



*The Church of the*  
**HOLY FAITH**  
*Established 1863*

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

For the year ended 2023

*The Church's one foundation*

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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# THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAITH

JANUARY 28, 2024

## AGENDA

The Reverend Canon Robin D. Dodge – Rector

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Call to Order by the Rector
- III. Approval of Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting
- IV. Presentation of Nominees for Vestry and Deanery Delegates
- V. Rules of Election and Balloting and the First Ballot – Father Dodge
- VI. Wardens' Report – Mike Morrissey, Sr. Warden; Vann Bynum, Jr. Warden
- VII. Financial Reports
  - a) Financial Overview – Peter Lockyer
  - b) Treasurer's Report for 2023 – Steven Berkshire, Treasurer
  - c) Presentation of 2024 Budget – Charles Rountree
- VIII. Parish Reports – Father Dodge
- IX. Parish Survey Results – Peter Lockyer
- X. The Rector's Charge to the Parish
- XI. Any Other Business
- XII. Closing Prayer and Blessing

Adjournment

**The Church of the Holy Faith**  
**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Palen Hall**  
**Sunday, January 29, 2023**

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**

**•I. Opening Hymn and Prayer**

After the opening hymn, *The Church's One Foundation*, Father Robin led the members present in prayer.

**•II. Call to Order by the Rector**

Fr. Robin then called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

**•III. Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting. *Carried unanimously.*

**•IV. Vestry Presentation of Nominees**

Father Robin recognized the retiring Vestry members Van Swift, Walter Sterling, and Charles Rountree. Retiring Vestry members were presented with a lithograph of Holy Faith by artist Grant MacDonald in appreciation of their service to the parish.

The slate of Vestry nominees was presented: Mike Morrissey, Kaki Grubbs, and Charles Rountree. It was noted that Charles Rountree was eligible for nomination having been appointed to the Vestry in 2022 to fill the unexpired term of Charles Chambers. Fr. Robin called for nominations from the floor and, none being proposed, a motion was made and seconded to close nominations. *Carried unanimously.* Acceptance of the three candidates to the Vestry was moved and seconded. *Carried unanimously.*

Mark Everett and Chris Frenk were presented as nominees for Deanery Delegates. Fr. Robin called for nominations from the floor and, none being proposed, a motion was made and seconded to close nominations. *Carried unanimously.* Acceptance of the candidates as Deanery Delegates was made and seconded. *Carried unanimously.*

**•V. Rules of Election and Balloting and the First Ballot – Fr. Robin**

Since there were no other nominations and candidates were accepted unanimously, Fr. Robin stated it was not necessary to review the rules of election and balloting.

**•VI. Wardens' Reports – Van Swift, Sr. Warden; Vann Bynum, Jr. Warden**

Van Swift, Senior Warden, began her report by expressing her gratitude to the parish for the opportunity and honor to serve as Senior Warden. The parish has rebounded following the challenges of the pandemic and continues to expand ministries and outreach. Van noted the robust participation of parishioners in service to Holy Faith and the community, remarking that Holy Faith stands as a beacon of Christianity in Santa Fe.

Van made special mention of the work of the Women's Guild in planning and executing a successful St Nicholas Bazaar. She also highlighted the work of the Children's Ministry as it continues to expand programs with more children participating in the life of the parish. In addition, Women's Spirituality

draws attendees from throughout the community: preparation for the 2023 program, ‘Deepening Prayer’ led by Mtr Madelynn, is underway.

Van concluded by remarking on the tremendous work Vann Bynum has undertaken as Junior Warden as he navigates the challenges of enhancing and maintaining a 140 year-old facility.

Vann Bynum, Junior Warden, reviewed projects undertaken and completed in 2022 as well as projects scheduled for 2023. Projects undertaken ranged from small to large: from replacing door latches to recarpeting and repainting Conkey House and Palen Hall, installation of air conditioning in the Sanctuary, and wainscoting in the hallway outside the Sacristy. He made special mention of the phenomenal accomplishments of Sarah McCarthy as she strives to enhance the gardens. He concluded by thanking the Vestry, Fr Robin, Mark Childers, and especially Donna Lukas for their support and guidance.

