



*Holy Cross Parish
Annual General Meeting
April 19, 2026*



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

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CARETAKER	Jacob Antony

PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON	Pat McGinn
VICE-CHAIRPERSON	Brigitte Leibel
MEMBERS AT LARGE	Jan Genert, Elise Paquin, Ron Adams, Cathleen Devraj
SECRETARY	Vacant

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

LITURGY	Connie Todd
FUNDRAISING	Vacant
SOCIAL ACTION	Rita Gareau
HOSPITALITY	Marie Lebersback & Susan Leier
PERSONNEL	Ron Adams

FINANCE COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON	Gerard Woynarski
CONDO	Peter Bresciani
PAYROLL	Rita Gareau
BUILDING & GROUNDS	Wayne Rutten, Garry Kraushaar, Ray Fenrick
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SECRETARY	Brigitte Leibel

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

CWL	Rita Gareau
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Wayne Rutten

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 19, 2026
AGENDA

Chair: 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 March 30, 2025
 - a) Errors and/or omissions
 Motion and Adoption of the minutes
4. Business arising from the minutes of March 30, 2025
5. Pastoral Council Reports
 - a) Chairperson
 - b) Liturgy
 - c) Hospitality
 - d) Pro-Life
 - e) Fundraising
 - f) Social Action
 Motion and Adoption of Pastoral Council Reports
6. Finance Council Reports
 - a) Chairperson
 - b) Collection Counters
 - c) Personnel
 - d) Building and Grounds
 - e) Archbishop's Appeal
 - f) Condo
 - g) 2025 Budget Results & 2026 Budget
 Motion and Adoption of Budget Reports
 - 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. Elections - Elections chair: Lori Garchinski
 - a) Elections to Pastoral Council
 - b) Consideration of participation and involvement in the 2026 year
11. Closing Remarks – Pat McGinn
12. Closing Comments and Prayer – Father Carlos Jimenez
13. Adjournment

Holy Cross Parish Minutes of the March 30, 2025 Annual General Meeting

Opening Prayer: Father Carlos Jimenez

1. Call to order – The Annual General Meeting was called to order at 10:45am by Chair Pat McGinn. Pat shared his gratitude with all present to the Hospitality committee and all those who took the time to provide dishes for the meal today. Pat also thanked those who worked on the AGM report which provides a detailed report of the events that occurred within the past year.
2. Agenda
 - a) Additions: No additions noted
 - b) **Motion:** Trudy Rutten made the motion that the April 7, 2024 AGM agenda be adopted as distributed. Seconded by Rita Gareau. **Motion Carried.**
3. Minutes of the April 7, 2024 AGM
 - a) Errors or Omissions – none noted
 - b) **Motion:** That the minutes of the April 7, 2024 AGM be adopted by Curtis Eberle and seconded by Connie Todd. **Motion Carried.**
4. Business arising from the April 27, 2024 minutes – no business was identified from those at the meeting.
5. New Business: Pastoral Council Reports

In the 2025 AGM booklet, the following reports are found:

 - a) Pastors Report – Fr Carlos noted that he continues to be grateful for the work done here at Holy Cross Parish. He continues to provide spiritual support to parishioners through ongoing events such as the Recollections for Lent and Advent, increased amounts of Adoration, work that continues to be supported by the ministry teams. He is also grateful with the support that Holy Cross has provided to St Mary’s as they are working towards building up their community. Fr Carlos’s goal is to continue to build up the spiritual components of the worship we have at Holy Cross Parish.
 - b) Chairperson
 - c) Liturgy
 - d) Fundraising
 - e) Pro-Life
 - f) Hospitality

Motion: To adopt the Pastoral Council Reports was made by Dolores Deis and seconded by Ron Adams.

No further discussion. **Motion Carried.**

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Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting continued...

6. Finance Council Report

- a) Chairperson
- b) Collection Counters
- c) Building and Grounds
- d) Archbishop's Appeal
- e) Condo
- f) Budget
- g) Financial Statements

Motion: To adopt the Finance Council Reports by John Lebersback and seconded by Susan Leier.

No Discussion – **Motion Carried.**

7. Organizational Reports

- a) Catholic Women's League – **Motion:** To adopt this report is by Connie Todd and seconded by Jan Genert.
- b) Knights of Columbus - **Motion:** To accept this report Gerard Woynarski and seconded by Bob Herauf.

No Discussion - **Motion Carried.**

8. Staff Reports

- a) Pastoral Assistant and Office Assistant Reports

Motion: To adopt the Staff Reports by Ruth Robillard and seconded by Joyce Murphy.

No discussion – **Motion Carried .**

9. Constitution

- a) Constitution – There were no further discussions related to the changes in the constitution from last year. It was noted that this seems to be working well and many who held positions in the past have continued on with their roles.

10. Elections

- a) Nominations Committee and scrutineer – Jan Genert was the chair of nominations and proceeded with the slate of officers.
- b) Elections of Pastoral Council – Unfortunately Jan was not able to attend so the slate of nominees was identified by Brigitte Leibel and shared with the current group. Helen McIntee made the motion and Ron Adams seconded the motion. There was also a call for any nominations from the floor.

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Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting continued...

