



Holy Cross Parish Annual General Meeting April 7, 2024



***Sustaining &
Strengthening
Holy Cross Parish
as a vital and viable
Parish Faith
Community
in the
Archdiocese
of Regina***

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| PASTOR | Fr. Carlos Jimenez as of April 2023 |
| PASTORAL ASSISTANT & OFFICE ADMINISTRATION | Martin Kondzielewski |

SUPPORT STAFF

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| BOOKKEEPER | Rita Gareau |
| CARETAKER | Jacob Antony |

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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| CHAIRPERSON | Pat McGinn |
| VICE-CHAIRPERSON | Brigitte Leibel |
| PAST CHAIR PERSONS | Neil & Lori Garchinski |
| MEMBERS AT LARGE | Jan Genert, Robert Mercado, Elise Paquin, Ron Adams, Gilbert Evangelista |
| SECRETARY | Vacant |

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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| LITURGY | Connie Todd |
| FUNDRAISING | Wayne Rutten |
| HOSPITALITY | Marie Lebersback & Susan Leier |
| PERSONNEL | Jan Genert |

FINANCE COUNCIL

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| CHAIRPERSON | John Lebersback |
| CONDO | Pat McGinn |
| PAYROLL | Rita Gareau |
| BUILDING & GROUNDS | Wayne Rutten, Garry Kraushaar, Gerard Woynarski |
| COLLECTION COUNTERS | Mike and Sherry Andruschak |
| SECRETARY | Wendy Kraushaar |

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

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| CWL | Loretta Jelinski |
| KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS | Mike Morris |

VISION, MISSION, VALUES & GOALS OF HOLY CROSS PARISH

Vision

We are Christ on earth, bringing Christ to all.

Mission

One family of faith living out the message and work of Jesus Christ.

Values

As a Roman Catholic faith community we value:

1. All of creation as the work of God,
2. Each person as a child of God,
3. Scripture as the Word of God, and
4. Living what we profess to believe.

Goals

The Goals of Holy Cross Parish are to:

1. Meet the needs of our Christian Community,
2. Develop and celebrate our faith,
3. Promote, support and celebrate all vocations,
4. Support and involve youth and children,
5. Support lay ministry and Parish leadership,
6. Reach out to the wider community - to refugees, aboriginal peoples, seniors, the home bound and shut-ins, and
7. Evangelize.

HOLY CROSS PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 7, 2024

AGENDA

Chairperson: Pat McGinn

Recorder: Brigitte Leibel

Welcome: Pat McGinn

Opening Prayer: Father Carlos Jimenez

1. Call to order: Recognition of Pastoral Council and Finance Council members and staff
2. Agenda
 - a) Additions
 Motion and Adoption of Agenda
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of April 23, 2023
 - a) Errors and/or omissions
 Motion and Adoption of the minutes
4. Business arising from the minutes of April 23, 2023
 - a) None
5. Pastoral Council Reports
 - a) Chairperson
 - b) Liturgy
 - c) Hospitality
 - d) Fundraising
 Motion and Adoption of Pastoral Council Reports
6. Finance Council Reports
 - a) Chairperson
 - b) Collection Counters
 - c) Building and Grounds
 - d) Personnel
 - e) Archbishop's Appeal
 - f) Condo
 - g) Budget
 - h) Financial Statements
 Motion and Adoption of Finance Council Reports
7. Organizational Reports
 - a) Catholic Women's League
 - b) Knights of Columbus
 Motion and Adoption of Organizational Reports
8. Staff Reports
 - a) Pastoral Assistant & Office Assistant
 Motion and Adoption of Staff Reports
9. Constitution
 - a) Review of new Constitution format
 - b) Discussion: Corrections, Additions, Omissions
 Motion and Adoption of Constitution
9. Elections
 - a) Elections to Pastoral Council
 - b) Consideration of participation and involvement in the 2024 year
 - Spiritual Education
 - Youth
 - Stewardship
 - Other?
11. Closing Remarks – Pat McGinn
12. Closing Comments and Prayer – Father Carlos Jimenez
13. Adjournment

Holy Cross Parish

Minutes of the April 23, 2023 Annual General Meeting

Opening Prayer: Father Carlos Jimenez. Father expresses his appreciation to committee members.

1. Call to order

Pat McGinn calls the Annual General Meeting to order. Pat gives a summary of the AGM report that is full of vitality. Holy Cross has had many challenges in the last year: Covid, Tri-Parish Consultations, no Pastor, and 15 visiting Priests. Pat hopes this AGM will meet everyone's hopes and expectations.

2. Agenda

- a) Additions: none
- b) Motion – Teresa Bradel: ***That the April 23, 2023 AGM agenda be adopted as amended.*** Seconded – Sandra Morris. Carried.

3. Minutes of the April 24, 2022 AGM

- a) No errors or omissions reported, and no questions.
- b) Motion – Lori Garchinski: ***That the minutes of the April 24, 2022 AGM be adopted.*** Seconded – Ruth Robillard. Carried.

4. Business arising from the April 24, 2022 minutes

Pat comments on Spiritual Education and Fundraising activities, on the Tri-Parish Consultations and the pairing with St. Dominic School.

5. New Business: Pastoral Council reports

In the 2023 AGM report, the following reports are found:

- a) Chairperson
- b) Liturgy
- c) Hospitality – Recognition to the Hospitality Committee for doing such a good job on creating meals and a welcoming environment.
- d) Fundraising

It is remarked that there is not a budget line for TRC. Comments are made about creating a body within Pastoral Council for TRC. Could also do land acknowledgements on the PowerPoint and announcements, and maybe give brief information on TRC in the PowerPoint before Masses.

Motion – Mike Morris: ***That the Pastoral Council reports be accepted as presented.*** Seconded – Wendy Kraushaar. All votes in favor, none against, no abstentions. Carried.

6. Finance Council reports

In the 2023 AGM report, the following reports are found:

- a) Chairperson
- b) Collection Counters
- c) Building and Grounds – Comments made regarding the graffiti on the south wall – can only be removed once the weather warms up
- d) Personnel
- e) Archbishop's Appeal
- f) Condo – The condo March meeting was not held
- g) Budget
- h) Financial Statements

A Cash Flow Statement is distributed as well as the presentation on Holy Cross' finances including summary of the year, comparison with 2022, and financial key points. There are no questions or comments.

Motion – Connie Todd: ***That the Finance Council reports be accepted as presented.*** Seconded – Garry Kraushaar. All votes in favor, none against, no abstentions. Carried.

Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting continued...

7. Organization reports

In the 2023 AGM report, the following reports can be found:

- a) Catholic Women's League – correction to the title of Loretta Jelinski who is President (not Chair)
- b) Knights of Columbus

Motion – Brigitte Leibel: ***That the Organization reports be accepted as presented.*** Seconded – Joyce Murphy. All votes in favor, none against, no abstentions. Carried.

8. Staff report

In the 2022 AGM report, the following reports can be found:

- a) Pastoral Assistant and Office Assistant – correction on pg. 35 under *Challenge Girls Club Joins Us*: "... add my thanks to our Pastoral Council and Finance *Council* (rather than Committee)..."

Discussion occurs regarding changes now that there is a full-time Pastor. Should the office hours change? Currently the office is open 9-12, and doors locked from 12-4:30 to allow for work to be done without interruption. Could this remain the same until Martin completes the Diaconate program? This discussion will continue with the Personnel Committee. (Jan has replaced Bill on the Personnel Committee.) Communication with the office is always open and available all day through phone and email, and arrangements can be made to come to the office in the afternoon if required. There have been no complaints.

Discussion occurs regarding the status of Parish Friendly. Martin is continually updating the data. Father Richard had done some work on this too and Martin will check with him on how far he got. There has been work done by volunteers to re-establish contact and invite parishioners back to Mass.

Pat gives a summary of the Tri-Parish three-year plan, the 6-month reporting, the assignment of Fr. Carlos and sharing with St. Mary's, meetings with St. Mary's, the conflict of the Latin and Roman Mass, and possibilities of sharing resources with St. Mary's. Comments made on how unfortunate this directive from the Vatican is and creates discouraging challenges for St. Mary's. Everyone should take any opportunity available to encourage the Archdiocese to advocate changing this. The Latin Mass is well attended.

Motion – Mike Morris: ***That the Staff report be accepted as presented.*** Seconded – Neil Garchinski. All votes in favor, none against, no abstentions. Carried.

9. Elections

Motion – Brigitte Leibel: ***That Jan Genert be nominated Chair of Elections.*** Seconded – Ruth Robillard. Jan comments on the fact that many committee members are doing several successive terms which goes against our current Constitution. No one is concerned with this but rather acknowledges the volunteers for their service and express gratitude. The Constitution is going to be rewritten by December 2023.

- 1) Chair: Pat has completed a 1st term. Call to the floor for nominations. Motion – Brigitte Leibel: ***That Pat McGinn be nominated as Chair for a 2nd term.*** Second: Joyce Murphy. Pat accepts the nomination.

Move nominations cease: Connie Todd. Second: Rita Gareau.

- 2) Vice-Chair: Brigitte Leibel is starting 2nd year of 1st term. No election required.

- 3) Secretary: Call to the floor for nominations. None received.

Move nominations cease: Brigitte Leibel. Second: Susan Leier. Position remains vacant.

- 4) Finance: John has been Chair since 2019. Call to the floor for nominations. Motion – Neil Garchinski: ***That John Lebersback be re-nominated as Chair.*** Second: Garry Kraushaar. John accepts the nomination for another 2-year term.

Move nominations cease: Ruth Robillard. Second: Connie Todd.

Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting continued...

