



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda April 22, 2021

Holy Cross Parish Mission

We are disciples of Jesus in the Roman Catholic tradition at Holy Cross Parish. Our welcoming and diverse community of faith, centered on the Eucharist, is committed to know, love, and serve God and neighbor.

Holy Cross Parish Vision

To be led by the Holy Spirit in serving as a beacon of faith, hope and love in our neighborhood.

Agenda

	Take Minutes	John Paul Lichon
Present:	Fr. Jim Fenstermaker, Fr. Vincent Nguyen, Jane Murphy, Ruth Sanford, Bev Kingston, Debbie Stockwell, Larry Day, Tim Short, Kris Robinson, John Paul Lichon	
7:00 pm	Opening Prayer	Father Jim
	Reflection on Luke 24:45-48	Council Members
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Murphy’s father passed away yesterday evening. Jane shared about his life and the council prayed. Council members shared thoughts around the question: How am I a witness, an ambassador, a messenger of Christ to others? 	
7:15 pm	Proposal, re: Catherine Griffin House	Tim Short, Father Jim
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Short owns a house on Lawndale Ave. Would like to use it for a transitional housing ministry, potentially 3 men, 1 of which is already identified. Tim and Deacon John Tugman would like the parish to co-sponsor the efforts (via the Evangelization and Neighborhood Outreach Teams). The Jesus Gallery would also still operate out of the house. • Would like to name it the Catherine Griffin House. Need volunteers to help with dedication event in early July. July 13 is anniversary of Catherine’s passing. • House is currently owned by Tim and Denise Short. They are planning to create a not-for-profit to gift the house too, especially for liability reasons. Fr. Jim has been researching the liability concerns and is working on language around how the parish can support/be involved at the House. • Possible language may be: Catherine Griffin House: Supported by the Neighborhood Outreach Pastoral Priority Team • Fr. Jim is planning to include an announcement in the parish bulletin, and it was suggested to place information on the website as well. 	

- It was brought up to look into the zoning ordinance of the county.
- It was suggested to speak with the Catholic Worker House in town for advice, thoughts, guidelines, etc.

7:45 pm Parishioner Survey Father Vincent

- Fr. Vincent reported on the Parish Survey (49 responses). People want things back to normal and have been missing in-person events. Strong desire for social events like coffee/doughnuts, soup suppers, etc. Fr. Vincent has passed along contact info to relevant team leaders.
- It was asked – what can we act upon now? Fr. Vincent suggested that we look at who wanted to do something with community building/neighborhood outreach
- It was suggested to think about doing a community event around Pentecost. Debbie and Jane volunteer to help coordinate something, and Fr. Vincent will send interested parishioners their way.

8:00 pm Report on bilingual Mass Father Jim

- Meeting was held recently after the 8:30 Mass. At this meeting, they discuss the idea of a bilingual Mass that brings the whole community together, as opposed to a Spanish-only Mass. 2 families attended the meeting, and they were hoping to recruit potential lectors, ushers, etc. Plan would be to offer this once a month on a regular interval.

8:15 pm Report on outreach to parishioners Father Jim

- Book of intercessions is now at the back of the church, where people can enter in prayer intentions that will be prayed by name during Mass.
- It was suggested to announce new parishioners in the bulletin, or possibly at Mass.
- Also, to possibly celebrate wedding anniversaries, weddings, babies being born, other important milestones

8:20 pm Good of the Parish Council Members

8:30 pm Next meeting May 20

Adjourn

Closing Prayer:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.