- c) Cathleen Devraj was nominated by Irene Wald and seconded by Rita Gareau. Cathleen was acclaimed within parish council. Elise Paquin was nominated by Connie Todd and seconded by Dolores Deis. Elise was acclaimed to a position within parish council.
 - d) Nominations were closed by a **motion** from Wayne Rutten and seconded by Connie Todd.
 - e) There are not enough council members to support Spiritual Education, Youth, and Stewardship. These topics will continue to be reviewed by Pastoral Council to ensure that there was some ongoing focus on these topics as well.
11. Closing comments and prayer – Father Carlos provided closing remarks thanking everyone for all the dedication and time spent to make Holy Cross a vibrant parish. Fr Carlos also thanked Martin, Rita and Jacob for the work that they do in helping to keep the church functioning. Fr Carlos will continue to support St Mary's Parish as they transition their church work. Fr Carlos noted that he will be extended for one more year while structure is put in place in order to support St Mary's parish to be a more independent community. Thank you to everyone.
12. Motion to adjourn - Albert Robillard made the **motion** and Len Jelinski seconded . Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Pastor's Report

Another pastoral year has passed and another year is on-going in our journey together as a faith community seeking for personal and communal spiritual growth. We continue to witness and to share the joy of the Gospel in us to others, and invite those who are searching for meaning and purpose in their life prompted by the Grace of God calling them to communion with Him. We look forward as a faith community to sharing Christ in us and be Christ to the world in which we move and have our being.

Looking back, we continued to celebrate our faith with spiritual and liturgical activities every day in each liturgical season of Ordinary time, Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas. Except for Monday, on the regular season of the year, we have daily Masses. On occasion, like Christmas novena Masses and Feast of the Holy Cross novena Masses, we have Masses on Mondays. We continue to have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Tuesdays with the intention of praying for peace in the World and praying for more vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life for our Archdiocese. On First Fridays we have our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with Adoration and Benediction from 8 AM followed by the Mass at 9 AM. During Advent and Lent, we continue to have a Parish Recollection on a Saturday from 9AM – 12 Noon with an invited speaker to talk on a topic for the season and to reflect upon with silent adoration that follows. The Recollection ends with Mass and a fellowship light lunch. Parish reconciliation is also scheduled during these seasons.

We continue to serve the Care Home Facilities for their spiritual needs, with Masses and other sacramental needs. We have on our lists each week Renaissance Home Care on Wednesdays, College Park I on Thursdays, Broadway Terrace on Fridays, and Queen Victoria Estates on the 3rd Wednesdays of the Month. We have added the Qu'Appelle House retirement home to our pastoral outreach for their spiritual needs. Deacon Martin celebrates Lay Bible service and Communion to them on the first Sunday of the month, and I say a Mass on 3rd Saturdays of the month.

We look forward this year to reach out to the pastoral needs of our schools, Miller High School and St. Dominic School. Fr. Jake and I are talking about the possibility— in a joint effort with neighboring parishes, St. Mary's, Holy Cross and Little Flower—that we could reach out to our high school parishioners studying at Miller High School with a weekly Prayer Service or a Mass in the school's chapel. Aside from reaching out to those baptized Catholics it would provide an opportunity to invite other students who are discerning to join the Catholic faith. We are hoping this will push through this year.

Again, I would like to thank you all for your active involvement and stewardship of our parish life, spiritually and materially in the area of administration, liturgy, finance, and fellowship. May Christ, our Lord, continue to bless each one of us in our Holy Cross Faith Community in all our needs. With our Blessed Mother Mary interceding for us, we continue our faith witness of the joy we share in our communion with Jesus to those we engage with in our world.

Report by Fr. Carlos Jimenez, March 2, 2026

Pastoral Council Chairperson's Report

Hello, fellow parishioners. I am Patrick McGinn, Chair of Pastoral Council.

Welcome, and I am delighted to see you all here showing your interest and commitment to the Parish.

The AGM Report is the most demonstrative and informative means to provide the parish's state of affairs, in terms of it meeting its constitutional goals and mission, by setting out its past year objectives and their attainments through its Christian programming, services, maintenance of facilities, and self-financing. The AGM meeting, in which we are now participating, affords the Pastor, Parish and Finance Councils the forum to present its activities and decisions and allows parishioners the chance to voice their comments, questions, concerns and complaints. This feedback of direct engagement is the best source of parishioner involvement in assisting our Pastor and the Councils in their own improvements in governance, with evaluation and implementation of your ideas and suggestions translated into action.

Our format today will be changed insofar as having Council and committee chairs present their report outlining in some detail, the Council and committee roles and descriptions of participation and activities undertaken. This is intended to give you, firsthand, much of what is in the AGM report, but not yet read by you.

The first impression that I hope is gleaned from the report is the sense of vitality in the Parish and the continuing volunteerism that allows for the broad spectrum of services.

The Parish's primary goal is the offering of Church services, and to name a few, its schedule of Masses, Adorations, Stations of the Cross, Recollections, and delivery of Sacraments. These services are fundamentally only possible with our Pastor Fr. Carlos to whom we are very thankful knowing the challenges he confronts in ministering to not only Holy Cross, but also to St. Mary's. Fr. Carlos has the backbone support of the Liturgy Committee and our Pastoral Assistant, Martin.

