

Don't miss these celebrations!

July 26, 2009

St. Christine  
Parish Picnic and  
Polka Mass  
11:00 a.m.  
Bishop Edward Pevec

August 16

Holy Cross  
Parish Picnic  
River Grove  
Mass at 1:00 p.m.  
Picnic Follows

September 19

4:00 p.m. Mass  
Holy Cross  
85th Anniversary  
Bishop Anthony Pilla  
Reception to follow

November 14

4:00 p.m. Mass  
St. Christine  
84th Anniversary  
Bishop Roger Gries  
Reception to follow

# Holy Cross/St. Christine Merger News

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## Merger Transition Team

Summer is usually a quiet time in a parish: school is out, many groups take a break during the summer months and parishioners take their summer vacations. This summer, however, is a little bit different!

In the June Merger Newsletter, parishioners were invited to participate on a number of committees that were being formed to help with the merger process. Most of these groups have met at least once over the past month. They have sent their proposals and

ideas to the Merger Transition Team for review. You will be able to read about each committee and their plans in more detail but before we start those reports, we would like to thank everyone that has volunteered to serve on one of these committees.

Parishioners have come together with open hearts and optimistic spirits. It is very encouraging to see the hopeful attitude in those doing this important work!



## Education & Faith Formation

Staff: Sr. Kathleen Flannery  
Members: Jennifer Adams  
Ed Esch  
John Kendel

This group gathered information on how Sacraments and Religious Education were done at each parish. Holy Cross Church offers Generations of Faith, an intergenerational program for their parishioners and St. Christine Church offers a traditional PSR program. These programs will continue as is beginning in the fall.

St. Christine Parishioners will be invited to participate in Generations of Faith, Coffee and Conversation, Scripture Study and the Genesis Book Club currently offered at Holy Cross.

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## Naming Committee

Staff: Danni Hubbard  
Members: Sue Brewer  
Jan Clinton  
Chuck DePenti  
Joellen O'Neill  
Barb Pittman

The Naming Committee has been busy devising a method that will allow all parishioners to participate in the naming process. This will include a period of education so that parishioners will be able to make informed suggestions. A form will be created for suggesting names and a Master list will be compiled.

Parishioners will be able to vote for three names and the top 6—10 names will be placed on the final ballot. The results will be given to the MTT which will submit three suggestions to Bishop Lennon.

## Parish History

Staff: Patty Patterson  
Members: Mary Cooke, Pat Gallon  
Mary Grossman, Joe Petric  
Ed Cvelbar, Mary Gliha  
Jeff Hug, Joellen O'Neill

The Parish History Committee has had several meetings already. They will be working on collecting stories, pictures, etc. from parishioners, producing DVDs for each parish as well as a written histories.

The histories will be from the founding date to the closing date. Parishioners that have resources that they would like to share are encouraged to contact their respective parish office.



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## Welcoming

Staff: Dana Heil  
Members: John Adams, Mary McIntire  
Joe Petric, Marge Selan  
Theresa Banc, Meg Cosgriff  
Chuck DePenti, Myra Jerkic  
Sylvia Profenna

The Welcoming Committee is encouraging parishioners from both parishes to take advantage of the various opportunities to come together at picnics and other celebrations. These gatherings will provide a casual setting where parishioners can visit and get to know each other.

Additionally, this committee is proposing some one-on-one age specific meetings to openly discuss the realities, concerns and hopes of the merger.

Sr. Kathleen McCafferty will share her experience in welcoming members at the new Holy Spirit Parish at the next committee meeting.

## Social Activities and Parish Life

Staff: Rita Testa  
Members: John Adams, Jan Clinton  
Jeannine Horvath, Diane Barhyte  
Myra Jerkic, John Kendel  
Sylvia Profenna

This committee has started off by creating a calendar of the already scheduled events. Both parishes will be having parish picnics, celebrating anniversaries and having other social events. Each parish will invite the other to these events.

This committee is working on developing a calendar of events for the new parish as well as considering other combined events that we could work on together. Some ideas include a Clambake, a Thanksgiving Dinner and a Christmas Carol sing-along.

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Look for updates in the next Newsletter for these committees:

## Parish Ministries and Outreach

Staff: Jerry Vrabel  
Members: Angela Rygalski, Theresa Banc,  
Dan & Mary Borovac  
Julie Fatur, Mary Lynne Kordet  
Karin Ostroske, Dorothy Ivancic,  
Diane Kastelic, Marge Selan

## Liturgy and Worship

Staff: Mike Caraffi & Candice Kraus  
Members: Fran Snitzky, Joe Petric  
Marge Selan

## Finances and Facilities

Staff: Fr. John McNulty, Fr. Edward Smith  
Members: John Kendel, Richard Mott

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If you have questions or comments regarding the merging process and/or these individual groups, please feel free to speak to any of the members listed.