to get started, plus will need a booster to get to the church and parish hall. Fr. Steven approved, therefore will move forward on this purchase and getting it installed.
 - "To-do List" Continues to go well with Building and Grounds Committee. Thanks to those that take time on checking and completing items on the list when able on your free time and weather permits.
 - Choir asked if holy water could be more accessible for them at entrance of church. Fr. Steven agreed and approved to put a Holy Water Font by the choir stairs.
 - Concerns about lighting on north and east side of church when it gets dark. Particularly during fall and winter time after evening mass. Kelly has reached out to couple companies and waiting on estimates. There are also new lighting fixtures for the parish house that have been purchased but not put up yet that will help aid in lighting.
- **St. Joseph School Support – Holly**
 - School year has resumed.
 - Parish subsidy was discussed and will add \$100.00 monthly.
- **Picnic**
 - Holy Cross Parish Picnic 2026 was a great success with an estimated income about \$61,000. Thanks to all that volunteered, worked, or supported this fundraiser for the parish!
- **Church Ministries -**
 - Pastoral Associate & CRE-Caroline & Ashley-Family Catechesis - Family Catechesis to begin September 2, 6:30-7:45pm.
 - Youth - Tyler – Tri-Parish CYM Golf Outing was a successful event especially for the first year. Will be a planned event each year going forward with the help of Austin Zwilling. Mission Trip to Kansas City was successful. Thanks to all that helped fundraise and support those that attended!
- **Date & Time of Next Meeting –** Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.
- **Adjournment & Blessing**