Parish Council oversees the parish and, with its monthly meeting, continuously addresses and tackles issues and matters pertaining to the operations of its committees.

The Personnel Committee manages our employees chaired by Ron Adams; there will be a staff change and possible re-assignments with the attrition of staff and the exploration of possible integration of pastoral and administrative roles shared between other parishes, St. Mary's and Little Flower.

Finance Council has a very critical mandate in management of parish finances. You will hear in its report of our fortunate positive financial picture. We thank Gerard Woynarski, new chair this year, for his commitment and very thorough management. Success in the financial picture is due primarily to the parishioners' donations through weekly collections, to which we are all so grateful.

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Pastoral Council Chairperson's Report (continued)

It remains a challenge to meet financial obligations and it's therefore paramount that parishioners recognize this and accordingly step up to counter the rising costs to operate with adjustments to their donations. Meanwhile, the Fundraising Committee in its creativeness and rigor have conducted several significant events to tip finances from the colour red to black. The most prominent fundraiser is the Cal Murphy Memorial Holy Cross Golf Classic. This demands extraordinary volunteer input and its committee remains challenged and is seeking more volunteering and importantly with newer and fresher talent to the team. With the intent of continuing with the event, there will need to be a transition, changing of the guard, so to speak, with new faces added to the committee. Please consider stepping up. In 2025, the classic celebrated 25 years of operations with a focus on our Joyce Murphy, who, with her husband Cal, had inaugurated the event. It's been decided to again this year continue with the event, now scheduled for June 14 at Aspen Links in Emerald Park.

The other fundraiser of prominence is the Harvest Supper which is intended to be repeated this year.

Fundraising restaurant/hall suppers were had through the year which, as well, are intended to be offered this year.

I thank Wayne Rutten for his commitment and energy in managing fundraising. It's only with parishioner support in managing these events and participating that success can be met in supporting our financial health.

Finance's Building and Grounds oversees the physical assets, the church and the condo rectory properties, and with the age of the properties, it requires a vigilance for ongoing maintenance and capital upgrades. I thank Wayne Rutten and his team. We have the support of our new member in Peter Bresciani as our condo representative.

We have had a few extraordinary accomplishments in the last year or more that add to the inclusiveness of the parishioner spirit, and to name two: a new parishioner directory was published and a new website launched. This was done, in no small part, with the stewardship creativity and hard work of our Council Vice-Chair Brigitte Leibel.

You can easily surmise in the foregoing commentary, that Holy Cross is viable, and is due to the concerted efforts of the Pastor, councils and its committees and you especially, the parishioners. It remains so important that Holy Cross has the volunteerism engagement and participation in its services to sustain its mission and goals.

We are met with challenges in not only sustaining but growing our congregation base in the face of the population's general waning interest and affiliation in Church life and changing demographics in Church parish reorganizations and Catholic school affiliations in our communities. We are ongoing in our dialogue with other parishes for shared services and with a couple of community Catholic Schools to provide religious services.

I thank you for the privilege of serving as Chair of Parish Council. Thank You.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick McGinn

Pastoral Council Chair

Liturgy Committee Report

2025 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; music groups—Anthem, Holy Cross Choir, Tammie Milo, Joyful Noise, and guest group Vision. No scheduled group for the 1st or 2nd Saturday 5 pm Mass. Existing groups fill in when they can. We are so blessed to have such wonderful music groups to enhance our Mass celebrations.
- Environment: Darcy Butchko
- Lay Ministries: Connie Todd—lay leaders: Patricia Schiessler and Dan Devers
- Ushers: Don Gartner and Gerry Frei collect Saturday Mass and Knights of Columbus collect Sunday Mass
- Pastoral Assistant: Martin Kondzielewski

Committee meetings 2025 were held in February, March April, August, September, October and November. Thank you to Brigitte Leibel for being our recorder.

Celebrant: Fr. Carlos Jimenez is our celebrant. He continues to assist St. Mary's Parish with Mass celebrations. He also assists Fr. Jake of Little Flower Parish with senior care home Masses (College Park, Renaissance, Broadway Terrace, Qu'Appelle House).

2025 Mass Celebrations: Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. (weekly Adoration at 6:00 p.m.). Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 9:00 a.m. Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Sunday at 9:00 a.m. The Rosary was lead by parishioners one half hour prior to each Mass. Reconciliation opportunity was available prior to all Masses. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was also celebrated on the first Friday of each month. Novena Masses were celebrated before Holy Cross Feast Day and Advent. February 1/2 Fr. Carlos provided Blessing of the Throat (Feast Day of St. Blaise) with the Anointing of the Sick February 8/9.

Lay-lead Services: Holy Cross provides a Lay service to Victoria Park Care Community and Queen Victoria Estates Residence twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. A Mass celebration was also provided to QVE on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Thank you to Dan Devers and Patricia Schiessler for their continued dedication to this special and much needed ministry.

