

Combined Finance Council Meeting Minutes
Holy Cross - St. Michael - St. Mary of the Valley
May 13, 2025 at St. Michael

Staff Present:

Annette Van Dyke, Alicia Ramirez, Veronica Mendez

Finance Council Members Present:

Holy Cross: Debby Ames, Joan Schmidt

St. Michael: Kerri Foust, Matthew Goldor, Bill Tuckett

St. Mary of the Valley: Teresa Lindo

Meeting commenced at 6:35 pm with prayer.

Updates

- Fr. Jay's health – he needs daily shots this week to boost his immune system. Please keep him in your prayers.
- The Annual Catholic Appeal is under way, but pledges are coming in slowly. There will be another big push from the pulpit this weekend.
- Parishes are moving forward with the building projects:
 - St. Michael is ready to move ahead with a capital campaign for the classroom additions
 - St. Mary of the Valley expects to begin work on their new roof by October or November
 - Holy Cross is ready to start designing their parking lot addition.
- Staff Changes:
 - St. Mary of the Valley lost their Admin Assistant and that position will not be replaced. St. Carmen, PAFF, has been recalled by her order effective June 30, so a search is underway for her replacement.
 - Holy Cross is still looking for a Piano Accompanist. They will be without one after May.
- The Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC) has been working on the One Parish Plan tasks. The Archdiocese has provided survey templates and the Council is planning the distribution to parishioners.
- This is the last meeting for the combined Finance Council until September 9, but parishes may want to meet separately before the end of the fiscal year.

Parish Finance Councils

- The Council broke into their separate parish Finance Councils to review April financials and review/approve their budgets for the next fiscal year.

Holy Cross Parish Financial Highlights

- Offerings for April were 8.5% above projections. For the year so far, offerings are 1.1% over budget.
- Building fund revenue was 14.7% above projections for April; we are 17% above projections for the year so far.
- We received the March Annual Appeal rebate in April for a total of \$18,384 so far.
- Income for April was 18.4% above projections. The total income for the year ending in April was 17.4% over budget projections.
- Total expenses in April were lower than budgeted and net income was \$206,724.

Holy Cross Outreach Financial Highlights

- Offerings in April were 39% above projections due to a large donation.
- Outreach received a \$500 Rice Bowl Garden Grant.
- There was a lot of need for Utilities Assistance in April. Due to the surplus in income, Outreach was able to make a generous grant to keep a client's power from being shut off.
- Extra food purchases totaled \$1,223.
- Net Income for the fiscal year so far was \$14,120.

Outreach stats for April:

- 131 bags of groceries given out
- 126 cars came to Outreach
- 97 clients received assistance with utility bills, with the average amount being \$62.13.
- No rental assistance was given

Holy Cross Budget

- The Finance Council approved the budget for the upcoming fiscal year 2025-26.

Closing

- The Finance Councils gathered for closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Next combined meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2025 at St. Michael's.

*Submitted by Annette Van Dyke
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