

Holy Cross Parish
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Your Grace,

In January 2023, Holy Cross submitted a 6-month report to December 2022 as requested by the tri-parish consultation review. We are pleased to provide to you now a further 6-month report of our activities to June 2023.

- Holy Cross continues its full Mass schedule on weekdays and on weekends, along with leaders of the Rosary before all Masses, followed by coffee gatherings in fellowship. We continued to manage the scheduling of Priests until the arrival of Fr. Lourduh Bandhanadam for one month, and then Fr. Hyacinth Okafor for an additional month. They were welcomed and supported by the Liturgy Committee and Pastoral and Finance Councils. Fr. Hyacinth joined the Knights of Columbus Monsignor Gerein Council at an exemplification of charity, unity and fraternity ceremony held at Holy Cross on March 29. Holy Cross very much appreciated the assistance each Priest offered in leading our parish, and we will keep them in our prayers that God guide and bless them in their vocation.
- In April, Holy Cross was so happy to receive its long-awaited permanent Priest Fr. Carlos Jimenez. We were informed that we were to share Fr. Carlos with St. Mary's Parish and participated in discussions with St. Mary's to plan what that would look like and what adjustments were needed. Holy Cross agreed to change its Sunday morning Mass from 9:30 to 9:00 am in order that Fr. Carlos could also officiate the Sunday morning Mass at St. Mary's. Holy Cross parishioners have adjusted to this schedule and things are going well. Our office staff has also offered St. Mary's assistance with bookkeeping and parish records.
- With the arrival of Fr. Carlos, and the disappearance of Covid concerns, the Liturgy Committee announced the return to full Ministries for all Masses. With this, additional volunteers are required and that has provided an opportunity to invite parishioner participation and a return to the Mass. Each Ministry took the responsibility of leading the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent. In addition, we had the participation of the Girls' Challenge Group at the Poor Man's Supper and the Stations of the Cross. On March 10, Holy Cross organized a Lenten Reconciliation with five Priests joining us to offer the Sacrament. Volunteers attended the Chrism Mass and coordinated the Good Friday service of the Triduum and the Easter Vigil followed by a reception.

- The Liturgy Committee, Pastoral and Finance Councils, and the CWL and Knights of Columbus are holding regular meetings and organized year-end windups.
- The CWL organized donations of winter clothing such as toques, mitts and scarves, which were given to St. Catherine and Holy Rosary community schools, and Carmichael Outreach. They also delivered over 60 dozen muffins to Sacred Heart School. They have awarded 50, 40 and 25-year pins to long-standing members in recognition of service. Two of our CWL members sit on the Visitation House board. The CWL will announce shortly the recipient of their annual scholarship to a graduating high school student of Holy Cross.
- The Knights of Columbus have hosted pancake breakfasts on the 3rd Sundays. They have hosted the Lenten Poor Man's Suppers which were well attended, and collected 313 lbs of food through the Lenten food drive for the Marian Centre and Visitation House. They have participated in the fundraising campaign for the Vocations Endowment Fund. The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus Council received the provincial community service award at the Knights of Columbus provincial conference celebrating 100 years of service.
- Holy Cross's finances remain stable with a net profit of \$2206.39 at the end of June 2023 (a mid-year financial report is attached). This is a result of the work and dedication of the Fundraising Committee and many volunteers, and generous donations from parishioners, especially during Christmas. Sunday Missals and the 2023 Calendar Raffle sales took place in the new year. A Late Winter Buffet was held at the Four Seasons restaurant with silent auction and raffle ticket sales. Holy Cross's famous cabbage rolls were once again made in great quantities and were sold out even before they were done. And in June on a beautiful sunny day, the Cal Murphy Memorial Golf Tournament was held.
- Holy Cross held its Annual General Meeting on April 23 with good attendance and discussions from parishioners, and at which Fr. Carlos was officially presented. We are encouraged by the addition of a few new members to our Pastoral Council. In addition to the Liturgy, Fundraising and Hospitality committees, we now have parishioners who have stepped forward to lead Social Action and Pro-Life committees, and new members at large.
- Some house cleaning was done of our Gerein Centre's kitchen, and in the spring the Challenge Girls' Club cleaned up the flower beds and planted new flowers as part of their June Celebration of the Sacred Heart.
- One of Holy Cross' parishioners led a pilgrimage to Medjugorje in April, and another is being planned for October.
- Another Bible study was held titled 'Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John'.
- Holy Cross has begun indigenous territory land acknowledgement on a regular basis, in the bulletin and before all Masses. It is a small gesture but works to keep this Call to Action in the forefront.
- The Thursday morning after Mass coffee group assembled necklaces with the Miraculous Medal to be distributed to Catholic schools and First Nations reserves.
- The Holy Cross office continues to mail out weekly Parish bulletins. The bulletin contains invitations to new parishioners, publishes information on ProLife actions, Catechism Lessons, Truth and Reconciliation information, Stewardship actions, Trauma and the *itwewin Corner*. The online bulletin contains live links leading readers to deeper reflections on these subjects. The bulletin also advertizes the many events occurring throughout the Archdiocese by Catholic Men's, Women's and Youth groups, on pilgrimages, camps and fundraising events. As well, a 'Parishioners' Corner' was added to the bulletin announcing joyous events such as birthdays and anniversaries, as well as sorrowful events such as deaths and illnesses, to keep parishioners connected and to ask for prayer.