Lent/Easter 2025: Parishioners returned old palms that were burned prior to Tuesday evening Mass on March 4 with the ashes used for Ash Wednesday Mass on March 5 at 7:00 p.m. Lenten Recollection April 5 featuring speaker Kevin Philip. Fridays of Lent saw Stations of the Cross at 6:45 p.m. led by K of C, CWL, Challenge Girls, Parish Council and Liturgy Committee, followed by Mass. Parish reconciliation with several priests was March 27, 2025. Triduum Masses: Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m. Good Friday March 29, Stations of the Cross at 2:30 p.m. with Passion of our Lord at 3:00 p.m. Vigil of the Cross followed until 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae (The Journey of the Seven Sorrows of Mary) with music by Vision was a very meaningful end to the evening. Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord Saturday, March 30 at 8:00 p.m. Easter Sunday March 31 at 9:00 a.m.

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

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Liturgy Committee Report (continued)

Recollection to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross was September 13 with guest speaker Kevin Philip.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30) was acknowledged by the wearing of orange ribbons the weekend of September 27/28.

All Souls' Day: Annual Memorial Mass was celebrated on Sunday November 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Family of Holy Cross parishioners who had passed since last November were invited. Many parishioners who had lost family and loved ones throughout the year also attend. 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 their loved ones.

Advent Reconciliation and Recollection: Parish reconciliation December 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Several clergy were in attendance. Advent Recollection (mini retreat) held December 6 from 9 a.m. – noon. The morning began with a welcome and adoration. Guest speaker was Archbishop Emeritus James Weisgerber. A time of reflection and Mass followed. Fellowship was enjoyed by all over luncheon.

Christmas and New Year's Masses: December 24 (8:00 p.m.), December 25 (9:00 a.m.), January 1 (9:00 a.m.) I wish to acknowledge Darcy Butchko and her helpers for the amazing job the Environment Committee does throughout the liturgical year to make our environment welcoming. Job well done!!

**December 7, 2025 Fr. Carlos celebrated 34 years in the priesthood being ordained in 1991. Congratulations Father.

We thank Martin Kondzielewski for his continued support as Pastoral Assistant and Administrative Assistant. A special thank you to Lori Garchinski for preparing the weekend Power Point Mass parts.

To the committee and all the great volunteers... thank you so much!!! Pam Richaud and Dolores Deis quietly work behind the scenes keep everything running smoothly.

All ministries work so very hard to provide meaningful celebrations for the Liturgy of the Word of our Lord. You are what keeps our parish vibrant and viable. Thank you Fr. Carlos for your guidance and being our shepherd.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Todd
Liturgy Chairperson

Hospitality Committee

Mandate: Encourage parishioner participation through functions which encourage fellowship and promoting a sense of belonging for all members of the Parish, their families and friends.

To provide opportunities for our Parish community to celebrate our Family of Faith, the Hospitality Committee provided the following receptions:

- ◆ AGM Potluck Lunch (March 30, 2025) - 52 people attended
- ◆ Lenten Recollection Soup and Biscuits (April 5 2025) - 22 people attended
- ◆ Easter Vigil Reception (April 19, 2025) - 48 people attended
- ◆ Farewell to Father Sami Potluck Lunch (June 22, 2025)
- ◆ Morning of Recollection Soup and Biscuits (September 13, 2025) -25 people attended
- ◆ Holy Cross Feast Day (September 14, 2025) - 68 people attended
- ◆ All Souls Day Reception (November 2, 2025) - 44 people attended
- ◆ Advent Recollection Reception (December 6, 2025) - 25 people attended

Respectfully Submitted,
Marie Lebersback & Susan Leier

Pro-Life Report

Sirach 15: 16-18: "There are set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing."

Canada continues to brew in a culture of death for its citizens. Canada continues to have no abortion laws, and increasing numbers of infants are now being aborted as they reach full term gestation. The slippery slope of death now reaches across the nation via MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying). The next expansion is to include the "mentally ill".

Joyce Murphy and I began the Pro-Life Corner in the bulletin with the hope of educating our Parish community as to the scope of these issues impacting our families, our communities and in Canada. While the news may be gloomy at times, we are reminded that we are people of hope. Many countries are starting to re-spark the debate about abortion. We must continue to pray to end the scourge of abortion and euthanasia in Canada.

Activities:

- ◆ Active Pro-Life corner in the weekly Bulletin.
- ◆ Joyce and I participated in local events sponsored by Regina Pro-Life.
- ◆ We attended the annual Pro-Life Dinner where there was a good Holy Cross representation at that event.
- ◆ We attended Diocese presentation about MAiD from a Catholic perspective.

Any comments or questions, please feel free to approach us. Note: We are not experts on "Pro-Life issues". We just have a special interest in these issues and to promote the sanctity of life.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Wald

Fundraising Committee Report

Thanks to the many parishioner volunteers and friends, Holy Cross conducted the following successful fundraising activities in 2025.

Another successful fundraiser with fellowship, food and entertainment was held on Sunday April 27 at the Serbian Club. There were 58 parishioners and friends who enjoyed a chicken breast buffet and entertainment provided by Neil and Kyle. Thank You. Special thank you to our parishioners, CWL and K of C who donated items (homemade/prepared) for our raffle and silent auction. The meals, raffle and silent auction, 50/50 draw, and donations, resulted in a net of **\$1037.11** for Holy Cross activities and services.

