



# 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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## Greetings fellow parishioners!

Over the past year and a bit, we have strived to guide our Parish in everyday affairs. We have been very blessed by the support and deep spirituality of our wonderful Father Chris, the inspirational words of our Deacon Gilles, as well as the assistance by Father JoJo at the weekday Masses! It has become so clear to us that the Lord, with the intercession of Our Lady, has blessed this Parish MOST abundantly - with the truly generous, joyful, and loving parishioners who step up to serve, in both big and small ways, according to their ability and life situation. Many come to Holy Cross because of the deep spirituality they find in the Liturgy and Worship here. We have much to be hopeful for with parish restructuring and renovations of our beautiful church leading us to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coming in five years!!

The past 18 months have seen much change here at Holy Cross Parish. While we have been without a full time pastor we have not been without the considerable resources of our faith filled staff, parishioners and volunteers. Make no mistake, the presence of Christ and the fire of the Spirit are seen and felt in every corner of this building. From the choir loft to the youth room, the food bank pantry to the Atrium, we are abustle with faith formation, fun, fellowship and worship.

Much time and effort has been spent over the past 18 months on the renewal and rejuvenation of our pastoral and administrative leadership. In accordance with diocesan guidelines we have formed a board of administration which oversees all financial decisions. We have spent much time putting in place policies and protocols to aid in our efforts to be responsible stewards of the monies so generously given by our parishioners.

The implementation of a more structured pastoral council and administration board has allowed us to share the work load and involve more people in the design and delivery of our pastoral works. We have a great group of people on pastoral council and an equally wonderful group on the administration / finance board. With all these new people come new ideas; as such, we have been able to offer many new opportunities for worship, learning, fun and fellowship. We are confident that there is much more to come.

One of the first committees to be formed when we began our pastoral renewal, was the social committee – the thought being that when we bring people together they connect with each other and with their faith community. The committee hit the ground running with a slate of social activities designed to appeal to all parishioners. We have had a myriad of firsts, things never done before in this parish – 2 paint parties, monthly movie nights, game nights, card making parties and a fantastic bingo bowl. We have certainly proven that we are as good at socializing as we are at worshipping. The social committee has certainly proven to be an extremely worthwhile addition to our pastoral team.

Our Evangelization Team has delivered some unbelievable programs for faith formation and fellowship that were extremely well organized and well attended. They have run a book study, Theology of the Body 1 and 2, a parish mission facilitated by an unbelievably dynamic and knowledgeable speaker and a much anticipated series of Hot Button Topics – what an incredible gift these were to our parish. We are truly blessed to have such enthusiastic and capable people at the helm of our numerous committees.

Our Atrium programs, sacramental preparation, family adoration and Sunday children's liturgy continue to provide opportunities for our young children and their families to grow in their love of the Lord and knowledge of their faith – the future is indeed looking bright as many of the children who have come through these programs are now investing their time and talents in our parish as altar servers, musicians, greeters, and ushers. What a blessing!

Our Liturgy Committee has been very active in our parish and in addition to our Sunday masses, they continue to provide a wonderful atmosphere at all our worship services. It has certainly been an eye opener for us to see the amount of work that goes into planning each and every liturgical celebration. All those many tasks that go unnoticed until they are not done – care of the sacred vessels and linens, ordering of sacramental wine, hosts and candles, cleaning and pressing of priestly vestments and albs, and of course the decorating of our church for each liturgical celebration – it is always beautifully done and is truly a labour of love for members of our liturgy committee.

We are blessed to have a unique dynamic here at Holy Cross. We are a parish of less than 200 families and yet we support 4 Sunday masses, daily mass, a perpetual adoration chapel, a Medjugorje prayer group, Women's fellowship, an active and growing youth group, Catholic Women's League, family Adoration, Soldiers of Christ Healing Ministry, a weekly Food Bank that has been run by this Parish for more than 28 years, the Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer Group, a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, an Association of Friends of the Holy Eucharist, a Honduras Mission Circle, an RCIA Program, a thriving music ministry at each of our masses, a weekly pot luck after our 12:00 mass, baptismal and marriage prep teams, and a very successful potluck after our Feast of the Holy Cross procession.