- Petitions were presented for parishioners to sign in support asking provincial MLA's to provide legislation protecting physicians and healthcare from becoming parties in MAiD, and telling the federal government to block Quebec's College of Physicians and Surgeons' recommendation to expand euthanasia to include babies up to a year in age for serious health reasons.
- Holy Cross volunteers continue in their ministry joining Fr. Carlos in visiting and bringing Communion to shut-ins on First Fridays, and providing Lay Liturgy and Communion to Queen Victoria Estates and Victoria Park seniors' homes.
- A group gathering was organized to discuss Matthew Kelly's book 'Holy Moments'.
- A parishioner of St. Mary's Parish brought to Holy Cross Spiritual Warfare Kits for distribution.
- And, Holy Cross was very honoured to host the special ceremony of Institution to Acolyte of Ken Fahlman and our Pastoral Assistant Martin Kondzielewski, and to have you in our presence.

Holy Cross continues to be active. Every now and again we see new faces and returning parishioners in our congregation and this gives us hope. We have had the opportunity for discussion now with the start of a new year after our AGM, and with Fr. Carlos, our new shepherd. Future discussions are planned around rewriting Holy Cross's Parish Constitution, around continued work towards Truth and Reconciliation, engaging *Parish Pastoral Support Services*, collaborating with St. Dominic School, and planning the next few years through the lens of our Vision statement *Being Christ on Earth, and Bringing Christ to All.*

Now that we are at the start of summer, our parishioners are taking some time to rest and replenish in summer's sunshine and warm weather. Meetings are scheduled to restart in August and September.

Thank you, Your Grace, for the opportunity to provide you with this update, and for your guidance.

Yours in Christ,



Patrick McGinn
Chair, Pastoral Council
Holy Cross Parish



Brigitte Leibel
Vice-Chair, Pastoral Council
Holy Cross Parish

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Holy Cross R.C. Church
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
January through June 2023

	Jan - Jun 23	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	Remaining Budget
Income				
Collections				
Christmas	305.00		3,000.00	-2,695.00
Envelopes	71,114.00	77,400.00	155,000.00	-83,886.00
Holy Cross Building Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Initial	717.00	700.00	700.00	17.00
Loose	1,891.75	1,200.00	2,500.00	-608.25
New Year's Day	687.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-313.00
Welcome	1,085.00	750.00	1,500.00	-435.00
Total Collections	75,779.75	81,050.00	163,700.00	-87,920.25
Fundraising				
Calendar Raffle	954.69		1,400.00	-445.31
Drive-thru Suppers	1,034.76	1,000.00	6,000.00	-4,965.24
Golf Classic	13,809.23	15,000.00	15,000.00	-1,390.77
Missal Sales	46.16	-30.00	-100.00	146.16
Total Fundraising	15,844.84	15,970.00	22,300.00	-6,655.16
Sundry Revenue				
Donations - Other	2,578.00	2,400.00	5,000.00	-2,424.00
Flowers	1,110.00	450.00	800.00	310.00
Funerals	850.00	750.00	1,600.00	-750.00
Gerein Ctr Use	925.00	150.00	300.00	625.00
GST Rebate	523.62	750.00	1,500.00	-976.38
Interest - Interparochial	2,400.00	1,500.00	3,100.00	-700.00
Interest - Term Deposits	572.13	450.00	900.00	-327.87
Miscellaneous	0.00	720.00	1,400.00	-1,400.00
Savings Account Interest	2.96	4.00	10.00	-7.04
Votive Stand	162.05	540.00	1,100.00	-937.95
Total Sundry Revenue	9,121.76	7,714.00	15,710.00	-6,588.24
Total Income	100,546.35	104,734.00	201,710.00	-101,183.65
Expense				
Administration				
Operations				
Accounting - Church Friendly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accounting Services	381.11	360.00	700.00	-338.89
Appreciation/Recognition	0.00	90.00	200.00	-200.00
Bank Charges	121.64	90.00	200.00	-78.36
Collection Envelopes	722.48	360.00	725.00	-2.52
Copier	2,236.77	1,740.00	3,500.00	-1,263.23
Office Equipment & Maintenance	524.32	480.00	1,000.00	-475.68
Office Expenses	995.71	1,740.00	3,500.00	-2,504.29