The Holy Cross "25th Anniversary Cal Murphy Memorial Golf Tournament" was held on Sunday June 8, 2025 at Aspen Links County Club with many special attendees to honour the milestone of the tournament. There were 76 golfers plus 46 others in attendance for the beef on a bun buffet and friendly hospitality and fellowship. Thanks to the support of our many golf sponsors, donations, silent auction and 50/50 draw, it was a very successful golf tournament. Special thanks to the many sponsorships who provided a significant portion of the profit of **\$15,542.77** 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 on how to attract more golfing participation.

Our successful 26th annual Holy Cross Harvest supper was held on Sunday November 9 at Resurrection Parish Hall. Our attendance including take out suppers was 256. Thanks to Charlotte's Catering, a delicious roast turkey buffet with a variety of salads and desert was enjoyed by all. The parishioners who helped with set up, decorating, bar service and in particular the cleanup crew, a very heart felt thank you to all. Thanks to our MC for a novel way of drawing for tables to go to eat. Thanks to our 50/50 and "Baileys" ticket sellers and buyers, and from buffet sales, there was a net profit of **\$3,218.68** to support the programs and work at Holy Cross Parish. Thank you to Charlotte's Catering for their contribution.

Our successful Calendar raffle sales held each November and December provided a source of revenue of **\$1,273.80** for our Liturgy, Spiritual Education and Social Action work at Holy Cross in 2025.

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

Wayne Rутten
Fundraising Committee

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

Social Action Committee Report

Another successful year for the Social Action Committee. We began 2025 by sponsoring one of our parishioners, Henry Osigwe, as he fought to get his university degree while at the same time working and sending home what he could to his wife and three kids in Nigeria. Through collections and contributions from various committees at Holy Cross, we were able to give him a total of **\$2,318.85**. Henry has now convocated, found himself a full-time job and is working on bringing his family to Canada.

This year, Pastoral Council made a commitment that we would donate at least **\$500** to help our neighbours. As a result, along with the loose change put in the jars by parishioners, Social Action was able to make the following contributions:

- ◆ Canadian Red Cross SK/MB Wildfires **\$200.00**
- ◆ Visitation House **\$200.00**
- ◆ Marian Centre **\$218.45**
- ◆ Henry Osigwe (included in above total) **\$200.00**

The big jars are still at both entrances of the church ready to receive your loose change. Every nickel, dime & quarter makes a difference in someone's life.

In September, we celebrated Truth & Reconciliation by inserting in the bulletin a list of activities around the City of Regina on this special day. We also put in a poem that people could read and reflect upon.

In December, we decided that we would help out the Regina Catholic Schools to provide Christmas hampers to needy families in the system. We were able to collect **\$1,122.25** and, along with some food collected in the K of C food drive, Holy Cross was able to contribute 13 hampers to this cause. Well done!!

I consider Pro-Life an arm of Social Action and I would like to thank Irene Wald and Joyce Murphy for taking this on and keeping us all informed about what is going on in this world.

Social Action would be considerably harder to maintain if I did not have the support of each and every one of the parishioners. Your kindness, generosity and willingness to help others are unmatched. Thank you so much for all you do. May God bless you all.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Gareau

Finance Council Report

Finance Council extends a special thank you to all Holy Cross parishioners and all visitors for their support in 2025. Through the sharing of their gifts of time, talents and treasures with our parish, we continue to develop and grow as a Christian community.

As Financial Chair, I wish to thank all the members of Finance Council this year. Our Finance Council members included: Fr. Carlos Jimenez – Pastor, John Lebersback - Past Finance Council Chair, Brigitte Leibel – Secretary, Sherry Andruschak – Collection Counters Chair, Wayne Rutten – Building & Grounds Chair, Ray Fenrick & Garry Kraushaar – Building & Grounds Consultants, Peter Bresciani – Condo Representative, Pat McGinn – Pastoral Council Chair & Rita Gareau – Bookkeeper. By working together as a team, we were able to make decisions and plans for the benefit of Holy Cross Parish.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge the contribution that Sherry Andruschak has made to the Holy Cross Finance Council. Sherry will be leaving the Finance Council after several years of dedication and commitment to the Collection Counters Chair position. Thank you very much, Sherry!

Also, a special thank you to Fr. Carlos for his leadership and spiritual guidance. In addition, thank you to Pastoral Council, K of C, CWL and all the ministries for your activities and support.

You will find in this report the financial statements prepared by Bookkeeper Rita Gareau. The statements were examined and notes prepared by Josie Howard, CPA, and reviewed by me. Thank you to Rita and Josie for their extra focus and time in preparing these statements and notes.

The statements show our parish's Balance Sheet, Income & Expenses for 2025 and the proposed 2026 budget for Holy Cross Parish.

For 2025, the net profit of **\$7,183** was realized, which was slightly better compared to the 2025 budget expectation of a **\$6,284** profit. Some of the key contributions to the results were:

- ◆ Total collections were above budget and more than the 2024 actuals;
- ◆ Total sundry (extra) revenues were above budget;
- ◆ Total expenses were above budget only by 1.62% or **\$3,404**;
- ◆ St. Mary's financial contribution for their portion of Fr. Carlos Jimenez's salary was **\$23,130** for the year.

