

# HOLY CROSS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Date: September 12, 2023

Minutes approved: Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Open with prayer: Magnificat

Present: Maureen Joy, Kerry L. Mess, Betty O'Brien, Mike Stensland, Matthew Tabone, Jenna Turner, Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster

Absent: Dana Mockovciak (Kerry had wrong email address)

## I. Agenda

A. Parish Leader Matthew Tabone: What do people want for Holy Cross Parish?

B. Visioning exercise

### Community Interview

1. What do you think are the most important past accomplishments in our community?
2. What strengths in our community do you most appreciate?
3. What do you think are the most important concerns, issues, and challenges for this community?
4. What do you think are the most important opportunities? What do you think is needed to take advantage of those opportunities?
5. In/For this parish, what are you committed to? What do you want to accomplish in the parish and/or with other parishioners? What are you passionate about?
6. What would you work on in this parish even if you weren't paid? If you had the opportunity to pick any way that you could contribute your time and talents in the parish, what would that be?

## Post-it notes from community interview sharing

Religious ed Religious education of adults & children Children – religious ed Sharing faith with children & community Faith formation/religious education Children	Church family Closeness & dedication Welcoming, close knit, intimate Close-knit, personal connections Welcoming Be welcoming – bring in community Close community Caring Connection: interfaith, community	Sharing ideas Vibrant Vibrant Build a vibrant community Need to be growing Growing the community Growth Grow!
Getting people involved Helpful Participation by all in some way (asking, inviting) Involvement Active participation	Community Small community	Social justice Mercy Witness Building a vision
	We persevere Commitment Commitment of members to participate	Social activities More fun

## II. New Business

A. Sister Parish request from African diocesan priest

1<sup>st</sup> step: Verify with Albany the request is legitimate [some questions about email]

B. Parish rosary program? Would people be interested?

C. *The Chosen* group watch/Parish movie nights

½ hour to watch, then discuss

begin in Lent?

D. Adult faith formation

*Hinds Feet on High Places* book study/discussion group?

III. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 6 p.m. rectory