

Announcement!

Mark Your Calendar!

The Diocese of Cleveland
has scheduled a

Town Hall Meeting

for the parishes of
Holy Cross and
St. Christine
at Holy Cross Church
on Tuesday,

October 20, at 7:00 pm

This is a very important
meeting and all are
encouraged to attend.

This meeting will
include discussion about
the qualities desired in a
pastor.



Holy Cross/St. Christine Merger News

Merger Transition Team and Joint Parish Council Meetings

This has been a busy meeting week! The Merger Transition Team met on Monday evening and Parish Councils from both Holy Cross and St. Christine Churches met on Tuesday evening.

The meetings went well and all are pleased with the progress being made by our subcommittees.

This newsletter includes subcommittee updates and along with some new cluster news.

On Wednesday, August 19, all of the Euclid Cluster Teams met for the first time since we received our letters from the Bishop. We talk about what has been happening in our individual parishes as well as reviewing some of the general cluster suggestions that were included in our proposal to the Bishop.



Education & Faith Formation

After a fairly quiet summer, things have really picked up!

PSR at St. Christine's and Generations of Faith at Holy Cross will begin again in September. The theme for Generations of Faith this year is "Building a Better Sunday". Dates and topics will be announced shortly.

Coffee and Conversation will also begin in September.

This program is expanding to include a 7:00 p.m. evening session at St. Christine's as well as the 9:45 a.m. morning session at Holy Cross. Topics will be the same at both sites. The dates and topics are as follows:

- Sept. 15/16: New Parish Name
- Sept. 22/23: History and Traditions
- Sept. 29/30: The New Leadership
- Oct. 6/7: Our Designer Parish

Attend whichever session is more convenient for you! All are welcome.

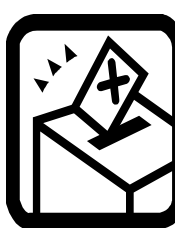


Naming Committee

The Naming Committee has developed a process for suggesting a name for the new parish and have developed a rough time line.

Soon after Labor Day, a Suggestion Form will be placed in the bulletins at both parishes. Parishioners are encouraged to submit suggestions.

In the beginning of October the Naming Committee will organize all of the suggested names into a list. Parishioners will be able to select 3 names to place on the final ballot.



After the names have been selected, a ballot with 6-10 names will be developed and placed in the parish bulletins and on websites.

Suggested names will be forwarded to the Bishop. He will have the final decision.

Parish History

The Parish History Committee members have been working hard at both parishes.

Members have been working on researching and outlining parish history. The next step is to create text for the history.

It was suggested that the DVD presentation of the history be arranged as a series of memoirs of individuals who actually recall memories of the parishes.



Welcoming

The Welcoming Committee invited Sr. Kathleen McCafferty to their last meeting. Sr. was very involved in the merger of St. Timothy, St. Henry and St. Catherine Parishes into the new Holy Spirit Parish. She had a lot of suggestions on ways to bring communities together.

She talked about the importance of Social and Prayer events. Having the opportunity to meet each other and interact in social settings is the best way to create community. She suggested that all combined events have combined planning committees.



Sr. suggested that we provide "hospitality tips" as reminders to everyone to be considerate of each other. She also talked about working with children since they tolerate change well and integrate most easily.

She also talked about the importance of changing the environment of the "new" church so it is a little different for everyone and includes things of importance to both parishes.

Social Activities and Parish Life

The Social Activities Committee discussed the creation of a combined calendar. Both parishes will add their events and future events will also be discussed. The Merger Transition Team will follow up on this item at their next meeting.

This group also discussed many of the items discussed at the Welcoming Committee. Because of the nature of many of the Welcoming Committee events, the Social Activities Committee and the Welcoming Committee will have a combined meeting.

Both parishes had their Parish Picnics which were well attended events. Our next big celebrations will be our respective anniversaries. Detailed information will be published at both churches. All are welcome to participate.

On the first Sunday in September, the Genesis group will begin meeting. They meet at 10:30 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month. Adults age 55 and older are welcome!

Parish Ministries and Outreach

The Parish Ministries and Outreach Committee has created a list of all parish ministries with descriptions, challenges, next steps and personnel involved.

Some of the ministries exist at both parishes and will likely continue to exist. Some of the ministries need to be enhanced and expanded. This committee is also looking at the possibility of new ministries that the new parish may initiate.

A flyer entitled "Called to Serve" has been created and will be published in both parishes. This will serve as an invitation to parishioners to become involved in the various ministries.

It was also suggested that a description of each ministry be published in the bulletin so everyone will have a clear understanding of each ministry.