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Postage	193.20	220.00	400.00	-206.80
Total Operations	5,155.23	5,080.00	10,225.00	-5,069.77
 Payroll				
CPP	1,735.53	1,500.00	3,000.00	-1,264.47
EI	785.42	750.00	1,500.00	-714.58
Employee Benefits	1,051.44	1,050.00	2,100.00	-1,048.56
Gross Salaries				
St Mary's Shared Expense	-2,987.50			-2,987.50
Gross Salaries - Other	40,333.30	42,600.00	85,000.00	-44,666.70
Total Gross Salaries	37,345.80	42,600.00	85,000.00	-47,654.20
Mileage	2,292.17	3,150.00	6,300.00	-4,007.83
Pension	1,275.00	1,620.00	3,200.00	-1,925.00
Sunday Assistance	2,290.00	1,200.00	2,500.00	-210.00
WCB	84.34	120.00	250.00	-165.66
Total Payroll	46,859.70	51,990.00	103,850.00	-56,990.30
 Telephone				
Cell phone budget	779.80	510.00	1,000.00	-220.20
FAX	226.44	240.00	500.00	-273.56
Gerein	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Internet	1,072.61	1,170.00	2,300.00	-1,227.39
Line 1	1,313.19	1,320.00	2,650.00	-1,336.81
Total Telephone	3,392.04	3,240.00	6,450.00	-3,057.96
 Total Administration	55,406.97	60,310.00	120,525.00	-65,118.03
 Build & Ground				
 Condo Upkeep				
C02 Condo Expenses	327.02	240.00	500.00	-172.98
C03 Condo Fees	1,800.00	1,800.00	3,600.00	-1,800.00
C04 Repairs and Maintenance	222.91	90.00	200.00	22.91
C05 Taxes	1,584.00	1,650.00	3,300.00	-1,716.00
C06 Utilities				
Gas	450.00	450.00	900.00	-450.00
Power	613.00	450.00	900.00	-287.00
Water	523.00	780.00	1,600.00	-1,077.00
Total C06 Utilities	1,586.00	1,680.00	3,400.00	-1,814.00
 Total Condo Upkeep	5,519.93	5,460.00	11,000.00	-5,480.07
 Insurance	3,750.00	3,750.00	7,500.00	-3,750.00

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Janitorial Supplies	806.11	450.00	900.00	-293.89
Repairs & Maintenance				
R02 Landscape	225.75	3,780.00	7,600.00	-7,374.25
R07 Building	1,245.44	1,500.00	3,000.00	-1,754.56
Snow removal	1,890.00	800.00	1,500.00	390.00
Total Repairs & Maintenance	3,361.19	6,080.00	12,100.00	-8,738.81
Utilities				
Gas	5,450.00	6,000.00	12,000.00	-6,550.00
Power	3,298.07	2,850.00	5,700.00	-2,401.93
Security	235.88	60.00	150.00	85.88
Water	2,011.73	1,500.00	3,000.00	-988.27
Total Utilities	10,995.68	10,410.00	20,850.00	-9,854.32
Total Build & Ground	24,232.91	26,150.00	52,350.00	-28,117.09
Diocesan				
Diocesan Assessment	10,050.00	9,900.00	20,000.00	-9,950.00
Priests Retirement	5,325.00	5,400.00	11,000.00	-5,675.00
Total Diocesan	15,375.00	15,300.00	31,000.00	-15,625.00
Ministries				
Ecumenism				
Charity, Donations, Goodwill	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Total Ecumenism	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Liturgy				
Appreciation/Recognition	0.00	40.00	100.00	-100.00
Books, Subscriptions, Supplies	135.29	24.00	50.00	85.29
Children's Liturgy	0.00	24.00	50.00	-50.00
Enviroment	445.39	240.00	500.00	-54.61
Mass Supplies				
Bread	313.10	150.00	300.00	13.10
Candles	127.65	150.00	300.00	-172.35
Linens	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Palms	316.78	300.00	300.00	16.78
Vestements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wine	0.00	90.00	200.00	-200.00
Total Mass Supplies	757.53	690.00	1,100.00	-342.47
Miscellaneous, Multi Media	598.34	260.00	500.00	96.34
Music Ministry	227.83			227.83
Total Liturgy	2,162.38	1,278.00	2,300.00	-137.62

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Public Relations				
Hospitality, Coffee Supplies				
Coffee Supplies	560.12	510.00	1,000.00	-439.88
Revenue	-742.00	-600.00	-1,200.00	458.00
Total Hospitality, Coffee Supplies	-181.88	-90.00	-200.00	18.12
Materials, Resources & Supplies	0.00	112.50	225.00	-225.00
Parish Events/Activities	136.01	40.00	100.00	36.01
Total Public Relations	-45.87	62.50	125.00	-170.87
Spiritual & Education				
Advent/Lenten Booklets	208.57	40.00	100.00	108.57
Parish Mission, Retreats, Works	0.00	240.00	500.00	-500.00
Resource Centre Materials				
Catholic CD's	0.00	40.00	100.00	-100.00
Total Resource Centre Materials	0.00	40.00	100.00	-100.00
Total Spiritual & Education	208.57	320.00	700.00	-491.43
Stewardship				
Material Mass Cards	0.00	40.00	100.00	-100.00
Total Stewardship	0.00	40.00	100.00	-100.00
Total Ministries	3,325.08	2,700.50	4,225.00	-899.92
Total Expense	98,339.96	104,460.50	208,100.00	-109,760.04
Net Income	2,206.39	273.50	-6,390.00	8,596.39