- 5) Liturgy: Connie Todd and Trudy Rutten are completing 1st year of term as Co-Chairs. Trudy is stepping down. Connie will continue as Chair for 2nd year. Appreciation was expressed to Trudy for her work.
- 6) Fundraising: Wayne & John were elected as Co-Chairs in 2017. Call to the floor for nominations. Motion – Joyce Murphy: ***That Wayne be nominated as Chair.*** Second: Dolores Deis. Wayne accepts the nomination for another 2-year term.
Move nominations cease: Joyce Murphy. Second: Sandra Morris.
- 7) Hospitality: Marie Lebersback and Susan Leier are co-chairing this committee. Susan had stepped in to replace Dorothy Bresciani. Call to the floor for nominations. Motion – Lori Garchinski: ***That Marie and Susan be nominated as Co-Chairs.*** Second: Ruth Robillard. Marie and Susan accepted the nomination.
Move nominations cease: Joyce Murphy. Second: Brigitte Leibel.
- 8) Ecumenism: Call to the floor for nominations. None received.
Move nominations cease: Mike Morris. Second: Garry Kraushaar. Position remains vacant.
- 9) Pro-Life: Call to the floor for nominations. Motion – Wendy Kraushaar: ***That Mike and Sandra Morris be nominated as Co-Chairs.*** Second: Garry Kraushaar. Mike and Sandra accepted the nomination.
Move nominations cease: Connie Todd. Second: Rita Gareau.
- 10) Public Relations: Call to the floor for nominations. Motion – Pat McGinn: ***That Neil Garchinski be nominated as Chair.*** Second: John Lebersback. Neil declines the nomination.
Move nominations cease: Connie Todd. Second: Susan Leier. Position remains vacant.
- 11) Social Action: Call to the floor for nominations. Motion – Ron Adams: ***That Rita Gareau be nominated as Chair.*** Second: Garry Kraushaar. Rita accepted the nomination.
Move nominations cease: Sandra Morris. Second: John Lebersback.
- 12) Spiritual Education: Call to the floor for nominations. Motion – Helen Herauf: ***That Cathleen Devraj be nominated as Chair.*** Second: Joyce Murphy. Cathleen declined the nomination.
Motion – Marie Lebersback: ***That Joyce Murphy be nominated as Chair.*** Second: Connie Todd. Joyce declines the nomination.
Motion – Cathleen Devraj: ***That Robert Mercado and Elise Paquin be nominated as Co-Chairs.*** Second: Helen Herauf. Robert and Elise decline the nomination.
Motion – Brigitte Leibel: ***That Cathleen Devraj and Joyce Murphy be nominated as Co-Chairs.*** Second: Ruth Robillard. Cathleen and Joyce decline the nomination.
Move nominations cease: Sandra Morris. Second: Connie Todd. Position remains vacant.
- 13) Youth: Call to the floor for nominations. None received.
Move nominations cease: Mike Morris. Second: Neil Garchinski. Position remains vacant.
- 14) Stewardship: Call to the floor for nominations. None received.
Move nominations cease: Garry Kraushaar. Second: Wendy Kraushaar. Position remains vacant.
- 15) Vocations: Call to the floor for nominations. None received.
Move nominations cease: Helen Herauf. Second: Connie Todd. Position remains vacant.

Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting continued...

16) Members at large: Call to the floor for nominations. Motion – Connie Todd: ***That Robert Mercado be nominated as Member at large.*** Second: Joyce Murphy. Robert accepts the nomination.

Motion – John Lebersback: ***That Jan Genert be re-nominated as Member at large.*** Second: Lori Garchinski. Jan accepts the nomination.

Motion – Joyce Murphy: ***That Elise Paquin be nominated as Member at large.*** Second: Dolores Deis. Elise accepts the nomination.

Motion – Cathleen Devraj: ***That Ron Adams be nominated as Member as large.*** Second: Rita Gareau. Ron accepts the nomination.

Move nominations cease: Connie Todd. Second: Sandra Morris.

Motion – Lori Garchinski: ***That the elections of the 2023 AGM be closed.*** Second: Sandra Morris.

10. Closing Remarks Pat McGinn

11. Closing Prayer – Father Carlos

Father thanks all in attendance. He admires Holy Cross' commitment to the Church. We are to move in the direction the Lord wants us to go. We are the engine that moves things along. Father has already witnessed the strong spirit at Holy Cross. Father remarks on St. Mary's situation with the conflict of the Latin and Roman Mass. It is a very difficult situation. The Latin Mass is meeting the needs of people holding that devotion. Father also comments that the absence of youth is a challenge for all parishes.

12. Adjournment – 12:00 noon

Motion – Pat McGinn: ***That the Holy Cross Parish Annual 2023 AGM be adjourned.*** Second: Brigitte Leibel.

Next meeting of Pastoral Council: May 9, 2023

Pastor's Report

Personally, I would like to thank all parishioners for your patience and understanding for the eight months waiting for yours truly to come to Holy Cross Parish as your Priest. I was made aware that there were sixteen priests who came to cover for my absence. The reason being that the Archbishop asked me to extend my stay at Our Lady of the Assumption Co-Cathedral Parish in Gravelbourg, SK as the interim pastor until Fr. Yves Martial Kuoamé arrives from Ivory Coast who is the designated administrator for the said parish and its missions.

April 17, 2023, I arrived at Holy Cross Parish rectory. But I was also told by the Archbishop to extend my administration to St. Mary's Parish. So, this was the nature of my work for both Parishes. Schedule of Masses in both parishes were adjusted in order that I could celebrate the Masses in both parishes on weekends and weekdays. Helping me with all the Masses at St. Mary's and Holy Cross are Fr. Jake of Little Flower Parish, and Fr. Daris of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Parish of Regina. Fr. Jake, helps me with the Care Homes at College Park 1, Broadway Terrace, and Renaissance. Fr. Daris, helps me with the morning Masses for Tuesdays and Saturdays at St. Mary's. Occasionally, if I could not celebrate the scheduled Masses due to functions at Holy Cross or at St. Mary's, Fr. Jake and Fr. Daris were handy to cover for me - like moving the Mass on Fridays in the morning to evening at Holy Cross to observe the tradition during Lent to have the evening Masses on Fridays.

My assignment at St. Mary's is to help the Parish discern whether they continue to be a regular Parish or to be an oratory church for the Tridentine Latin Mass (TLM). Due to the perceived financial issues that St. Mary's Parish had been facing for the last three years, it was assumed that the TLM community was the one keeping St. Mary's going. But after diligent digging and arranging the financial records of the Parish, it was found that operationally, St. Mary's was solvent for the last three years. TLM helped in some way but not actually as 25% of their total Mass collections were withdrawn for their own community leaving the Parish with all the operational obligations. For this year, St. Mary's Parish council decided to remain a regular Parish, with their books in order and showing positive financial picture for the last two years with all its obligations accounted for. With that, the share of St. Mary's to my salary as Parish Administrator will increase from 10% to 40% share to Holy Cross. This arrangement will help both parishes ease up their operational expenses, and hopefully will yield both parishes positive financially by year end of FSY 2024.

As to Holy Cross, we extended our Liturgical celebrations with Novena Masses in preparation for Christmas, as well as a Recollection for both the season of Advent and Lent. An hour of Adoration on First Fridays before the morning Mass was also incorporated in our Liturgical celebrations. By September, we will also be having a Novena (*9 successive days*) Mass devotions to the Holy Cross leading to the celebration of the Parish Feast Day on September 14, 2024. Hopefully, with these starts a tradition of spiritual activities in addition to the usual Liturgical celebration for the coming years.

I found that Holy Cross is a vibrant parish, despite its issue of declining membership. But evidently active members are dynamically participating and supporting the Parish in all the activities, spiritual as well as community fellowship. I hope to be of help in the on-going effort of parishioners to make Holy Cross a more dynamic and vibrant parish fulfilling her mission of bringing Christ to where each parishioner is engaged with in the world.

Again, thank you for having me as your pastor. I am so blessed to be with you. Looking forward to journey with you in the coming years and may the Holy Spirit continue to animate all of us towards our common goal of holiness of life.

Fr. Carlos Jimenez

Pastoral Council Chairperson's Report

Hello fellow parishioners,

We can measure the success of our parish simply in acknowledging that we are still here!

We met the challenges of the Archdiocese review of the vitality and sustainability of our parish with success in our tri-parish deliberations and we continue to address the Archdiocese requirement of 6 month reporting (over a 3 year period) on our parish's spiritual service, programming. We are grateful of the Archdiocese's positive feedback (copies available in the office for your read).

Proof of our recognized sustainability is in front of us all with Fr. Carlos's installation as our Pastor.

The Archdiocese had set out a requirement that Fr. Carlos be shared with St. Mary's Parish with emphasis on his administrative skills to assist in their reorganization for an 18 month period, which has now arrived. Our parish has stepped up in support of St Mary's with Fr. Carlos's administrative and pastoral services and with our office staff, Martin, and volunteer Rita's aid in their development. Fr. Carlos has expended an honorable and exhaustive effort with his role at St. Mary's having morphed into general pastoral services, ex. the number of Masses presided over per week. The question is what is the future regarding Fr. Carlos' role to St Mary's? We have not had a definitive word from the Archdiocese for how long this arrangement will continue albeit, we have reached out to the Archdiocese for a meeting and are waiting a response. It is Parish Council's concern, position and hope that at some point in time, Fr. Carlos is returned to us exclusively. In so doing, we envision increased roles and services to the parish, and for Fr. Carlos personally, a level of balance with a reduction in his demanding schedule.

The vibrancy of the parish is shown in so many ways.

We are easily seeing a renewed spiritual engagement in the parish with Fr. Carlos as evidenced in the Liturgy report, within our parish, to St Mary's, and 2 seniors homes. We have five new members to our Parish Council, giving us new and fresh insights.

Parish Council's committees of Liturgy, Hospitality and Fundraising each capture and nurture the parish's values and goals.

Finance Council and its committees of Collections, Buildings and Grounds, and Personnel provide very good leadership, oversight and management of the parish's operational functions; the most noticeable result is a surplus in our financial statement! The Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus are active in fostering relationships with our parishioners, with activities that draw parishioners in, and fundraisers that generate inclusiveness in the parish and allow material and monetary donations to various charities in need. They are both anxious to recruit new members.

It's our entire parish community that creates this vitality and inclusiveness.

There is always the drive to enhance our parish community. More efforts are yet to be focused to develop relationships with Catholic schools with in part the intent to increase our parish membership and thereby provide expanded sacramental ministries of the Eucharist, Baptisms, Confirmations, marriages and funerals. We do see an encouraging increase in parish membership as observed at Masses. It is important to reach out and welcome our new parishioners and extend our warmth and friendliness. There are a number of vacant committees on Council in Ecumenism, Public Relations, Spiritual Education, Youth, Stewardship and Vocations. There are many that have provided years of their service to councils and committees. It is paramount that other parishioners step forward and volunteer their expertise and energy to councils and their committees, filling the vacancies and providing relief to these long standing volunteers.

