

## Sr Warden's Report August & September 2022

### Formation

There were no formation programs held during August or September. Planning continues for future programming for the fall. We held a Congregational meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup> to plan for a Neighborhood party/Fall event as part of our grand re-opening. Lot's of great ideas were generated and it was wonderful to see and feel the enthusiasm for an event from everyone! It was also great to see a few familiar faces we haven't seen in awhile.

### Visioning Ministry

We finalized the Strategic Plan in August following the July meeting with the congregation. The full Plan was shared with the congregation via an announcement on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, followed by the plan being sent via email and hard copies being available for those who do not receive the email newsletter.

### Mid-Year Pledge Drive

**Renewal!** our mid-year pledge drive ended with two individuals/families who were not able to pledge in December pledging, two individuals/families increasing their pledge, and two individuals making financial gifts toward the 2022 Operating Fund.

This increased our 2022 pledges by \$9,800 to a total of \$115,929. We're still below our \$185,000 goal for this year and \$67,000 below the amount pledged in 2021 but are so thankful to those who have pledged this year in support of Holy Cross!

### Outreach

Wounded Warriors continues their ministry. All Saints Cemetery Clean-Up is on hiatus. Outreach of the Month for August was Rice and Oil for RefugeeNet.

### Worship

We hired Michael Basista to replace Finley as our AV Tech Assistant, his first Sunday with us was August 21<sup>st</sup>. Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> was our first service at JCo. We had a great first Sunday at our new location. Issues with our sound and livestream system did plague us the first few Sundays. We were unable to livestream at all on August 5<sup>th</sup> due to our video encoder not connecting to the wifi set-up at JCo, Jack was able to find a solution for that issue and we ran several successful test livestreams during the week and were able to livestream the following Sunday. A huge THANK YOU to Jack for the hours upon hours he has spent on this. We had low sound volume on the livestream side for several Sundays following. Jack worked on trying to resolve the issue and Michael once on board actually found the solution!

There were no special services during the months however, we celebrated our patronal feast day, Holy Cross Sunday, with HomeComing Sunday and reached out to all members and friends of Holy Cross, including those we had not seen in awhile, inviting all come home and connect with the Holy Cross community and celebrate being together. We were delighted to see Fr. Edelman

ASA:

August:

- In-person: 25
- Online.church: 3
- YouTube: 4
- EVP: avg 3

September:

- In-person: 24
- Online.church: 4

- YouTube: 7
- EVP: avg 3

**Special Concerns/Issues**

We continue to hold our refugee immigrant in prayer as his appeal was denied.

**Upcoming Special Events/Services**

- Blessing of the Animals – October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- All Saints' Day – November 1<sup>st</sup>, Noon Service
- Good News Festival – December 10<sup>th</sup>
- Bishop's Visit – December 18<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully submitted, Karen Sanchez