In view of the above, the parish's equity position increased by nearly **\$11,000** over 2024.

For 2026, we are showing a slight profit of income over expenses, recognizing that proposed income and expenses are a little lower than in 2025. This budget was discussed, approved by Finance Council and supported by Fr. Carlos.

The continued viability and success of Holy Cross Parish is dependent on all parishioners. Their tremendous generosity and ongoing support are truly appreciated!

Respectfully submitted,
Gerard Woynarski
Finance Council Chairperson

Collection Counters' Report

This will be my last report as Chair of Collection Counting. My team of myself, Dolores Pentz—age 92 and Annie Schuster—age 90 have done our last Sunday Collection as a team. I will continue to count with Blaine and Lorraine Ferrara. Gerard was able to secure a team to replace my team. There is a mixture of new and experienced on this team. So there will still be four collection counting teams, counting every two Sundays.

Gerard will be overlooking the Collection Counting until a replacement is found. I have also stated I will help out until a new person is in place.

Thank you to all the parishioners who volunteered to help with the collection counting duties. Also thank you to Finance Council, Rita and Martin for all their help. It has been a privilege to serve on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Andruschak

Personnel Committee Report

The committee continued its work throughout the past year, and the following accomplishments were achieved:

- ◆ A finalized job description was reviewed and formally approved by Martin, the committee members, and Father Carlos, reflecting the hybrid nature of the Parish Administrative Assistant/Pastoral Assistant position.
- ◆ In collaboration with Martin, objectives and goals for 2025 were established.
- ◆ Working with the Chair of the Finance Council, a job posting was developed for the Bookkeeper position, with a closing date of Friday, February 27. This recruitment process will continue in 2026.

The parish is presently supported by the following employees:

- ◆ Deacon Martin Kondziewski – Administrative & Pastoral Assistant
- ◆ Rita Gareau – Bookkeeper
- ◆ Jacob Antony – Caretaker

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, we extend our sincere appreciation to Martin, Rita, and Jacob for their dedication, commitment, and valuable contributions to the parish community.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Genert, Co-Chair
Ron Adams, Co-Chair
Personnel Committee

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

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

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 cleaning of the church and contents.

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

- ◆ At the condo bathroom repair, checking furnace and cleanup of the outside area at back of condo (thanks Ray).
- ◆ Continued inspection and maintenance of furnaces, boiler, water, sewer, alarm systems. Extra work to repair the operation of the furnace at the Douglas Ave entrance of the church.
- ◆ Replaced the door lock on Gerein Center entrance door plus repairs to door lock to office and the side door.
- ◆ Cleanup and trimming of the grounds around the church.
- ◆ Preparations to do some major asphalt work in the front parking lot and around the church in the spring of 2026.
- ◆ A new snow clearing company was signed up in November resulting in some issues that have been addressed.

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 welcoming place to come and worship. To all dedicated volunteers who go that extra mile in maintaining flowers and plants, snow clearing the front and back entrances for weekend masses, to Brad Holmes 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 plus cleaning of the condo. 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 Church staff, members of CWL, K of C and Pastoral/Finance Councils, thank you for helping to keep Holy Cross Parish a viable community that we can be proud of 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?**

Respectfully submitted,
Building and Grounds Committee
Wayne, Garry, Ray and Gerard

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

Our goal was **\$27,692.00** (this goal is assigned to us by the Archdiocese)

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- ◆ By October 31, 2025, we had **\$2,200.00** – 8% of the goal
- ◆ By November 30, 2025, we had **\$14,875.00** – 53.7% of the goal
- ◆ On December 31, 2025, the grand total was **\$21,375.00** – 77.2% of the goal

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

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

GOAL	
	27,692.00
Dec 31, 2025	
77.2%	21,375.00
Nov 30, 2025	
53.7%	14,875.00
Oct 31, 2025	
8.0%	2,200.00

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Gareau, Bookkeeper

2025 Archbishop's Appeal Update

Total Goal – **\$1,400,000.00**

Total Donated – **\$966,097.49**

% of Goal – 69%

Condo Representative Report

The Holy Cross Parish condo/rectory at 327 20th Avenue E. is now 35 years old! While it has served us well over those years, it is in need of some updating, repairs and renovation. The past year saw the shingles replaced and the bathroom refurbished. The deck area garden and vegetation was also cleaned up. Yard maintenance will have to continue to be an annual task. A special thank you goes out to Ray Fenrick for his outstanding landscaping skills!

Gutters and eaves will be replaced this spring and drainage will be upgraded and improved. These costs are covered by the condo association. We, however, must develop a plan to upgrade and replace old windows, exterior doors and flooring this spring, so needed changes and updates can be scheduled and budgeted.

The basic building is in good condition and with some minor improvements, the condo should be able to serve the parish for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Bresciani
Holy Cross Finance Council
Condo Representative

Catholic Women's League Report



Holy Cross Catholic Women's League received its charter in May 1961 and since then has continued serving the Parish in many ways. Members serve as sacristans, altar servers, greeters, assist in parish fundraising events, serve on Pastoral Council, serve funeral lunches, sing in regular and funeral choirs, and take communion to shut-ins. Membership currently totals 45 ladies.

