

# 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: June 29, 2025 – approved

Attendance: Matthew Tabone, Kerry L Mess, Rich Meyers, Dana Mochoviak, Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster, Joe Tyson

Open with Prayer for Pope Leo XIV:

**All:** We pray that our new shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, be blessed with the wisdom and compassion needed to guide the Church. May he, in communion with his fellow bishops, serve you and your people with dedication and joy, deep compassion, and profound faith, hope, and charity so that the light of the Risen Christ will continue to dispel the darkness of this world.

**Reader:** As in the church's early years, so also today, the mission given by Jesus to Peter continues in the church. As the bishops succeed the apostles to carry on the apostolic mission that Jesus gave to his church, the bishop of Rome succeeds Peter to continue the specific ministry Jesus assigned to Peter among the apostles... The successor to Peter is the church's bridge builder, serving to establish and protect the unity of the church for which Jesus prayed. He is truly the rock on which the church is built, the one who strengthens his brother bishops, and the universal shepherd.

**All:** Saint Peter, to whom were given the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, pray for us. Amen.

### I. Council Minutes

A. Last meeting: Approval of minutes (Jun 1) - approved

### II. Events

#### A. Debrief

##### 1. Baccalaureate

Went well. 10 of 22 seniors. Full reception.

##### 2. Parish Picnic

Small, stayed inside. Games were great – thanks to Joe and Carol for suggestion.

More promotion to get more people to come. Advertise for grandparents to bring grandchildren.

Ideally, better weather.

Total cost? Ballpark for parish spending ~\$200-300

#### B. Planning

##### 1. Vacation Bible School (update)

Need to announce that people can take forms for children they know.

5-7 p.m. at UMC; includes dinner

Interdenominational – all welcome

##### 2. Morris Yard Sale days (July 19—Kerry, Marguerite will not be here)

Need at least 4 people – take orders, running, two cooking

Early – 7-11 a.m.; people like breakfast sandwich

Streets full between 7-9 a.m.

How much food to have?

Kerry will do egg cups – 50 (put in parish fridge on Friday morning); Dana can pick up breakfast patties

Food: Burger or hot dog; chips; drink? – TBD

Mrs. Huff – ice cream?

Matthew has cotton candy machine

Marguerite will check on whether popcorn machine is available; hot boxes for keeping things warm.

People: Put in bulletin; Kerry ask for volunteers, stay after mass next Sunday (7/6)

Dana can come for morning (6-ish); may not be able to stay for whole thing

Rich can help set up for a couple hours

Need a change box!

Tie to church: Put VBS flyers out [Kerry amend with noting dinner included];

### C. Follow up

1. Parish Activities: What do people want? **Please come with suggestions!**

Matthew would like to have booth in fair in future.

Fair Lights drive though (Winter/Christmas season) put up by different lights—

Matthew would like us to be a part.

**Please come with ideas next meeting.**

2. Facebook?

Updates going up when events happening.

3. Bathroom walls and paint (spackling, sanding, finishing; use semigloss finish)

Need to schedule a time; Kerry willing

4. Finding a baptismal font

Diane thought it could be repaired; Rich will take a look.

5. Finance – Committee, FY Report

- a. Committee, FY Report

Dana Mochoviak to be finance committee chair

- b. Switch to Sydney? Working on getting documents

Kerry working on getting certificate of incorporation (county clerk) and state receipt of filing (NYS DOS)

- c. Signatories on account? (Matthew, Marguerite?)

Signatories: Rich Stensland, Marguerite Webster, Matthew Tabone (on all accounts)

- d. Finance report: Previous reports OK

- a. Closed out for year

- b. \$46K on hand; last year \$29.5 – keeping expenses low

main costs: diocesan insurance (~\$500/mo); Pay St. Mary's for Fr. Chris celebrating mass + mileage (\$7-8K/year) [no diocesan guidance; negotiate among parishes]; pay visiting priests directly [will have a couple this summer – 3 in August; 10/12 – Fr. Bob Longobucco; SCAP 10/19]; utilities

- c. Matthew will put together a report for end of FY24-25 (July 1 – June 30); mostly final – diocese asks for final reports in September

- d. Matthew creating report for parish

- e. Bought a new printer; Maureen set up plan for HP for ink – eliminated with new printer  
Printing costs high because of printing needs; Eco Tank much less
- f. Dates for finance committee? Today  
Should have quarterly meetings  
Primarily planning budget in late spring, discussing with parish, and if doing something big  
Should visit Sidney Federal at the same time.

6. What to do with rectory space? Retired priests?

Matthew open to what we do with rectory.

Offer to Fr. Chris?

D. New Business

- 1. Remove faith formation from next Sunday
- 2. Letter from Bishop: Want us to go chat on our mission, what's our future moving forward? Planning on kicking off around August/September.  
Some people pressuring to close churches.
- 3. Census – connection cards last fall, got many in.
- 4. Evangelization plans – please bring.
- 5. Stand fans for altar for Fr. Chris. Kerry will bring one; Matthew thinks he has one.  
Will also check garage.
- 6. Bells at mass – altar servers need to be trained when to ring bells. In process but will take time.

E. Upcoming

**Next meeting:** Sunday, August 24, 2025 after mass