Pastoral Council Chairperson's Report (cont'd)

Our parish over recent years has experienced a reduction in membership that has translated into a reoccurring challenge to our financial picture. There has been a dependency on fundraising to balance and/or create positive account balances. This needs to continue and it needs volunteers to make it happen. Increasing our membership offers the prospect of increased donations and a better balance sheet. Creating an inviting Parish with full services and programs lends to this initiative. I believe we are on our way in this direction. We all need to be mindful of the parish's financial position.

It's amazing the extent of programs and services in our parish, and the parishioner participation that creates an inviting, inclusive and endearing warm family!

Finally, there is a proposed apartment development behind us on 20th Avenue that is with the City for their decision. It is in process. We were notified recently through ad hoc community group that the City did approve the developer's discretionary use application, one of several hurdles. Holy Cross did respond to the City with its concerns looking for design changes. I expect the City to deliberate with its decision this spring.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours in Christ,

Patrick McGinn

Parish Council Chair

Liturgy Committee Report

Chairperson: Connie Todd

Sub-committee chairpersons: Altar Servers/Power Point - Pam Richaud; Liturgical Ministries - Dolores Deis; Children's Liturgy - vacant (activities suspended since March 2020); Music - Trudy Rutten; Environment - Darcy Butchko; Lay Ministries - Connie Todd; Ushers - vacant; Pastoral Assistant - Martin Kondzielewski; Members at Large - Elise Paquin

Committee meetings 2023 were held in January, March, April, May, August, September, October and November. Thank you to Brigitte Leibel for being our recorder.

2023 Mass Celebrations: Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 9:00 a.m. - Saturday at 5:00 p.m. - Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (January, February, March, April) Sunday Mass changed to 9:00 a.m. after April 18, 2023. The Rosary was lead by parishioners one half hour prior to each Mass. Reconciliation opportunity was available prior to all Masses.

Celebrants January to April 18, 2023: We continued to welcome visiting celebrants: Fr. J.B. Okai, Fr. Tonny Dizy, Fr. Sami Helewa, Fr. Lourdu Raju, Fr. Daris Moolayil and Fr. Hyacith Okafor. NOTE: Every August, the bishop rotates the assignment of clergy within the Archdiocese. Due to immigration VISA problems/delays, the Priest assigned to Holy Cross was unable to attend. We were assigned interim celebrants.

PRAISE THE LORD: It was a long time coming but we welcomed Fr. Carlos Jimenez April 18, 2023. He is assigned to Holy Cross Parish, but will also work for 16 months with St. Mary's Parish, to ascertain the parish viability.

Covid Guidelines: Phase III guidelines from the Archdiocese were implemented in July 2021. Holy Cross continued to follow these guidelines by being a mask friendly parish with limitations. We continued to provide hand sanitizer at all entrances, no handshaking during Mass, no common Chalice during Communion. The safety of our parishioners remained a priority.

Lay-lead Services: Holy Cross provided a Lay service to Victoria Park Care Community and Queen Victoria Estates Residence twice a month on the second and fourth Sundays. A Mass celebration was also provided on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Thank you to Dan Devers and Patricia Schiessler for their continued dedication to this special ministry.

Lent/Easter 2023: Old palms were burned prior to Tuesday evening Mass on February 21 with the ashes used for Ash Wednesday Mass on February 22 at 7:00 p.m. Fridays of Lent saw Stations of the Cross at 6:45 p.m. lead by K of C, CWL, Challenge Girls, Pastoral Council, Altar Servers and Liturgy Committee, followed by Mass. Parish Reconciliation with several priests was March 10, 2023. Triduum Masses: Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday April 16 at 7:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m. Good Friday April 7 at 3:00 p.m. followed by Vigil of the Cross until 8:00 p.m. Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord Saturday April 8 at 8:00 p.m. Easter Sunday April 9 at 10 a.m.

Liturgy Committee Report (continued)

September Volunteer Drive for liturgical ministries affirmed the amazing commitment of Holy Cross parishioners. Thank you to all volunteers.

On Sept 9, 2023 Archbishop Don Bolen celebrated the Installation of Fr. Carlos to Holy Cross Parish.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30) was acknowledged by the wearing of orange ribbons September 30, 2023.

First Friday Adoration: Resumed in October

All Soul's Day: Annual Memorial Mass was celebrated on Thursday November 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Holy Cross family and parishioners who had lost family and loved ones throughout the year were invited. This Mass of Remembrance continues to be a spiritual and heartfelt time for those grieving. Many are thankful for the opportunity to bring a photo, light a candle and reflect on memories of the person who has died.

Advent Recollection and Reconciliation: Parish reconciliation November 30, 2023. Several clergy in attendance.

Advent Recollection (mini retreat) held December 16, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – noon. The morning began with a welcome and Adoration. Guest speaker Dr. Brett Salkeld was very dynamic on his insight into the Gospel of Matthew in relation to Mary, mother of Jesus. A time of reflection and Mass followed. Fellowship was enjoyed by all over a soup and sandwich luncheon.

Christmas and New Year's Masses: December 24 (8:30 p.m.) December 25 (9:00 a.m.) December 31 (9:00 a.m.) January 1 (9:00 a.m.)

On behalf of the Liturgy Committee I extend a special thank you to Martin Kondzielewski for his continued support. We wish him well in his Diaconate studies. His growing knowledge has enhanced our committee.

Also thank you to Joyce Murphy for her work in the office.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Todd
Liturgy Chairperson

Fundraising Committee Report

Thanks to the leaders and the many parishioner volunteers and friends, Holy Cross conducted the following successful fund raising activities in 2023.

Late Winter Buffet Sunday, March 12 at the Four Seasons with lots of good food and camaraderie was enjoyed by 65 attendees. There were happy winners of the raffle draws, a unique Easter Dinner basket silent auction, a 50/50 winner, topped off with watching the men's final curling championship on the big TV screens concluded an enjoyable evening to provide financial contribution of \$1,034.76.

The Holy Cross "23rd annual *Cal Murphy Memorial Golf Tournament*" was held on Sunday June 11 at Aspen Links Country Club in Emerald Park. The number of golfers was down (37) but the golfers, many volunteers and parishioners enjoyed a great chicken buffet and hospitality in the new club dining room. Thanks to the support of our many golf sponsors, donations, silent auction and 50/50 draw, it was a very successful golf tournament. Thanks to the many sponsorships who provided a significant portion of the profit of \$14,359.23 to fund Holy Cross activities.

THANK YOU

To continue this successful golf fundraiser WE NEED YOUR HELP. We require new ideas, more volunteers and suggestions how to attract more golfing participation.

On Sunday November 5, the 24th Annual traditional Harvest supper was a real success thanks to the support of parishioners and friends of Holy Cross Parish. Over 310 participants enjoyed a delicious meal of turkey, ham, cabbage rolls and all the trimmings plus pie (homemade and others). Special thanks to all who cooked the turkeys and hams, who donated food for the meal, the way we did all our Harvest suppers pre 2020 (COVID). Thank you to all who helped with peeling of potatoes and rutabagas, decorating, cooking of food, preparation of food and serving the meal on Sunday, cleaning up after the supper, washing dishes and cleaning the kitchen. Thank you to Resurrection Parish for the use of their Parish hall.

With a sold-out Harvest supper, 50/50 draw, raffle of six donated bottles of Baileys and bar sales, the Harvest supper was another successful fundraiser of \$6,644.70 for Holy Cross Parish.

THANK YOU

Our successful Calendar raffle sales held each November and December provided a source of revenue of \$1,533.38 for our Liturgy, Spiritual Education and Social Action work at Holy Cross.

Thank you to all those special Holy Cross parishioners and friends who provide their time and talent to lead and to volunteer at these fundraising events.

***VOLUNTEERING is a WORK of the HEART
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK***

Wayne Rutten and John Lebersback
Fundraising

Finance Council Report

Holy Cross Parish has effectively managed all aspects of Holy Cross operations through 2023. Father Carlos Jimenez arrived at Holy Cross Parish on April 17, 2023 to begin his six years. Father Carlos, visiting priests, bookkeeper Rita Gareau, the Finance Committee members, Pastoral Council, all ministries, the CWL, the K. of C. and all parishioners contributed to the successful outcome for Holy Cross Parish.

For 2023, the net profit of \$10,050 was realized and was an improvement compared to the 2023 budget loss of \$6,390. The primary contributors to the outcome were:

- Collections and donations were above budget and above 2022 actuals;
- Fundraising profit was slightly below budget, and above 2022 actuals;
- Archdiocese contributions were fully delivered;
- Efficient management of parish expenses;
- Building & Grounds funds were utilized for replacement air conditioners
- St. Mary's monthly financial contribution for an annual total of \$10,327.50 to cover their portion of Fr. Carlos Jimenez salary.

The 2023 Building Fund was utilized to purchase new air conditioners costing \$14,750.00 for installation in the spring of 2024. This cost includes the installation costs. The Building Fund balance was reduced from \$110,782 to \$96,032.

A thank you to Father Carlos Jimenez for his leadership and spiritual guidance, to all visiting priests, to all Holy Cross leaders and parishioners. Thank you to Pastoral Council, CWL, K of C and all the ministries for your activities and support. Thank you to Finance Council members for their efforts and support. The Finance Council members include: Fr. Carlos Jimenez, Pastoral Council Chair Pat McGinn, Wayne Rutten, Gerard Woynarski, Garry Kraushaar, Sherry Andruschak, Wendy Kraushaar, the Finance Council Secretary, and Rita Gareau, our parish bookkeeper. Thank you to Josie Howard for providing accounting expertise and preparing the Parish Financial Reports.

Special thank you to all parishioners for your financial support through the use of envelopes, electronic deposits, e-transfers and donations.

Thank you to all the parishioners for your generosity, donation of time, talent and assistance in controlling our expenses and the continued support for Holy Cross Parish.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Finance Council,

John Lebersback,
Finance Council Chairperson

Collection Counters' Report

We have continued to do Collection Counting with four teams counting every second week. Things are running very efficiently.

Thank you to all the Collection volunteers who continue to do a fabulous job.

Sherry Andruschak

Pro Life 2023-2024

Holy Cross continues to be involved in pro life issues including Reverence for Life Month each May, the March for Life, the Regina Pro Life Fund-raising Dinner, Prayer Chain, and the Green Ribbon Campaign. Also, we had this year a showing of Sound of Freedom. Big thanks to Cathleen Devraj for organizing this.