The CWL continued its practice of giving personal gifts donated by members to the Marian Centre staff at our Christmas Social. Muffins were baked and collected monthly for Sacred Heart School for their breakfast program. Pill bottles were collected for Carmichael Outreach for use as shampoo and body wash containers in their client showers.

We gave support to a trade show in May and the Christmas Market organized as fundraisers for the CWL by Melanie and Megan Fenrick. They have plans for more shows in 2026. We continue our sponsorship of Chelsea from the Philippines under the Chalice program as she continues her education at college to become a lawyer.

A monetary request was answered for St. Faustina School to help provide Christmas hampers and individual gifts for their students with multiple health issues. The CWL \$500 scholarship for high school students continuing their education went to Ingrid Heerspink, daughter of Kristy White and granddaughter of Dorothy White. In addition to those, we supported these individual projects: Praise in the Park, the "Abraham" project, Beckie Giesbrecht's Cuernavaca Mission, the St. Therese Institute in Bruno, Cathleen Devraj's Miraculous Medals project, and Mary's Meals which will become a regular project we will be supporting.

With the help of donations from Dollar-a-Month, baking and cabbage roll sales, funeral lunches, trade shows, and a share in proceeds from the Poor Man's Supper, we were able to provide **\$ 9,180** of financial support to the following, including those already mentioned above:

- ◆ Champion College, Catholic Health Association, Chili for Children, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, Holy Cross Parish, Leader Post Christmas Cheer Fund, Marian Centre, Regina Pro-Life, Rooted Connections (formerly Catholic Family Services), Santa Maria, Sask Pro-Life, Telemiracle, Visitation House.

Recognition for 40 years of service in the CWL was awarded to Sandra Morris and, posthumously, to Dorothy White. Doris Herauf received the award for 65 years of service. Lastly, the Maple Leaf Service Pin was awarded to Marilyn Lorencz and Helen Herauf.

Next year will be the 65th anniversary of the founding of Holy Cross CWL. It will be a celebration.

Thanks to all the ladies of the Parish who have contributed in any way, working or donating or participating, to make the charitable purpose of Holy Cross CWL achievable.

New members are most welcome and are invited to join us in our service for "God and Country". Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the months of October to December and February to June.

Respectfully submitted
Loretta Jelinski
President

Knights of Columbus Report



Msgr. Gerein Knights of Columbus Council #9849, which currently has 49 members, continues to be active in our Parish and local community.

The Council held 7 Pancake Breakfasts in the 2024-25 Columbian Year. These were well received, with a total attendance of 401 and total net earnings of \$1,886. This enabled the Council to make annual donations to numerous charities, as well as other special causes, including: ALS (\$100), Marian Centre (\$100), Visitation House (\$100), Praise in the Park (\$100), Clergy Appreciation (Friar's Fund) (\$100), Wildlife Fire Relief Fund (\$200), Immigrant Education Support (\$200), Pro-Life Annual Banquet (\$70) and Parishioner support to Mexico (\$200), to name a few.

Other major fundraising efforts included sale of Shamrocks, K of C Cash Calendars, K of C Charity Appeal tickets and SK Roughrider Football Pool tickets. The sale of the Shamrocks provided for a \$200 Council donation to Camp Monahan. The sale of the Cash Calendars provided financial support of \$250 to 3 designated charities: Holy Cross Parish, Santa Maria Senior Citizens Home and SK K of C Charitable Foundation Endowment Fund. From the K of C Charity Appeal the Council rebate of \$425 was donated to Holy Cross Parish. And, from the Football Pool tickets sales donations were designated to: Camp Monahan (\$280), Special Olympics (\$280), K of C Indoor Games (\$280), Santa Maria Senior Citizens Home (\$555) and Holy Cross Parish (\$1,860).

Further to the above, our Council also supported the SK K of C Charitable Foundation "Coats for Kids" program by purchasing \$400 worth of boy's and girl's winter jackets. These jackets were donated to the St. Augustine Community School.

Another significant event that the Knights are proud of is the Knights of Columbus Carol Festival. This was the 3rd year of this Christmas event which was held at the Knox-Metropolitan Church. Our Council donated \$200 to this event and provided several volunteers during the festival. It was the most successful year thus far as a total of over **\$14,000** was received in donations, which resulted in **\$10,760** net. These funds were distributed among the four designated charities of the festival: Chili For Children, Access Communications Children's Fund, Charmichael Outreach and the K of C Charitable Foundation Coats for Kids Program.

During the Lent and Advent season, our Council held clothing and food drives. The donations from these activities were provided to the Marian Centre, Visitation House and Salvation Army. Our Council is very pleased to support the needs of the community and is especially appreciative of the contributions made by parishioners, friends and Brother Knights who so generously give to these great causes.

Another major activity during Lent is our Council hosting the Poor Man's Supper. Brother Knights, CWL members and parishioners prepare soup and sandwiches for these Friday evening services of light suppers, as well as contribute to the Stations of the Cross and Mass during Lent. In 2025, a total of 301 attended the suppers and donated **\$1,743**. The donations from the suppers are equally distributed between the CWL and the Knights in support of numerous CWL and K of C charities.