We offer a yearly Corpus Christi procession; we host 2 Christmas breakfasts that feed over 200 needy people from our community; we run bake, rummage and craft sales; our dear ladies make and sell meat pies; they raise thousands of dollars hosting concerts and silent auctions. And the jewel in our crown this past year, a Fatima 100 Procession that was attended by more than 600 people from across the city. We are indeed moved by the spirit here at Holy Cross and we will continue to be so because it is who we are.

As the Grace of God rains down, we are not without our challenges as we look for ways to increase our revenue and our congregation, maintain our staff and our pastoral work, as well as meet the demands of an aging building. We are blessed to have a beautiful church in the heart of St. Boniface - but it does come at a price. An old and historic building, while beautiful for our many worship services, is very costly to heat, to cool and to repair when things break. This building is only going to get older and will continue to cost us in upkeep. We are blessed to have Joe Savoie, our building committee chair, and jack of all trades, who saves us thousands of dollars a year running over to fix broken steam pipes, plugged toilets, malfunctioning dishwashers, broken microphones, leaking windows and crumbling walls.

In reflecting on the past 18 months we are aware of how blessed we are to be a part of this great parish, working side by side with such beautiful and faithful people. We are proud of what we have accomplished and we are hopeful and encouraged when contemplating our future.

There is more to be done – as there always is. We have a kitchen to build as well as church walls and stairs to repair. We have plans for more social, evangelization and worship opportunities – opportunities to shine the light of Christ within our parish and our faith community. We need a care committee here at Holy Cross; a group that will assist our parish in looking after the needs of our brothers and sisters who require our love and support in both difficult and joyous times. We want to get better at communicating with our faithful; better at answering the call to meet the various needs of all our parishioners.

And we will do this! With the support of those who storm Heaven daily on our behalf, we will continue to be a beacon of hope and a path to Christ for all who walk through our doors.

May God continue to bless and sustain this parish and its wonderful people!

Thank you to all of you!

*John Scatliff and Sheila Cornick, your Co-Parish Life Directors*

HOLY CROSS PARISH

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL RESULTS

	2016	2017	2018
	Actual	Actual	Budget
Income			
Sunday Offerings	255,880	250,940	245,000
Baptisms, Funerals & Weddings	5,150	5,235	5,500
Bequeaths	20,000		27,397
Donations (Building, Stairs Project, Food Depot, Groups, Individuals, Adoration Chapel)	81,769	76,473	71,000
Donations (Kitchen/Hall Renovation)	7,508	72,788	
National Collections (Archdiocese - In and out)	14,044	5,920	5,000
Other Income (Programs)	14,385	18,287	14,923
Fundraising & Grant Income	8,675	5,433	5,170
Interest Income, Rent & Insurance Recovered	30,204	43,532	34,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>437,615</b>	<b>478,608</b>	<b>407,990</b>

Archdiocese of St. Boniface (Tax on Sunday Offerings & Individual Dona-

tions)	63,380	61,266	59,880
National Collections (Archdiocese - In and out)	14,044	5,920	5,000
Baptisms, Funerals & Weddings	1,566	1,921	2,000
Furniture & Equipment	8,922	2,100	
Major Improvements/Repairs	28,287	8,188	
Operating Expenses	71,202	54,663	59,950
Property Insurance, Property Tax, Interest	18,291	17,840	19,400
Utilities (Heat, Hydro, Phone, Cable, Internet, Water)	27,423	25,582	27,300
Payroll Expense	214,676	194,478	184,460
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>447,790</b>	<b>371,959</b>	<b>357,990</b>

Loss/Profit

	-10,176	106,649	50,000
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Monies sent from or not included in HCP Operating Account

Sent to Kitchen/Hall Capital Trust Account held at Archdiocese	-19,760	-83,520	
Interest on Trust Accounts deposited back into Trusts at Archdiocese	-1,346	-1,932	-2,000
Loan Payments to St. Boniface Parish Fund-Operating Loan (not included in expenses above)	-12,500	-12,000	-23,700

Loss/Profit

	-33,606	9,197	24,300
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**SUMMARY OF YEARLY OFFERINGS BY RANGE  
(FOR GIVING YEAR: 2017)**