The information pertaining to Euthanasia and Abortion which are published in the weekly bulletin are provided by Irene Wald and Joyce Murphy. A big thank you to them for their dedication to the sanctity of life.

At the end of April watch for information in the bulletin regarding the Reverence for Life Month (May) provided by the Archdiocese. Together we live the gospel of life.

Respectfully submitted by
Mike and Sandra Morris

Hospitality Committee

The responsibility of the Hospitality Committee includes:

- To ensure a welcoming environment is maintained in our parish.
- To encourage community participation through special events which fosters fellowship.
- To encourage a sense of belonging and relevance of all who choose to be part of our parish.
- To provide opportunities for the community to celebrate our Family of Faith.

The following events were held in 2023:

- April 8 – Easter Vigil Reception – 40 people attended
- April 23 – Annual General Meeting – 40 people attended
- September 9 – Parish Feast Day & Father Carlos's Installation as our Parish priest – 89 people attended
- November 2 – All Souls Day Reception – 42 people attended
- December 16 – Parish Retreat - 40 people attended

We have thoroughly enjoyed being your Hospitality Committee. Thank you to all who have helped us in any way. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Leier and Marie Lebersback

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

It has been busy year at the church with many things happening including maintaining the grounds and landscape around the church, continuing to maintain cleaning regulations and safety standards required to ensure the safe operation of our Holy Cross Parish.

Ensuring sufficient supplies to allow for operation and cleaning of church facilities continues to be an ongoing process. Special thank you to janitor Jacob and many volunteers who continue to step forward to complete the required sanitizing and cleaning of the church and contents.

Some of the work that occurred this year at Holy Cross Parish include:

- Replacement of water meters at Holy Cross church and the condo;
- Replacement of gas meters at Holy Cross and condo;
- Roof repairs – clean debris, reseal flashing and vents with caulking;
- Replacement of doorbell at Gerein Centre entrance;
- Continued inspection and maintenance of furnaces, boiler, water and sewer systems;
- Repairs to inside office door lock and provision of keys for church locks;
- Clean up of some graffiti;
- Fall cleanup and trimming of the grounds around the church;
- Received approval and funding from the Holy Cross building fund to replace the air conditioning unit for the Gerein Centre and to install air conditioning in the condo. These installations will occur this spring.

A special thank you is extended to all our volunteers who spend their time and skills to keep Holy Cross church inside and outside looking great, clean, and a safe welcome place to come and to worship. To all dedicated volunteers who go that extra mile in maintaining flowers and plants, to Brad for looking after the lawn and irrigation system, we thank you and may God bless you. Thank you to Jacob for his work in the operation of the church.

We thank all of the parishioners / contractors who come to church and support our many projects from repairs to fundraising.

To Father Carlos Jimenez, our visiting priests, our parish staff, members of CWL, K. of C. and Pastoral and Finance Councils, thank you for helping to keep Holy Cross Parish, a viable community that we can be proud to worship in, to be a part of and to share with the outside community.

“Remember... Volunteering is a Work of the Heart”

We need more to join us!

Building and Grounds Committee
Wayne, John, Garry and Gerard

Condo Representative Report

Douglas Park Estates consists of 7 bungalow-style units on the 300 Block of 20th Avenue East. These bungalows are located on the south side of the street across from Holy Cross Parish's parking lot and the school previously known as St. Andrew (École du Parc). There is a beautiful park at the back for the condo community to use. The annual meeting is usually in March.

At these meetings officers are elected. Sometimes these positions can be a lifetime job. There will occasionally be additional meetings throughout the year if something needs attention.

The AGM for the condo association was June 23/23. The insurance premiums increased by 12% and is one of several reasons in raising the condo fees by \$25. All other matters in the AGM minutes pertained to lesser matters, access to green space, landscape and snow removal. There are no capital plans for what might require access to the capital reserve fund.

Respectfully submitted by:

Patrick McGinn

Buildings and Grounds

Holy Cross's Response to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Our goal was \$30,133.00

By October 31, 2023, we had \$6,825.00 – 22.65% of the goal

By November 30, 2023, we had \$16,700.00 – 55.42% of the goal

On December 31, 2021, the grand total was \$25,727.00 – 85.38% of the goal

We didn't quite reach our goal but a splendid result all the same.

Total received for Catholic TRC Healing Response -- \$300.00

The Archdiocese implemented a new system last year in which they did not report to us monthly. So any money received by the Archdiocesan Office was all included in the December number.

Thanks you to everyone who contributed.

Respectfully submitted by

Rita Gareau
Bookkeeper

| GOAL | |
|---------------|---------------------|
| | 30,133.00 |
| | Dec 31, 2023 |
| 85.38% | 25,727.00 |
| | Nov 30, 2023 |
| 55.42% | 16,700.00 |
| | Oct 31, 2023 |
| 22.65% | 6,825.00 |

Budget (pg 1 of 3)

| Holy Cross 2023 Budget Results | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | Budget | Variance to Budget | Budget |
| | Jan - Dec 31/19 | Jan - Dec 31/20 | Jan - Dec 31/21 | Jan - Dec 31/22 | Jan - Dec 31/23 | 2023 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Income | | | | | | | | |
| Collections | | | | | | | | |
| Christmas | \$4,924.00 | \$4,820.00 | \$4,973.00 | \$2,890.00 | \$3,250.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$250.00 | \$3,500.00 |
| Envelopes | \$169,457.80 | \$179,642.61 | \$165,934.10 | \$150,586.75 | \$158,568.00 | \$155,000.00 | \$3,568.00 | \$155,000.00 |
| Initial | \$872.00 | \$823.00 | \$755.00 | \$667.00 | \$717.00 | \$700.00 | \$17.00 | \$700.00 |
| Loose | \$11,423.60 | \$3,236.70 | \$2,188.60 | \$2,543.70 | \$5,601.90 | \$2,500.00 | \$3,101.90 | \$5,800.00 |
| New Year's Day | \$1,526.00 | \$1,734.00 | \$962.00 | \$1,124.00 | \$687.00 | \$1,000.00 | (\$313.00) | \$700.00 |
| Welcome | \$1,200.65 | \$170.00 | \$135.00 | \$1,980.00 | \$1,235.00 | \$1,500.00 | (\$265.00) | \$1,200.00 |
| Total Collections | \$189,404.05 | \$190,426.31 | \$174,947.70 | \$159,791.45 | \$170,058.90 | \$163,700.00 | \$6,358.90 | \$166,900.00 |
| Fundraising | | | | | | | | |
| Calendar Raffle | | | | | | | | |
| Allocation to Committees | (\$1,836.18) | (\$2,080.01) | (\$2,037.04) | (\$1,388.08) | (\$1,022.29) | | (\$1,022.29) | (\$1,000.00) |
| Calendar Raffle - Returns/Payout | \$1,836.18 | \$2,080.01 | \$2,037.04 | \$1,388.08 | \$1,022.29 | \$1,400.00 | (\$377.71) | \$1,000.00 |
| Chicken & Rib Night | \$1,902.00 | (\$100.00) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Fruitcake Fundraiser | \$242.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Golf Classic | \$16,488.99 | \$0.00 | \$14,226.35 | \$15,170.10 | \$14,359.23 | \$15,000.00 | (\$640.77) | \$15,000.00 |
| Harvest Supper | \$6,326.46 | \$3,124.00 | \$4,508.00 | \$6,311.58 | \$7,679.46 | \$6,000.00 | \$1,679.46 | \$8,000.00 |
| Mask Fundraiser | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$627.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Missal Sales | \$538.00 | \$49.10 | (\$84.00) | (\$162.67) | (\$156.92) | (\$100.00) | (\$56.92) | (\$100.00) |
| Total Fundraising | \$25,495.45 | \$3,073.10 | \$19,277.35 | \$21,319.01 | \$21,881.77 | \$22,300.00 | (\$418.23) | \$22,900.00 |
| Sundry Revenue | | | | | | | | |
| Church Rental to East Indian | \$1,050.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Donations - Other | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,292.62 | \$7,616.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$2,616.00 | \$5,500.00 |
| Flowers | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,765.00 | \$800.00 | \$965.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Funerals | \$2,840.00 | \$1,700.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$2,350.00 | \$1,450.00 | \$1,600.00 | (\$150.00) | \$2,000.00 |
| Gerein Ctr Use | \$995.00 | \$507.50 | \$200.00 | \$425.00 | \$1,635.00 | \$300.00 | \$1,335.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| GST Rebate | \$787.31 | \$1,214.79 | \$1,504.26 | \$1,508.00 | \$1,232.79 | \$1,500.00 | (\$267.21) | \$1,800.00 |
| Interest (Interparochial) | \$4,263.34 | \$3,677.32 | \$3,001.04 | \$3,330.66 | \$6,216.31 | \$3,100.00 | \$3,116.31 | \$6,000.00 |
| Interest (Term Deposits) | | | | | \$1,294.65 | \$900.00 | \$394.65 | \$1,700.00 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,129.19 | \$3,094.66 | \$37.75 | \$1,400.00 | (\$1,362.25) | \$40.00 |
| Savings Account Interest | \$204.43 | \$44.54 | \$39.83 | \$2.18 | \$6.18 | \$10.00 | (\$3.82) | \$10.00 |
| Votive Stand | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$828.75 | \$1,100.00 | (\$271.25) | \$1,000.00 |
| Weddings | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Sundry Revenue | \$10,440.08 | \$7,144.15 | \$10,074.32 | \$16,002.92 | \$22,082.43 | \$15,710.00 | \$6,372.43 | \$21,350.00 |
| Total Income | \$225,339.58 | \$200,643.56 | \$204,299.37 | \$197,113.38 | \$214,023.10 | \$201,710.00 | \$12,313.10 | \$211,150.00 |
| Expense | | | | | | | | |
| Administration / Operations | | | | | | | | |
| Accounting Services | \$1,069.09 | \$778.87 | \$746.05 | \$776.34 | \$824.88 | \$700.00 | \$124.88 | \$900.00 |
| Accounting System - Church Friend | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$523.95 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Appreciation/Recognition | \$113.86 | \$0.00 | \$122.09 | \$445.86 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | (\$200.00) | \$200.00 |
| Bank Charges | \$345.80 | \$215.46 | \$284.80 | \$193.62 | \$214.76 | \$200.00 | \$14.76 | \$200.00 |
| Collection Envelopes | \$1,209.48 | \$0.00 | \$1,130.15 | \$1,009.33 | \$722.48 | \$725.00 | (\$2.52) | \$900.00 |
| Copier | \$3,556.11 | \$3,332.83 | \$3,697.51 | \$3,749.19 | \$4,890.13 | \$3,500.00 | \$1,390.13 | \$4,200.00 |
| Office Equipment & Maintenance | \$1,208.91 | \$937.86 | \$2,390.16 | \$0.00 | \$524.32 | \$1,000.00 | (\$475.68) | \$650.00 |
| Office Expenses | \$937.48 | \$1,716.48 | \$1,393.65 | \$3,015.95 | \$1,994.31 | \$3,500.00 | (\$1,505.69) | \$1,800.00 |
| Postage | \$45.80 | \$703.27 | \$1,110.90 | \$396.06 | \$241.50 | \$400.00 | (\$158.50) | \$400.00 |
| Workshops and Conferences | \$710.00 | \$75.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Operations | \$9,194.53 | \$7,759.77 | \$11,399.26 | \$9,586.35 | \$9,412.38 | \$10,225.00 | (\$812.62) | \$9,250.00 |
| Payroll | | | | | | | | |
| CPP | \$3,010.96 | \$2,582.00 | \$2,851.34 | \$2,899.38 | \$3,232.01 | \$3,000.00 | \$232.01 | \$3,400.00 |
| EI | \$1,786.25 | \$1,463.98 | \$1,536.37 | \$1,441.38 | \$1,478.43 | \$1,500.00 | (\$21.57) | \$1,600.00 |
| Employee Benefits (Grp Ins. & Hol. Pay | \$3,568.23 | \$2,111.91 | \$2,173.67 | \$1,882.47 | \$2,192.07 | \$2,100.00 | \$92.07 | \$2,300.00 |
| Gross Salaries | \$101,605.86 | \$91,731.76 | \$95,646.74 | \$82,976.29 | \$88,246.63 | \$85,000.00 | \$3,246.63 | \$92,000.00 |
| Shared Expense | | (\$28,464.88) | (\$14,870.43) | (\$2,604.30) | (\$10,327.50) | \$0.00 | (\$10,327.50) | (\$18,000.00) |
| Mileage | \$6,525.00 | \$6,525.00 | 6,525.00 | 3,944.76 | 5,554.67 | \$6,300.00 | (\$745.33) | \$6,800.00 |
| Pension | \$4,737.67 | \$2,210.62 | 3,281.95 | 3,053.44 | 3,047.88 | \$3,200.00 | (\$152.12) | \$3,200.00 |
| Sunday Assistance | \$791.95 | \$320.00 | 855.00 | 4,189.15 | 2,495.00 | \$2,500.00 | (\$5.00) | \$500.00 |
| WCB | \$431.69 | \$172.22 | 262.37 | 212.22 | 249.38 | \$250.00 | (\$0.62) | \$250.00 |
| Total Payroll | \$122,457.61 | \$78,652.61 | \$98,262.01 | \$97,994.79 | \$96,168.57 | \$103,850.00 | (\$7,681.43) | \$92,050.00 |

