Holy Cross Parish

A welcoming, vibrant community committed to growing in and sharing the love of Jesus

Pastoral Council

Time: 9:30 a.m.
Date: January 11, 2026

Attendance: Matthew Tabone, Rich Meyers, Marguerite Webster, Kerry L Mess, Jackie McAdams, Chet McAdams

Prayer: Loving and gracious God, we gather in your presence as a faith community of believers. You call us to discipleship, removing all things that get in the way of us truly following you. We place our trust in you as we discern your will in our parish community. Help us to be open to your will. Be present to us throughout our meeting today so that we may continue to praise you in our words, decisions, and actions. Amen.

I. Council
   - A. Last meeting: Approval of minutes (Nov 9th)
     1. No paper copies of minutes today
     2. Postponed till next meeting
   - B. Council Membership Drive
     1. Slate of people
        - a. Those who were willing to look at Constitution:
          - i. Dana Mockovciak (current council member)
          - ii. Jenna Tyson (current council member)
          - iii. Diane Turner
          - iv. Joe Tyson
          - v. Celine Francisco
          - vi. Cassidy Anderson
          - vii. Jackie and Chet McAdams
          - viii. Jen Spivey
          - ix. Scott Kohlberg
        - b. Only one declined (work and family)
        - c. Kerry will follow up with those who were willing to discern
          - i. Jackie and Chet McAdams said yes to being put on the ballot! (and were at this Council meeting)
     2. Vote for parish: Sunday, January 25: The number of names on the slate will be the number of names parishioners
     3. Ballot for Sunday, January 25, 2026 – will ask Council members to stand to be introduced.

II. Status & Follow Up
   - A. Miracle Sunday Date
     1. Sharing miraculous experiences
     2. Matthew will talk with Joe Tyson (not present)
   - B. Advent / Christmas Lookback
     1. Advent cards working!

a. Joe and Susanne Perry – friends of Marguerite (Long Island); impressed with Advent card
b. Matthew had someone tell him she came because of the Advent card (not sure who she is) – next step: get people's names

2. Decorations come down after Feb 1; Feb 2 is Candlemas, traditional day to take things down
3. Final count = 102 (slightly lower than 2024, almost 120)
4. Firehouse sign had 4 p.m. but not Christmas Eve
5. Kerry – needs to look for letters, look for backing board as well
6. Rich suggested
   a. lighting the sign; get a solar light (has no power) or rechargeable battery
   b. need a bigger sign?
   7. Include current events

III. New Business

A. Lent Planning – February 18 Ash Wednesday; Easter, April 5

1. Fish Fry
   a. Include KoC? St. Mary's no longer has a kitchen with sale of school
   b. Invite KoC – ask if they'd like to use Holy Cross facilities
      i. Could do a couple more dinner dates with KoC
      ii. Holy Cross donates excess to charity
      iii. Half of KoC goes to parish
      iv. We would split proceeds if need be.
      v. Matthew will contact Chris Cerosaletti, KoC Grand Knight
         - Will email Council
         - Can determine dates
2. Stations of the Cross
   a. Friday, 4 p.m. last year – thinly attended
      i. Had been 6 p.m. but that wasn't much better
      ii. Will leave at 4 p.m.
   b. Put on the sign! Open things up so people know
   c. Can thumbtack piece of paper in sign
   d. Parish now has 11 x 17 printer
3. Reconciliation available
   a. Fr. Chris will come out once for this

B. Suggestions, Open Discussion

Work on Getting to Know Each other:

- Jackie would ask who people were when they first got here.
- Marguerite noted people don't always tell us their names when we introduce ourselves.

Next meeting: **Sunday, February 8 after mass with coffee hour**

Closing Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.
Let us pray: O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit,

grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.