Print Date: 04/19/2018

Yearly Givings	# of Givers	Amount Given	% of Total Givers	% of Total Amount
\$0.00 - \$50.00	137	\$3,102.30	26.44	0.98
\$50.01 - \$100.00	63	\$4,991.00	12.16	1.57
\$100.01 - \$200.00	60	\$9,600.00	11.58	3.02
\$200.01 - \$500.00	84	\$28,508.78	16.21	8.97
\$500.01 - \$1000.00	85	\$62,208.75	16.40	19.56
\$1000.01 - \$5000.00	85	\$172,974.13	16.40	54.40
\$5000.01 - \$10000.00	3	\$17,650.00	0.57	5.55
>\$10000.00	1	\$18,940.00	0.19	5.96

**Grand Totals:** 518 \$317,974.96 100 100

**Average Yearly Giving Per Person:** \$613.85

**(FOR GIVING YEAR: 2016)**

Print Date: 04/19/2018

Yearly Givings	# of Givers	Amount Given	% of Total Givers	% of Total Amount
\$0.00 - \$50.00	262	\$4,841.75	40.43	1.35
\$50.01 - \$100.00	57	\$4,654.12	8.79	1.30
\$100.01 - \$200.00	56	\$8,512.29	8.64	2.38
\$200.01 - \$500.00	100	\$34,823.70	15.43	9.74
\$500.01 - \$1000.00	79	\$56,171.94	12.19	15.71
\$1000.01 - \$5000.00	86	\$171,319.46	13.27	47.91
\$5000.01 - \$10000.00	6	\$40,970.00	0.92	11.46
>\$10000.00	2	\$36,275.00	0.30	10.14

**Grand Totals:** 648 \$357,568.26 100 100

**Average Yearly Giving Per Person:** \$551.80

**(FOR GIVING YEAR: 2015)**

Print Date: 03/20/2018

Yearly Givings	# of Givers	Amount Given	% of Total Givers	% of Total Amount
\$0.00 - \$50.00	327	\$7,764.83	42.30	2.20
\$50.01 - \$100.00	99	\$8,257.00	12.80	2.34
\$100.01 - \$200.00	72	\$10,993.69	9.31	3.12
\$200.01 - \$500.00	104	\$35,602.79	13.45	10.10
\$500.01 - \$1000.00	77	\$56,113.98	9.96	15.92
\$1000.01 - \$5000.00	89	\$177,530.37	11.51	50.35
\$5000.01 - \$10000.00	3	\$16,841.50	0.38	4.78
>\$10000.00	2	\$39,465.00	0.25	11.19

**Grand Totals:** 773 \$352,569.16 100 100

**Average Yearly Giving Per Person:** \$456.10

# HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

## Pastoral Council Members

Nancy Savoie – Pastoral Council Chair  
Pam Murphy – Social Committee Chair  
Marianne Savard – Evangelization Committee Chair  
Sister Bibiana Ikwun – Youth Catechetics  
Gilles Urquhart – Adult Catechetics  
Carla Gervais – Liturgy Committee Chair  
Carla Fleming – Care Committee Chair  
Roy Oakley – Member at Large  
Theoneste Semanyenzi – Member at Large  
Bryan Burvil – Knights of Columbus  
Sharon Kennedy – Catholic Women's League  
Catherine Chura – Pastoral Council Secretary

## Administration / Finance Board

Joanne Mercier – Administration Board Chair  
Dwayne Marling – Administration Board Vice Chair  
Jamie Moses – Administration Board Treasurer  
Joe Savoie – Building Committee Chair  
Jackie Komadowski – Administration Board Member

## BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

### Capital Projects Approved for the Year 2018

- Rebuilding of stone stairs
- Completion of retaining wall and landscaping
- Multi-purpose room – completion of wall repairs
- Boiler repairs and upgrades

### Additional PROPOSED Capital Projects

(Subject to Approval and Available Funds) - in no particular order

- Exterior of church masonry and tuck pointing repairs.
- Adoration Chapel upgrades: carpeting, electrical, entrance and washroom heat, air exchange unit, lighting, etc.
- Kitchen, bathroom, hall and entrance renovation
- Confessionals
- Statue of Mary repairs/replace and or upgrades
- Parking lot repairs, resurfacing
- Boiler overhaul
- Bell tower/electronic bells

Please keep in mind there are many smaller projects. Some of these projects are underway and require completion while others have yet to be started.