Budget (pg 2 of 3)

| Holy Cross 2023 Budget Results | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | Budget | Variance to Budget | Budget |
| | Jan - Dec 31/19 | Jan - Dec 31/20 | Jan - Dec 31/21 | Jan - Dec 31/22 | Jan - Dec 31/23 | 2023 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Telephone | | | | | | | | |
| Cell Phones | \$2,086.05 | \$1,597.57 | \$1,599.71 | \$1,118.78 | \$1,812.16 | \$1,000.00 | \$812.16 | \$1,800.00 |
| FAX | \$383.16 | \$375.91 | \$377.40 | \$452.88 | \$452.88 | \$500.00 | (\$47.12) | \$475.00 |
| Internet | \$1,777.02 | \$2,322.82 | \$2,356.98 | \$2,138.46 | \$2,278.80 | \$2,300.00 | (\$21.20) | \$2,300.00 |
| Line 1 | \$2,830.90 | \$2,606.64 | \$2,405.03 | \$2,642.76 | \$2,643.23 | \$2,650.00 | (\$6.77) | \$2,700.00 |
| Total Telephone | \$7,057.13 | \$6,901.94 | \$6,739.12 | \$6,352.88 | \$7,187.07 | \$6,450.00 | \$737.07 | \$7,275.00 |
| Total Administration | \$138,709.27 | \$93,314.32 | \$116,400.39 | \$113,934.02 | \$112,768.02 | \$120,525.00 | (\$7,756.98) | \$108,575.00 |
| Building & Grounds | | | | | | | | |
| Condo Upkeep | | | | | | | | |
| C02 Condo Expenses | \$906.41 | \$1,847.68 | \$1,120.89 | \$424.18 | \$327.02 | \$500.00 | (\$172.98) | \$500.00 |
| C03 Condo Fees | \$2,700.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$3,300.00 | \$3,750.00 | \$3,800.00 | \$150.00 | \$4,050.00 |
| C04 Repairs and Maintenance | \$730.50 | \$1,884.60 | \$124.86 | \$173.13 | \$222.91 | \$200.00 | \$22.91 | \$300.00 |
| C05 Taxes | \$2,804.00 | \$3,129.69 | \$3,070.77 | \$3,167.62 | \$3,244.72 | \$3,300.00 | (\$55.28) | \$3,300.00 |
| C06 Utilities | | | | | | | | |
| Gas | \$885.00 | \$937.92 | \$960.00 | \$880.00 | \$960.00 | \$900.00 | \$60.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Power | \$1,009.00 | \$1,249.96 | \$1,525.93 | \$895.13 | \$695.40 | \$900.00 | (\$204.60) | \$1,000.00 |
| Water | \$1,520.16 | \$1,315.01 | \$1,492.26 | \$1,524.00 | \$1,237.00 | \$1,600.00 | (\$363.00) | \$1,300.00 |
| Total C06 Utilities | \$3,414.16 | \$3,502.89 | \$3,978.18 | \$3,299.13 | \$2,892.40 | \$3,400.00 | (\$507.60) | \$3,300.00 |
| Total Condo Upkeep | \$10,555.07 | \$13,364.86 | \$11,294.70 | \$10,364.06 | \$10,437.05 | \$11,000.00 | (\$562.95) | \$11,450.00 |
| Insurance | \$13,010.27 | \$8,735.00 | \$8,267.85 | \$7,103.00 | \$7,268.65 | \$7,500.00 | (\$231.35) | \$7,250.00 |
| Janitorial Supplies | \$198.19 | \$1,559.93 | \$1,336.04 | \$832.84 | \$730.31 | \$900.00 | (\$169.69) | \$800.00 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | | | | | | | | |
| R02 Landscape | \$777.00 | \$5,908.88 | \$6,083.44 | \$7,434.00 | \$7,231.88 | \$7,600.00 | (\$368.12) | \$7,400.00 |
| R07 Building | \$5,635.98 | \$2,412.34 | \$5,278.87 | \$3,576.61 | \$5,717.82 | \$3,000.00 | \$2,717.82 | \$6,000.00 |
| Snow Removal | \$857.34 | \$642.00 | \$437.50 | \$1,400.00 | \$2,117.58 | \$1,500.00 | \$617.58 | \$2,400.00 |
| Total Repairs & Maintenance | \$7,270.32 | \$8,963.22 | \$11,799.81 | \$12,410.61 | \$15,067.28 | \$12,100.00 | \$2,967.28 | \$15,800.00 |
| Utilities | | | | | | | | |
| Gas | \$8,232.65 | \$5,930.61 | \$4,223.23 | \$10,816.94 | \$11,570.00 | \$12,000.00 | (\$430.00) | \$13,000.00 |
| Power | \$6,847.16 | \$6,419.24 | \$4,348.70 | \$5,407.46 | \$6,226.07 | \$5,700.00 | \$526.07 | \$6,700.00 |
| Security | \$241.43 | \$279.55 | \$437.48 | \$145.39 | \$257.81 | \$150.00 | \$107.81 | \$320.00 |
| Water | \$3,251.36 | \$2,652.78 | \$2,937.00 | \$2,758.19 | \$3,715.73 | \$3,000.00 | \$715.73 | \$3,600.00 |
| Total Utilities | \$18,572.60 | \$15,282.18 | \$11,946.41 | \$19,127.98 | \$21,769.61 | \$20,850.00 | \$919.61 | \$23,620.00 |
| Total Building & Grounds | \$49,606.45 | \$47,905.19 | \$44,644.81 | \$49,838.49 | \$55,272.90 | \$52,350.00 | \$2,922.90 | \$58,920.00 |
| Diocesan | | | | | | | | |
| Diocesan Assessment | \$23,888.28 | \$24,231.80 | \$21,961.52 | \$22,337.36 | \$21,302.84 | \$20,000.00 | \$1,302.84 | \$22,800.00 |
| Priests Retirement | \$11,300.94 | \$10,858.32 | \$11,014.44 | \$9,982.50 | \$9,683.12 | \$11,000.00 | (\$1,316.88) | \$11,400.00 |
| Total Diocesan | \$35,189.22 | \$35,090.12 | \$32,975.96 | \$32,319.86 | \$30,985.96 | \$31,000.00 | (\$14.04) | \$34,200.00 |
| Ministries | | | | | | | | |
| Ecumenism | | | | | | | | |
| Charity, Donations, Goodwill | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$100.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Total Ecumenism | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$100.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Liturgy | | | | | | | | |
| Advertising | \$436.28 | \$178.50 | \$105.00 | \$210.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Appreciation/Recognition | \$100.97 | \$18.82 | \$0.00 | \$272.24 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | (\$100.00) | \$0.00 |
| Books, Subscriptions, Supplies | \$720.72 | \$853.08 | \$236.52 | \$39.80 | \$155.19 | \$50.00 | \$105.19 | \$150.00 |
| Calendar Raffle Proceeds | (\$612.06) | (\$1,040.01) | (\$1,018.52) | (\$694.04) | (\$511.15) | \$0.00 | (\$511.15) | (\$500.00) |
| Children's Liturgy | \$30.67 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | (\$50.00) | \$0.00 |
| Environment | (\$926.74) | (\$310.94) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,248.62 | \$500.00 | \$748.62 | \$1,000.00 |
| Liturgical Ministry | \$0.00 | \$63.54 | \$59.32 | \$0.00 | \$75.39 | \$0.00 | \$75.39 | \$100.00 |
| Mass Supplies | | | | | | | | |
| Bread | \$759.42 | \$260.10 | \$280.60 | \$328.00 | \$483.85 | \$300.00 | \$183.85 | \$500.00 |
| Candles | \$650.46 | \$677.10 | \$204.67 | \$255.30 | \$127.65 | \$300.00 | (\$172.35) | \$200.00 |
| Palms | \$268.50 | \$268.50 | \$270.16 | \$301.48 | \$316.78 | \$300.00 | \$16.78 | \$300.00 |
| Wine | \$604.80 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | (\$200.00) | \$200.00 |
| Total Mass Supplies | \$2,283.18 | \$1,205.70 | \$755.43 | \$884.78 | \$928.28 | \$1,100.00 | (\$171.72) | \$1,200.00 |
| Miscellaneous Multi Media | \$16.64 | (\$480.80) | \$0.00 | \$23.74 | \$596.24 | \$500.00 | \$96.24 | \$200.00 |
| Music Ministry | \$497.71 | \$154.29 | \$220.45 | \$0.00 | \$227.83 | \$0.00 | \$227.83 | \$500.00 |
| Special Events | \$48.41 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$92.04 | \$0.00 | \$92.04 | \$0.00 |
| Total Liturgy | \$2,595.78 | \$642.18 | \$358.20 | \$736.52 | \$2,812.44 | \$2,300.00 | \$512.44 | \$2,650.00 |

