HOLY CROSS PARISH

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL AGENDA

Time: 9:30 a.m.
Date: July 12th, 2026

Present: Matthew Tabone, Kerry L Mess, Dana Mockovciak, Jackie and Chet McAdams, Allan Dangca, Scott Kolberg, Marguerite Webster, Bridget Sheperdson, Jim Lee, Brandon Lee

**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.

I. Approval of minutes: May 17, 2026 (**attached**) – approved with amendments

II. Parish Picnic Planning
   A. Volunteers Signed Up / Still needed – set 10 a.m. (put in bulletin)
      Diane's cart in garage; we can borrow her grill for meat
      Rich Meyers on grilling; Dana Mockovciak on stand by
   B. Food
      1. provided by parish
         burgers, hot dogs, buns, bottled water, coffee
      2. sign-up/requests
         Marguerite Webster will bring lemonade and iced tea
      3. Games
         Marguerite Webster will bring corn hole; Bridget Sheperdson will help organize
      4. Picnic email blasts – Matthew will send from parish email: Wednesday, July 15, Friday, July 24 (day before)

III. Formal Proposal for shared Pastor / Parochial Vicar
   A. Shared with St. Mary's; Holy Cross provides rectory
      1. Focus = Holy Cross,
      2. backup for Fr. Chris – need to consider finances based on responsibilities
   B. Talk to Paul Cerosaletti about St. Mary's needs
   C. Need to write formal proposal –
      1. Point person: Matthew Tabone
      2. Bridget Sheperdson, Kerry L Mess will help Matthew; Marguerite Webster will copy edit / read
      3. Submit to St. Mary's by October 15, 2026
      4. Submit to Fr. Cambi, Bishop O'Connell and Vicar General by January 2027

IV. Parish (5-year) Plan
   A. Review of suggestions from the posters
      1. Reviewed and sorted by like category/idea
      2. Expect to need plan completed by end of 2026, beginning of 2027
   B. New Project Plan (**attached**)
      1. Kerry will compile post-it ideas in minutes, send to Council

V. New Business (Suggestions, Open Discussion)

**Next meeting:** **Sunday, September 13, 2026**

**Closing Prayer**
*Hail Mary…*

See next pages for Parish Plan ideas/feedback.

**Parishioner Ideas – For Parish Plan**

Priest (3)

- New priest
- Full-time priest
- New priest from a foreign country

Worship

- Pray the rosary before or after mass
- Celebrate the Catholic word by accepting all the flavors of Catholic followers (e.g. people who kneel for Holy Communion)* [see USCCB note on this]
- Mass said in different languages as an outreach to the minority populations*
- Bells (5)
    - Bells
    - Bells @ consecration
    - I'd really like to see the use of the bells @ consecration; helps the children to tune in and understand that something important is happening—helps me too!
    - Ring the bells at the consecration
    - Bring back bells at communion

Parish Volunteers/Ministry

- All servants of the church receive appropriate training from Deacon Paul*
- Training for all altar servers*
- All adults that are servants of the church be given keys and information*
- All servants of the church showing up early to mass by at least 10 minutes*
- All levels of lay people on the Parish Council be voted in by the parish to all positions* [see Pastoral Council Constitution; parish votes in Council members, Council members vote in officers]
- Bell choir*
- Children's choir and children's mass*

Infrastructure

- Better instructions for restrooms*
- Diaper change table*
- Updated name quilt
- Cushions for pews

General Emotions

- I am happy with everything @ church.
- I don't know. I am concerned.

Communication

- Stress to be louder – better sound system
- We introduce ourselves by name when new people come
- Collective group emails*

Funding/Budget Matters

- Musicians, writers of the bulletin and lawn care to be compensated*
- "Parishioner Raisers" – Fund raisers as outreach*
- Follow the Bishop's advice on how to remain secure*

Parish Activity/Outreach

- Community outreach to support our church's mission "To care for the poor, abandoned, and the marginalized" *
- Seek out the young, the minorities through community activities*
- To grow as a community and a church
- More people
- More young families and children
- More teenagers in the congregation*
- More teenagers*

* and * denote same handwriting – We set a deadline of August 31, 2026 for feedback.