At our Parish, the Knights assist with Mass ministries every 5th Sunday (or Saturday equivalent) in those months with five Sundays. The Knights are very diligent each weekend with Sunday collection and a few assist with collection counting. Furthermore, many Knights from our Council assist with other ministries at regular Saturday/Sunday and Weekday masses.

It is important to note that over the past year our Council donated a total of **\$8,028** to charities and special causes. In addition, our members provided around 1,200 hours of volunteer services at our Parish and in the community.

Our Council is very fortunate to have many committed Knights for which we are very grateful. Also, none of our Council's charity activities would be possible without the tremendous support of the Holy Cross parishioners. THANK YOU!

Respectfully submitted,
Knights of Columbus Gerein Council #9859

Parish Statistics

Year	Baptisms	Marriages	Deaths	Registered Families	Active Contributing Families
2025	1	1	10	287	152
2024	2	2	10	250	144
2023	2	1	7	327	160
2022	1	0	14	313	151
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	-

Administrative Assistant's Report

This year has brought some interesting activities to my roles at Holy Cross Parish. Here are the major ones:

Administrative Assistant Work

Bulletins

My thanks again to Joyce Murphy She continues to do the layout on our weekly bulletins. She still finds this to be fun and continues to explore different ways of keeping the document fresh. We have a big challenge this year. As of October 2026, the Microsoft Publisher program will no longer be supported. We have been exploring freeware publishing programs. We will need to transpose documents we wish to use as templates to the new format before the end of October.

Mass Intentions

The Mass intentions record keeping form has been modified to better track when requests are taken, by whom and when stipends have been submitted. Father now receives his stipends weekly, rather than at the end of the month. This means cash is no longer kept for extended periods.

New Holy Cross Website

Our website went down this past summer. A web committee, lead by Brigitte Leibel, explored what was available as a replacement. Elise Paquin has been our web designer and builder. Our thanks to all the committee members. Elise has been updating the web site regularly. I have access to make changes but right now I just supply the weekly bulletin and any other information requested.

Combining Office and Pastoral Assistant workspaces

The former pastoral office has been converted into a bedroom. The instructional materials have been put in storage in the archive room. I have been slowly incorporating pastoral materials within the main office space, while purging older files, refiling and storing files and materials that are still relevant.

Other tasks

Assembling an Emergency manual: This document is being produced to contain the most important information, procedures and history of the office administrative job.

Job Descriptions: Working with the Personnel Committee the current job descriptions for both pastoral assistant and administrative assistant jobs are being updated. This year we are also setting up goals and objectives for the upcoming year

Microsoft Excel Training Online This will be finished by the end of March.

Requests for Baptism Certificates and Marriage certificates: There has been an uptick on both of these. The baptism certificates are requested on behalf of individuals to assist in gaining entrance into Catholic schools. Marriage certificate requests come from married women who have taken their husband's name and require them as proof of relationship so they can apply for their pensions.

Pastoral Assistant's Report

Pastoral Assistant Work

A major project came to me in the way of mentoring of the Pastoral Assistant (for Sacramental Prep) at Holy Child parish.

Marcos de Santos was hired in August of 2025 for the above position at Holy Child. Fr. Amedee Ainemon, who is responsible for placing priests within the archdiocese, temporarily took over Holy Child when the parish came to be without a priest, he approached Fr Carlos to have me assist with mentoring Marco. I have been instructing Marco for up to two days a week providing what he will need to instruct sacramental prep and related file keeping. Marco also received instruction from Deacon Eric Gurash and Joaquin Labios of Christ the King. At Holy Child he is working with Robert Barr, the catechist for the Archdiocese. They have 30 children this year.

Ministry at Qu'Appelle House: Qu'Appelle House is an Anglican retirement home on College Avenue. They approached us last summer looking for lay services and communion. The last time they had this ministry was in 2022 under Fr. Gerry Bauche out of St. Mary's. There are 10 or 11 Catholics there now. They receive communion and say the rosary on the second week of the month on Wednesday from Dolores Deis. Fr. Carlos says Mass on the 3rd Saturday of the month. I have a lay service on the first Sunday of each month in the afternoon.

Confirmation and First Eucharist: We have two boys being confirmed at the Easter Vigil (Kelvin Dinh and Beckett Garritty). As English is a challenge for one family I have been working with them separately.

As a Deacon

This year, I have had the honour to serve as the homilist and deacon at several funerals. I also have and will fill in with weekday lay serves as required when Father is unavailable. My wife Marie and I are finishing a year of Marriage Prep on behalf of the Archdiocese. This ministry in on my own time but it is helpful that Fr. Carlos allows us to use Holy Cross' name under which we function.

Thank you to all of you and Fr. Carlos for your ongoing support, prayers and good wishes as I continue to work as your Office and Pastoral Assistant (and sometime deacon).

Respectfully submitted,

Dc. Martin Kondzielewski

The Year of 2025 in pictures



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All parishioners, visitors and all who in one way or another have been a part of/or have supported the Holy Cross Faith Community.

(This document was edited for grammar and punctuation, leaving the flavour and style of the writer intact. Any typos, mistakes or any organizational mishaps in this document are my own.)

Dc. Martin Kondzielewski March 27, 2026