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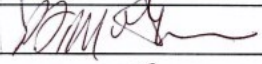
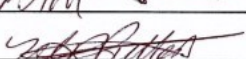
| Holy Cross 2023 Budget Results | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | Actual | Budget | Variance to Budget | Budget |
| | Jan - Dec 31/19 | Jan - Dec 31/20 | Jan - Dec 31/21 | Jan - Dec 31/22 | Jan - Dec 31/23 | 2023 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Public Relations | | | | | | | | |
| Advertising brochures | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$92.93 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Appreciation/Recognition | \$187.73 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$23.66 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Hospitality, Coffee Supplies | | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Coffee Supplies | \$525.49 | | 124.18 | \$91.84 | \$1,162.17 | \$1,000.00 | \$162.17 | \$1,300.00 |
| Revenue | (\$1,231.16) | (\$253.50) | (\$9.35) | (\$795.45) | (\$1,648.41) | (\$1,200.00) | (\$448.41) | (\$1,300.00) |
| Total Hospitality, Coffee Supplies | (\$705.67) | (\$253.50) | \$114.83 | \$96.39 | (\$486.24) | (\$200.00) | (\$286.24) | \$0.00 |
| Materials, Resources & Supplies | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$225.00 | \$303.19 | \$225.00 | \$225.00 | \$0.00 | \$250.00 |
| Parish Directory | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$94.04 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Parish Events/Activities | \$178.98 | \$0.00 | \$52.05 | \$0.00 | \$244.08 | \$100.00 | \$144.08 | \$200.00 |
| Total Public Relations | (\$358.96) | (\$253.50) | \$484.81 | \$517.28 | (\$17.16) | \$125.00 | (\$142.16) | \$450.00 |
| Social Action | | | | | | | | |
| Books, Paper & Subscriptions | \$229.15 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Calendar Raffle Proceeds | (\$612.06) | (\$520.00) | (\$509.26) | (\$347.02) | (\$255.57) | \$0.00 | (\$255.57) | (\$250.00) |
| Charities, Donations, Goodwill | \$130.00 | \$0.00 | \$509.26 | \$347.02 | \$338.21 | \$0.00 | \$338.21 | \$500.00 |
| Workshops and Conferences | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | \$61.79 | \$0.00 | \$61.79 | \$150.00 |
| Total Social Action | (\$252.91) | (\$520.00) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$144.43 | \$0.00 | \$144.43 | \$400.00 |
| Spiritual & Education | | | | | | | | |
| Advent/Lenten Booklets | (\$52.00) | \$258.30 | \$0.00 | \$108.68 | \$208.57 | \$100.00 | \$108.57 | \$200.00 |
| Appreciation/Recognition | (\$612.06) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Calendar Raffle Proceeds | \$169.98 | (\$520.00) | (\$509.26) | (\$347.02) | (\$255.57) | \$0.00 | (\$255.57) | (\$250.00) |
| Catholic Reading Program | \$0.00 | \$135.23 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Honorariums | | | | \$200.00 | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| Parish Mission, Retreats, Works | \$187.46 | \$0.00 | \$240.00 | \$370.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | (\$500.00) | \$300.00 |
| Resource Centre Materials | | | | | | | | |
| Catholic CD's | \$0.00 | \$21.05 | \$0.00 | \$109.92 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | (\$100.00) | \$100.00 |
| Facilitator Resources | \$118.23 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$12.60 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Library | \$55.93 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Magazine Renewals | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Resource Centre Materials | \$174.16 | \$21.05 | \$0.00 | \$122.52 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | (\$100.00) | \$100.00 |
| Sacramental Preparation | | | | | | | | |
| Baptism | (\$11.42) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Confirmation/First Eucharist | (\$80.00) | \$193.05 | \$261.44 | \$0.00 | \$397.95 | \$0.00 | \$397.95 | \$0.00 |
| Marriage | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$14.60 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Reconciliation | \$8.99 | \$0.00 | \$136.90 | \$0.00 | \$355.95 | \$0.00 | \$355.95 | \$0.00 |
| Sacramental Sessions | | | | | | | | |
| Educational Materials | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$75.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Sacramental Preparation | (\$64.43) | \$193.05 | \$487.94 | \$0.00 | \$753.90 | \$0.00 | \$753.90 | \$0.00 |
| Total Spiritual & Education | (\$196.89) | \$87.63 | \$218.68 | \$454.18 | \$906.90 | \$700.00 | \$206.90 | \$550.00 |
| Stewardship | | | | | | | | |
| Material, Mass cards | \$0.00 | \$127.12 | \$118.10 | \$109.89 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | (\$100.00) | \$100.00 |
| Ride A Cab | \$10.80 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Stewardship | \$10.80 | \$127.12 | \$118.10 | \$109.89 | | \$100.00 | (\$100.00) | \$100.00 |
| Youth | | | | | | | | |
| Food | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| PA Library | \$70.72 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Youth | \$70.72 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Ministries | \$1,868.54 | \$83.43 | \$2,179.79 | \$2,817.87 | \$4,946.61 | \$4,225.00 | \$721.61 | \$5,150.00 |
| Total Expense | \$225,373.48 | \$176,393.06 | \$196,200.95 | \$198,910.24 | \$203,973.49 | \$208,100.00 | (\$4,126.51) | \$206,845.00 |
| Net Income | (\$33.90) | \$24,250.50 | \$8,098.42 | (\$1,796.86) | \$10,049.61 | (\$6,390.00) | \$16,439.61 | \$4,305.00 |

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HOLY CROSS ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As of December 31, 2023 (with comparative figures at December 31, 2022)

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS: | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash (note 6 (a)) | \$ 31,939 | \$ 24,178 |
| Short Term Investments (note 6 (b)) | 40,214 | 45,101 |
| Prepaid Insurance | 5,397 | 5,414 |
| Prepaid Expense | 1,442 | 722 |
| Accrued Interest Receivable | 1,226 | 294 |
| | <u>80,219</u> | <u>75,708</u> |
| Investments (note 1 (a)) | <u>147,350</u> | <u>156,384</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 227,569 | \$ 232,092 |
| LIABILITIES: | | |
| Current | | |
| Accrued Liabilities | \$ 3,048 | \$ 2,871 |
| Total Liabilities | <u>3,048</u> | <u>2,871</u> |
| Restricted Funds | | |
| Legacy Fund (note 2) | 21,670 | 21,670 |
| Buiding Fund (note 3) | 96,032 | 110,782 |
| | <u>117,702</u> | <u>132,452</u> |
| SURPLUS: | | |
| Operating Surplus, end of year | <u>106,819</u> | <u>96,769</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OPERATING SURPLUS | \$ 227,569 | \$ 232,092 |

APPROVED BY THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

| | |
|---|------------------------------|
|  | Pastor |
|  | Pastoral Council Chairperson |
|  | Finance Council Chairperson |

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HOLY CROSS ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
STATEMENT OF TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES
For the year ended December 31, 2023
(with comparative figures at December 31, 2022)

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| REVENUES | | |
| Pledges and Envelopes | \$ 170,059 | \$ 159,791 |
| Fundraising (note 4) | 21,882 | 21,319 |
| Interest Income | 7,517 | 3,748 |
| Sundry | 14,565 | 12,255 |
| | <u>214,023</u> | <u>197,113</u> |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Administration (Schedule 1) | \$ 112,768 | \$ 113,934 |
| Building and Grounds (Schedule 1) | 55,273 | 49,838 |
| Diocesan Assessment and Retirement Fund | 30,986 | 32,320 |
| Ministries (Schedule 1) | 4,947 | 2,818 |
| | <u>203,973</u> | <u>198,910</u> |
| EXCESS/(DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES | \$10,050 | (\$1,797) |
| OPERATING SURPLUS, beginning of year | 96,769 | 98,566 |
| OPERATING SURPLUS, end of year | \$ 106,819 | \$ 96,769 |

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HOLY CROSS ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended December 31, 2023
(with comparative figures at December 31, 2022)

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Excess of revenue over expenses | \$10,050 | (\$1,797) |
| Changes in non-cash working capital: | | |
| Accrued Interest Receivable | (933) | (258) |
| Prepaid Insurance | 16 | (186) |
| Prepaid Expense | (720) | 287 |
| Accounts Payable | 0 | (200) |
| Accrued Liabilities | 176 | (400) |
| | <u>8,589</u> | <u>(2,553)</u> |
| CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Short Term Investments | 4,887 | (26,101) |
| Proceeds of investments | 9,034 | (3,331) |
| | | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) TRUST FUNDS: | | |
| Building Fund | (14,749) | 0 |
| | <u>(14,749)</u> | <u>0</u> |
| INCREASE/(NET DECREASE) IN CASH | 7,761 | (31,984) |
| CASH, beginning of year | 24,178 | 56,162 |
| CASH, end of year | <u>\$31,939</u> | <u>\$24,178</u> |
| Cash consists of the following (note 6 (a)): | | |
| Cash on Hand | \$0 | \$0 |
| Cash In Bank - Chequing | 30,283 | 22,933 |
| Cash In Bank - Savings | 666 | 660 |
| Conexus Credit Union Personal | 990 | 585 |
| Petty Cash | 0 | 0 |
| Total | <u>\$31,939</u> | <u>\$24,178</u> |

