Holy Family Parish Council/Commissions Meeting
Minutes

Date:	**November 13, 2025**
Time:	**6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**
Location:	**St. Mary's Education Center**

Attendees:

Liturgy	Faith Formation	Church/Parish Life	Justice, Peace & Social Action	Stewardship/ Evangelization	Family Life & Vocations
X Barb Simon SM Kim Cranston HT Nicole Slaubaugh SJ	Mary Ruth SM X Valli Ruggiero, HT Angie Goodwin SJ	X Regina Snyder SM Marianne Schlabach HT Cathy Conway SJ	Peggy Bush SM X Sandy Marner HT X Carolyn Rourke SJ	X Dan Snyder SM X Rollin Secrest SJ X John Bush HT	X Jessica Watts SM X Paige Cortum SJ

Lay Directors:

Dee Simon, Lay Director	Junell Duwa, Lay Director

Staff:

X Rev. Benjamin Snyder, Pastor	X Deacon Derick Cranston, Pastoral Associate	
Tami Plank, Financial Secretary	X Jane Duwa, Business Administrator	Angie Goodwin, Youth Minister/DRE

Opening Prayer

Deacon Derick opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of August 21, 2025 minutes for Holy Family Parish Council/Commissions Meeting

Sandy Marner made a motion to the approve the August 21, 2025 minutes for the Holy Family Parish Council/Commissions meeting. Valli Ruggiero seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Approval of agenda

Agenda was approved.

Pastor's Report

Discussion topic: Results of Baptismal Identity Survey

Fr. Ben stated that things have been going well. Have had a lot of youth activities and will continue to have them.

Fr. Ben reported on the key findings from the Baptismal Identity and Lay Ministry survey, noting that only 31% of the lay respondents indicated that their God-given gifts (charisms) were being recognized and actively used in the parish. Furthermore, only 55% of responding clergy felt their own ministerial gifts were fully utilized. The data reveals a significant hesitancy regarding faith sharing. Only 38% of lay respondents expressed confidence in sharing their faith journey, and only 36% felt comfortable sharing their faith with fellow parishioners. Many laity are currently performing essential leadership functions in key areas such as OCIA, sacramental preparation, and liturgical ministries. The survey indicates that existing pastoral practices often fail to resonate meaningfully with the contemporary experience of the faithful.

Discussion – on how to get more people involved; Bible study – sharing your faith journey; have more events to get more people to come; where we could get people to help with projects and the need to do more activities were all discussed.

Commission Updates

Stewardship/Evangelization Commission

Faith Formation Commission

Liturgy Commission

Church/Parish Life Commission

Justice, Peace, Social Action Commission

Family Life and Vocations Commission

Finance

ADA 2025-2026

Goal - $55,942.00

Total Pledged - $34,267.00

Upon This Rock

Soft Campaign

$88,997.50

Cemetery

Next Meeting

February 5, 2026 at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Education Center.

Closing Prayer

Fr. Ben closed the meeting with a prayer.

Liturgy Commission:

- Barb, Kim & Nicole met with Fr. Ben to discuss upcoming Liturgical events for the rest of the year
- It was agreed to set up Ofrenda altars, have the Book of the Dead during November with no special All Souls Day event since it falls on Sunday.
- We will set up Advent wreathes and have a family light candles each week.
- Some decorating for Christmas can be done for the Faith Formation Christmas programs
- Christmas Mass schedule for each church will be same as before
- All servers wishing to process Christmas Eve will be at St. Mary's
- Choir, cantors, musicians and ways to best use them was discussed
- Father also asked each church to give him a list of lectors and eucharistic ministers

Faith Formation Commission:

- K-8th Religious Education
- Catholic Extension Grant
- VBS
- Youth Group

Church/Parish Life Commission:

- Fall dinners are all over
- Christmas programs are coming up and we will help with bringing cookies
- Next January 2026, we will have a soup supper at St. Mary's & at St. Joseph's in March
- Other events will be scheduled for February and there after

Justice, Peace & Social Action Commission:

- Current Projects
- Rosary Project
    - We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the PLC in Richmond
        - We have distributed 2500+ rosaries. These are being distributed to members of our parish, in the states and overseas.
    - Veteran's Day – Patriotic Rosary – November 11th
    - Thanksgiving Community Dinner – We have started preparation and promoting the dinner. Last year we served 365 people and had $4,269 in donations which we provided back to local organizations helping local families. We are taking reservations now, but are roughly planning for 450 this year.
    - HACAP Christmas Toy Drive – The Angel Tree will be put up on November 19th and we will take these donations through the weekend of December 13/14th. They will be delivered to HACAP on December 15th and families arrive on December 16th and 17th
    - We are keeping in close contact to our Food Pantries and local organizations which are helping families due to the issues with the SNAP benefits. Even if the payments are released, the costs of groceries are increasing, which keeps these families at risk.
    - We will continue to meet monthly during our rosary project.

Stewardship/Evangelization Commission:

- The weekend of the 15th we promoted the KMHV radio station to increase awareness and encourage parishioners to listen and participate in our mailing list for an upcoming fundraising dinner next year. We are also looking for ways to promote to other local parishes within the coverage area.
- We are continuing to look for ways to promote the Divine Merch chaplet.
- As discussed months ago, we're looking for opportunities to promote each of the commissions. Previously, we talked about promoting liturgy but decided to wait for Fr. Ben to get settled into the parish. Open for direction here.

Family Life & Vocations Commissions:

- Trunk or Treat in Riverside was successful with over 200 kids. Many kids taking Saint prayer cards as well as candy. Fr. Ben, Dan & Gina Snyder ran the booth. We will look at including Wellman's Trunk or Treat as well next year. Possibly handing out kids rosaries.
- Refreshing kids activity basket and bags at back of church. May include small basket with items at St. Joseph's.
- Coming up with ideas on ways to connect families. Maybe do a meet and greet, game night, or mom's night out.