

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: October 12, 2025

Present: Matthew Tabone, Rich Meyers, Kerry L Mess

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. Last meeting: Approval of minutes (Aug 31) – Approved

- II. Status & Follow-Up
 - A. SFCU Account Setup
 1. All good, open
 2. Checks ordered printable but have account number on (SFCU doesn't want this)
 3. Do have many Community Bank checks, will use those
 4. Matthew ordered a new stamp with account number on it
 - B. Baptismal Font Status?
 1. Rich patching and painting baptismal font
 2. Not sure about top – odd design (hollow on inside—water would go to floor)
 3. Solution: Glass bowl on top, will grind out hole on side
 4. Very heavy (~400 lbs) – working to determine where to put before moving
 5. Next baptism: Nov. 2 (Anne Tabone)
 - C. Miracle Sunday event
 1. Hoping Joe would be here, don't want to schedule without him
 2. Matthew will reach out to him
 3. November 9 with coffee hour?
 - D. Advent Fair
 1. Internal (for parish)
 2. Bring things to share
 3. November 30 after mass
 4. Need announcement to match with bulletin
 5. Matthew and Kerry can work via email on this
 - E. Christmas Lights at the Fairgrounds
 1. Wanted announcement at mass, no time given
 2. Matthew will ask for help next week
 3. Holiday Lights at Fair – put in bulletin

- III. New Business
 - A. Remade for Mission
 1. Nothing communicated with Matthew
 2. St. Mary's isn't doing anything with this at the moment

3. Per Fr. Bob: Put a group of 4 together to discuss
 - a. Discuss internally in parish
 - b. Have a synod in Vicariate = St. Mary's and Holy Cross
 - c. Want people to discuss how to navigate potential closings
- B. Diocese bankruptcy
 1. Meeting every month for a year to reach settlement (abuse victims)
 2. Bankruptcy settlement: Diocese won't ask a parish to take what a parish can't give toward settlement (group settlement)
 3. Holy Cross building a surplus, but don't have enough to pay a pastor/priest's salary
 - a. Hire someone to do painting we could use
 - b. Fix of rectory porch crumbling
- C. Giving Tree
 1. Did last year with Rotary Club
 2. Matthew will ask Marguerite about this – involvement?
- D. Open Discussion
 1. Council – need to discuss future
 2. Have announcement at mass once we determine what we need
 3. Past: 2 year terms, can always stay on, but people have an out
 4. Upcoming
 - a. Table of remembrance:
 1. Set up on 19th
 2. Put in bulletin
 - b. Advent letter
 1. Matthew needs to write
 2. Signed and addressed by hand last year
 3. Need to schedule time for people to help with this (#2)
 - c. Matthew got lists for Diocesan Appeal and Evangelist – don't match
 1. 1/3 parish we know aren't on the list
 2. 1/3 names we don't know
 3. Matthew trying to cross reference with parish list
 4. Then Matthew will put a list together for Maureen, Marguerite, etc. (people who've been at parish for a long time)
 5. Some could use invite to return? Could add to Advent letter list
 - d. Jim Lee responded to Kerry's email – she will follow up.

Next meeting: Sunday, November 9 (tentative) – not if Miracle Sunday

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.