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HOLY CROSS ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
SCHEDULE 1
For the year ended December 31, 2023
(with comparative figures at December 31, 2022)

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Administration | | |
| Office Operations | \$ 9,412 | \$ 9,586 |
| Payroll (note 7) | 96,169 | 97,995 |
| Telephone | 7,187 | 6,353 |
| | <u>\$ 112,768</u> | <u>\$ 113,934</u> |
| Building and Grounds | | |
| Condo | \$ 10,437 | \$ 10,364 |
| Insurance | 7,269 | 7,103 |
| Janitorial Supplies | 730 | 833 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 15,067 | 12,411 |
| Utilities | 21,770 | 19,128 |
| | <u>\$ 55,273</u> | <u>\$ 49,838</u> |
| Ministries | | |
| Ecumenism | \$ 1,100 | \$0 |
| Liturgy | \$ 2,812 | 737 |
| Public Relations | (17) | 517 |
| Social Action | 144 | 0 |
| Spiritual & Education | 907 | 454 |
| Stewardship and Youth | 0 | 1,110 |
| | <u>\$ 4,947</u> | <u>\$ 2,818</u> |

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HOLY CROSS ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended December 31, 2023

Holy Cross Parish is a not for profit based organization whose mission is to work together as one family; living out the message and work of Jesus Christ.

1. Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Investments

Investments are classified as held for trading and are stated at fair market value. Investments with the Archiepiscopal Corporation of Regina earns an interest of 4.00% a year and automatically reinvested when received.

(b) Capital Assets

Capital Assets including the Church, Gerein Centre and office, condominium, computers and furnishing and equipment are owned by the Archdiocese of Regina and therefore are not included in the statements. Holy Cross Parish is responsible for payment of operating, maintenance, upkeep and insurance costs of these assets.

(c) Revenue Recognition

Donations are recognized when received. Interest and other revenues are recognized as revenue when earned.

Fundraising proceeds that are used specifically for parish enhancements are not included in the calculation of the annual Diocesan Assessment such as the Calendar Raffle. Other fundraising events are recorded and assessed on the net revenue.

(d) Fund Accounting

The organization operates under the principles of fund accounting with three specific funds in use. They are the General Operating Fund, Legacy Fund and Building Fund.

The Legacy Fund is an internally restricted fund which reports the activities related to disbursement of bequests made to the Parish.

The Building Fund is an internally restricted fund used for future year's building expenditures and enhancements.

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| | | | |
|--|----|-----------|---------------|
| 2. Legacy Fund | | | |
| Opening balance in Legacy Fund at January 1, 2023 | | \$ | 21,670 |
| Amount for Parish Use as of January 1, 2023 | | | 21,670 |
| Balance as of December 31, 2023 | | \$ | 21,670 |
| 3. Building Fund | | | |
| Opening balance in Building Fund at January 1, 2023 | | \$ | 110,782 |
| Contributions to Building Fund | | | 0 |
| Less Expenditures in 2023 | | | |
| Purchase of Church air conditioner | | | 9,921 |
| Purchase of condo air conditioner | | | 4,829 |
| Total Expenditures in 2023 | | | 14,750 |
| Balance as of December 31, 2023 | | \$ | 96,032 |
| 4. Fundraising | | | |
| Fundraising revenues are reported on the Statement of Total Operating Revenue and Expenses at net profit. The gross revenue and expenses are as follows: | | | |
| Calendar Raffle | | | |
| As per requirements of the Lottery License, the proceeds of the Calendar Raffle are distributed as follows: | | | |
| 50% to the Liturgy Committee | | \$ | 1,022 |
| 25% to the Social Action Committee | | | 511 |
| 25% to the Spiritual and Education Committee | | | 256 |
| | | | 256 |
| | | \$ | 1,022 |
| Suppers | | | |
| Revenue | \$ | 11,648 | |
| Expenses | | 3,969 | |
| Net | | 7,679 | 7,679 |
| Golf Classic | | | |
| Revenue | \$ | 20,023 | |
| Expenses | | 5,664 | |
| Net Expense | | 14,359 | 14,359 |
| Missal Sales | | | |
| Revenue | \$ | 349 | |
| Expenses | | 506 | |
| Net | | | (157) |
| Total Net Fundraising Revenue | | | 21,882 |

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5. Special Collections

Diocesan Collections

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Development and Peace | \$ 2,908 | \$ 2,909 |
| Commitment to the Future | 17,875 | 11,775 |
| Needs of the Church in Holy Land | 935 | 675 |
| Needs of the Canadian Church | 525 | 655 |
| Propagation of the Faith | 1,135 | 1,120 |
| Catholic Missions in Canada | 657 | 513 |
| Education of Seminarians | 548 | 590 |
| Papal Charities | 820 | 665 |
| Truth and Reconciliation Response | 0 | 200 |
| | <u>\$ 25,403</u> | <u>\$ 19,102</u> |

Designated Collections

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Catholic Women's League | \$ 2,592 | \$ 2,170 |
| Flowers | 1,765 | 1,230 |
| Visitation House | 0 | 100 |
| Marian Center | 60 | 100 |
| Mass Intentions | 315 | 205 |
| Ukrainian War Relief | 0 | 3,746 |
| | <u>\$ 4,732</u> | <u>\$ 7,551</u> |

6. Cash and Cash Equivalents

(a) Cash and cash equivalents are defined as bank and cash on hand.
The 3 bank accounts are held at the Conexus Credit Union.

(b) Short Term investments are invested with the Conexus Credit Union:

| | Due date | Interest | Amount |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|------------------|
| 1 Yr Term Non-Redeemable # 9 | 12-Apr-24 | 3.75% | \$ 15,000 |
| Redeemable Term # 6 | 25-Jan-24 | 3.50% | 10,090 |
| Redeemable Term # 7 | 27-Jan-24 | 3.50% | 15,124 |
| Total | | | <u>\$ 40,214</u> |

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7. Payroll

The Administration Expense for Salaries was reduced by the amount reimbursed by St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church as a shared expense for Fr. Carlos Jimenez,

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|----------------|------------|------------|
| Gross Salaries | \$ 106,496 | \$ 100,599 |
| Shared expense | 10,328 | 0 |
| CEWS Recovery | 0 | 2,604 |
| Net Salary | \$ 96,169 | \$ 97,995 |

8. Measurement Uncertainty and Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments are necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known.

9. Financial instruments

Financial instruments - recognition and measurement

As per Section 3855, all financial instruments are measured at fair value on initial recognition. Measurement in subsequent periods depends on whether the financial instrument has been classified as held for trading, available for sale, held to maturity, loans and receivables, or other financial liabilities.

Investments

Investments have been classified as held for trading.

Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable

Accounts receivable include financial instruments categorized as loans and receivables and are reported at amortized cost.

Accounts payable include financial instruments categorized as other liabilities are reported at amortized cost.

Catholic Women's League Report



Holy Cross CWL has been serving the parish since May 1961.

Members who are able continue to:

- Serve as sacristans and altar servers;
- Serve on Liturgy Committee and Pastoral Council;
- Sing in regular and funeral choirs;
- Assist in Parish fundraising events;
- Serve funeral lunches;
- Take communion to shut-ins.

The Marian Centre staff received personal gifts donated by members at the Christmas social and we continued to collect muffins once a month for Sacred Heart School. We gave support to a Trade Show organized by members Melanie and Megan Fenrick and will do so again in April.

With the help of donations from Dollar-a-Month, baking, cabbage roll sales and donations from funeral lunches, we were able to send financial support to the following: Marian Centre, Sask. Pro-Life, Campion College, Catholic Health Association, Telemiracle, Peru Mission, Catholic Family Services, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, Visitation House, Chili for Children, Leader Post Christmas Cheer Fund, Santa Maria and Holy Cross Parish.

We are continuing our sponsorship of 16 year old Chelsea from the Philippines under the Catholic Sponsorship Programme "Chalice" which we began in 2006. This donation helps with her education, nutritional and medical needs so she can continue her schooling. A scholarship was awarded to Colton Nelson to help with his studies at the University of Regina.

Recognition was given to members of long standing:

- 50 years Dorothy Bresciani
- 40 years Dolores Pentz
- 25 years Marie Lebersback

The Maple Leaf Service Pin gives special recognition to a member for continuous dedication and service to our Council and Parish. It was awarded to Dolores Deis and Susan Leier.

We again thank the ladies of the parish who have contributed to the Dollar-a-Month collection, donated muffins and baking and have given their time making cabbage rolls. These contributions and support are very much appreciated and enable us to carry on with our charitable projects.

CWL meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month with the exception of July, August, September and January.

New members are most welcome and invited to join us in our service for "God and Country."

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Jelinski
President

Knights of Columbus Report

Msgr. Gerein Knights of Columbus Council #9859, which currently has 48 members, continues to be active in the life of our Parish.



The Council held 7 Pancake Breakfasts in 2023. These were well received, with a total attendance of 425 and total net earnings of \$1,452. This has enabled the Council to make donations to numerous charitable causes, including ALS (\$100), Catholic Family Services (\$100), Clergy Appreciation (Friar's Fund) (\$100), Marian Centre (\$100), Visitation House (\$100), Praise in the Park (\$100) and Vocations (support of Seminarians), to name a few.

Other fundraising efforts include the sale of Charity Appeal and Football Pool tickets.

The Council's rebate proceeds from the sale of the annual Charity Appeal tickets were given to Holy Cross Parish (\$410).

The Council's proceeds from the sale of the 2023 Chapter Football Pool Tickets went to:

- Camp Monahan \$270;
- Santa Maria Home \$540;
- K. of C. Indoor Games \$270;
- Special Olympics \$270; and
- Holy Cross Parish \$2,110 (included the Council's Football Pool rebate of \$750)

In addition to the above, our Council has also donated \$400 to the Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids" initiative, contributed to Regina Chapter to cover the cost of Keep Christ in Christmas billboards, and raised funds for the Knights of Columbus Vocations Endowment.

A new event this year organized by the Knights of Columbus in Regina was the Christmas Carol Festival. This was the first year, after a 3-year hiatus due to Covid, that the Carol Festival was held. The previous known Rotary Carol Festival now became the Knights of Columbus Carol Festival. Our Council donated \$200 to this event and provided several volunteers during the festival which earned a net \$6,200. These proceeds were distributed equally to four designated organizations: Salvation Army, Regina Food Bank, Access Communications Children's Fund and the Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation Coats for Kids Program.

The Knights assist in Masses every 5th Sunday of the month in those months with five Sundays. Several Knights are very diligent each weekend with Sunday collection and in many cases helping to count these collections.

A major activity during Lent is the parish Poor Man's Supper. Brother Knights, parishioners, and members of the CWL prepare soup and sandwiches for these Friday evening services of light suppers, Stations of the Cross and Mass, during Lent. Donations from these suppers are equally distributed between the CWL and the Knights in support of the numerous CWL and K. of C. charities.

Special appreciation to Holy Cross parishioners, friends and brother Knights who contribute generously to our Easter and Christmas food drives. Donations of non-perishable food is distributed equitably amongst the Marian Centre and Visitation House for those in need.

None of our Council's charitable activities would be possible without the tremendous support of the parishioners of Holy Cross. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
Knights of Columbus Gerein Council #9859

Parish Statistics

| Year | Baptisms | Marriages | Deaths | Registered Families | Active Contributing Families |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2023 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 327 | 160 |
| 2022 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 322 | 154 |
| 2021 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 319 | 150 |
| 2020 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 327 | 200 |
| 2019 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 352 | 245 |
| 2018 | 6 | 1 | 12 | 375 | 275 |
| 2017 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 400 | 300 |
| 2016 | 8 | 4 | 14 | 400 | 300 |
| 2015 | 6 | 1 | 14 | 400 | 300 |
| 2014 | 14 | 2 | 18 | 400 | 311 |
| 2013 | 17 | 5 | 18 | 548 | 280 |
| 2012 | 18 | 9 | 16 | 675 | 324 |
| 2011 | 19 | 8 | 16 | 690 | 371 |
| 2010 | 22 | 7 | 25 | 740 | 400 |
| 2009 | 21 | 6 | 16 | 747 | 410 |
| 2008 | 27 | 11 | 22 | 734 | 414 |
| 2007 | 14 | 3 | 17 | 705 | 430 |
| 2006 | 25 | 9 | 19 | 726 | 416 |
| 2005 | 18 | 9 | 15 | 672 | - |
| 2004 | 23 | 8 | 14 | 680 | - |
| 2003 | 27 | 15 | 19 | 664 | - |
| 2002 | 26 | 5 | 26 | 664 | - |
| 2001 | 21 | 13 | 14 | 710 | - |
| 2000 | 31 | 13 | 15 | 990 | - |

Office Assistant's Report

We are now almost a year into our parish relationship with Fr. Carlos. I have appreciated that, compared with the chaos of last year.

Here are some of the major aspects I faced this year as your office assistant.

Working with Father

This has been very good. The major adjustment is that Father's time beyond the basics of Mass, meetings and Adoration is limited to weekday afternoons and Saturdays. Our funerals are now in this timeframe. We have not been able to take on a relationship with St. Dominic School due to these restrictions nor develop new programming.

Working with St. Mary's

St Mary's Parish does not have an office administrative person. Volunteers have, under Fr. Carlo's direction, taken up the challenge, committing time and great effort to modernize and update all the administrative processes that a parish requires. I have been contributing to this. My duties include certificates for and recording of 27 confirmations (First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist) plus recording theses individuals in the church record books and on the electronic format Parish Friendly. This will be happening after Easter. In addition, I have been assisting with their Archdiocese yearly report, catching up on printing requested baptismal certificates, recording sacraments (funerals, marriages and confirmation updates from other parishes).

Bulletins

I thank Joyce Murphy for her dedication and work on our bulletins this year. She is a full partner in how and what we present to you each weekend. Currently, as she travels this Easter season to visit her children in the United States, she is constructing bulletins and sending them back to me to edit and print.

As an aside, we have a new Toshiba photocopier. Not only is the machine super fast and smart (that last part worries me bit) but we are paying less per month rental and slightly less per copy. I suspect that as all the Regina Catholic School Division schools leased two new machines this year, we have benefited from that capitalistic competition.

Other Projects; a sample

- * Gerein Centre Rentals this year – 9, not counting Challenge Club events
A Special One to note: Television production **Zarquaa**, a Regina based and produced situation comedy is in its second year rented our Gerein Centre for 3 days in May 2023. A cast and crew of 40 had a place for catered meals, water and use of the bathrooms. This went very well.
- * **Made for Greatness** (Feb. 9 2024) I facilitated and assisted with the setup on Friday February 9th in the Gerein Center for about 50 men. This is a local men's group run by Kevin Phillips with Fr. Warren Duncan as Chaplin and advisor. The group moves around to different parishes once a month and has a retreat weekend once a year. The meetings involve Adoration, Reconciliation, talks and snacks. Once a year they have a weekend Conference. Donations and fees from the men support this ministry.
- * **Challenge Girls Club** – We are in our second year with this group. Friday evenings are full of laughter, instruction, Adoration, crafts and snacks. They have had day retreats with the N.E.T. teams, celebrations with the citywide Conquest boy's club and celebrations on special feast days.
- * A high school student doing research for a project on social justice requested information from us. I sent a copy of last years AGM report and he was very pleased.
- * Another student from St. Theresa School in Bruno Saskatchewan, who knew Fr. Carlos at another parish requested donations for her school tuition. Our parishioners were very generous to her request.

Pastoral Assistant's Report

Sacraments

Marriage – 1
 Baptism — 2
 Confirmation – 0
 RCIA – 0
 Funerals - 7.

In addition, we held a funeral from St Mary's parish, when their furnace was not working.

In the fall of 2023, Fr. Carlos asked me to oversee the instruction of the St Mary's Parish upcoming Confirmation and First Eucharist classes. Having laid out a schedule for the year plus ordered and prepared materials for up to 30 children, we both found out that the volunteers of St Mary's had decided to minister to their own at St Mary's.

Marriage Prep for the Archdiocese.

In June of 2023, Regina Catholic Family Services (now know as Rooted Connections) finished providing this program for the Archdiocese of Regina. My wife Marie and I, having served as the primary facilitating couple for this program since 2000, volunteered to continue to instruct couples who were left stranded because of this decision. With the permission of Fr. Carlos, we offer the instruction under the Holy Cross Parish banner. Parishes continue to send couples to us. Since September of 2023 under these arrangements, we have instructed six couples. There are currently six more waiting for instruction. The Archdiocese continues to work at putting a replacement program together.

Diaconate Update

From March 2023 until February 19, 2024, I did a practicum in Spiritual Care at both the Pasqua and Regina General Hospitals. I completed 87 hours of volunteer work. I will be doing more this Easter time. The completion of this work included the writing of a detailed verbatim (a case study of one of my visits) plus another theological report and a review of what I have learned that was submitted to the Diaconate Committee. My Spiritual Care supervisors also supplied reports to this committee.

After being commissioned as an acolyte, I practiced serving at the altar at Christ the King Parish, replacing Deacon Kevin Harty when he was not available to serve on those weekends.

On March 16, 2024, I was admitted to the Candidacy for the Permanent Diaconate with Archbishop Jim Weisgerber presiding. I had applied to the program 5 years ago and this liturgical celebration, coming toward the end of my training, is my second "yes" to Christ and His Church in this archdiocese through Holy Orders.

I have two more instructional weekends (in April and June, and a five day retreat at St. Peters Abbey. Muenster, SK in May over the May long weekend). Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate is schedule for Friday, June 14 at 7:00 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral.

My heartfelt thanks to you all, for your ongoing prayers, inquiries and good wishes in my journey towards the permanent diaconate.

As well, a heart-felt thank you to all of you who have given us your best wishes and prayers on the passing of my wife Marie's parents, August and Cecile Flegel. They died within 81 days of each other. Marie and I are much appreciative of your ongoing support.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin Kondzielewski

Challenge Girls' Club

This year has been another exciting and blessed year for the Challenge girls club. Since my last update, the club has hosted numerous events, our numbers increased, and we've added a new group. Last June, we celebrated the start of the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by having a beautiful family celebration. About 80 people were in attendance. Not only did we learn about the history of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, but everyone also consecrated him or herself to the Sacred Heart. It was absolutely beautiful! Also in June, the club took a morning to plant the Mary garden and the flower beds around the back of the church. We wrapped up our work with a picnic on the lawn and praying the Rosary. I knew that Mary was smiling at the children doing such beautiful work for her.

In the Fall, the club started back up again with the addition of a high school group. The girls are now able to receive proper leadership formation, read & reflect on the Gospel, and pray. This year the high school group is working through different sections on the Catechism. It is amazing to hear the depth of insights the girls have, and we are all learning more about our Catholic faith! We continue to offer a Junior Challenge for girls in Kindergarten to grade 4, and a middle school Challenge for girls in grades 5-8. They are working on the virtues of Loyalty, Forgiveness, Discernment, Self-Control and Compassion.

Some highlights from this year so far: In October, we hosted an All-Saints Day party for families. Well over 100 people attended, dressed as their favourite saint. Games, colouring, activities, a scavenger hunt, food, visiting, and a special serenade from the Conquest Boys rounded out the evening. On December 8th, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the club, along with the Catholic homeschoolers, hosted an amazing retreat day lead by Face2Face Ministries from Saskatoon. There were two retreats, one for grades 2-6 during the afternoon, and an evening retreat for grades 7-12. Bridging the two events was a pizza party! So many young people went to confession, learned about the power of forgiveness, and had the chance to meet with Jesus, face to face in Adoration. And finally, in March, the Challenge girls lead the Stations of the Cross, complete with singing the Stabat Mater.

All of these blessed events would not have been possible if it weren't for the generosity of the people of Holy Cross. Thank you for opening your church home and your hearts to the young people. Please keep them in your prayers as some of them will be discerning religious life. And isn't this what it's all about! They are opening their hearts WIDE to Christ (St. Pope John Paul II) and inviting Him in. They know and understand that HE is the answer, HE is what they are searching for when they dream of happiness (JP II). We are all blessed to be a part of their journey.

In Christ,

Kirsten Joubert & Shannon Skolney

The Year of 2023 in pictures.



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Martin Kondzielewski Holy Thursday, March 21, 2024