#### **•VII. Financial Reports – Steven Berkshire, Treasurer**

- (a) Steven reported that Holy Faith remains fiscally sound ending 2022 with an overall surplus of \$62K. He expressed his deep appreciation to the congregation for their financial commitment to the ongoing mission and outreach of Holy Faith. Swain & Greico conducted an audit of the financial statements returning a positive review of parish finances and accounting practices. A copy of the audit is available in the church office upon request to review. Steven also noted that the endowment funds, managed by Northern Trust, reported a 13.8% increase in value during 2022. The endowment funds are monitored by the Investment Committee ably led by Peter Lockyer.
- (b) Steven then presented a balanced 2023 budget as approved by the Vestry. He noted that the budget reflects an increase in compensation, no replacement for the Associate Rector after Fr Jim retires, and pledged giving of \$946,924.

#### **•VIII. Parish Reports – Father Dodge**

Fr. Robin encouraged attendees to the meeting to read and review the various reports presented in the Annual Report.

#### **•IX. The Rector’s Charge to the Parish – Father Dodge**

Despite the sorrow and loss experienced during the pandemic, there have been unexpected blessings as well. Things taken for granted in the past have now become more precious, especially the ties that create our beloved faith community. The efforts made to maintain our commitment to each other brought us enhanced streaming opportunities for worship allowing us to participate in worship from around the world. But our common life together is strongest when we are together. That is why the theme for this year’s Stewardship Campaign is “Renewal and Recommitment for 2023”: a recommitment to Holy Faith with the gift of time, talent, and treasure, but especially a recommitment to coming back to Holy Faith to participate in person in the life of the parish.

This year’s stewardship theme was inspired by the personal renewal and recommitment Fr Robin experienced on his three-month sabbatical. He thanked the congregation for allowing him the opportunity to take a sabbatical which included long retreats at three different Benedictine monasteries refreshing his desire to minister to Holy Faith.

Fr Robin thanked the dedicated clergy and staff of Holy Faith for their steady counsel and hard work both during his sabbatical and in their ongoing ministry to the parish. Mtr Lynn, whose ordination was celebrated in June, alongside Fr Jim and Mtr Madelynn provided immeasurable guidance in the spiritual life of Holy Faith. Fr Robin also recognized the dedication of Mark Childers, Donna Lukacs, Ann McVicar, Marcos Castillo, and Rocio Salazar. Looking forward, Lisa Emory has been named Coordinator of Family and Children’s Ministries and will expand on the work she has already accomplished as a volunteer. The service of Fr Jim, retiring in 2023, will be celebrated as we say farewell to him and his wife Andi for their dedicated years of ministry to Holy Faith.

Fr Robin also thanked the Vestry in their efforts ensuring that Holy Faith continued to grow and thrive. Sr Warden Van Swift, who chaired Vestry meetings during Fr Robin's sabbatical, along with Jr Warden Vann Bynum, Treasurer Steven Berkshire, and Secretary Charles Rountree, Mark Everett, Peter Lockyer, Chris Frenk, Ruth Rael, and Walter Sterling worked tirelessly tending to the temporal affairs of the parish. Van Swift, Walter Sterling, and Charles Rountree end their terms on the Vestry this year and their service is deeply appreciated. Remaining Vestry members, along with Fr. Robin, welcome new members Mike Morrissey, Kaki Grubbs, and returning member Charles Rountree to the 2023 Vestry.

In the March Vestry retreat, prayerful consideration was given to how we are stewards of the funds generated from our endowments. While our beautiful (and aging) campus will always require diligent attention, it is our responsibility and privilege to direct funding outside the parish. There is more work to be done in this area but conversations have begun and will continue on how we define Mission and Outreach.

Developing a balanced budget for 2023 has been challenged by slower than normal responses for pledged giving. Concerns about the state of the economy may play a part in this but stewardship is more than a financial issue: it is a spiritual issue. Our common life as parishioners of Holy faith is only strengthened by a renewed commitment to spiritual growth and sacrificial giving. With this in mind, the Rector's charge to the parish in 2023 is:

❖ *That we each renew our faith by coming back to Holy Faith to participate in the worship, the*

*Christian formation, and the various ministries the parish offers;*

❖ *That we each recommit ourselves to Holy Faith by giving of our time, talent, and treasure;*

❖ *That we each reconnect with our Holy Faith community and friends to strengthen this Body of*

*Christ.*

• **X. Any Other Business**

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. *Carried unanimously*

• **XI. Closing Prayer and Blessing**

Father Robin gave the closing prayer and blessing. The Annual Meeting ended at 5:10 PM with the singing of *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Rountree





## Membership, Attendance and Services

<b>Membership</b>		
<b>Baptized Members as of 12/31/2022</b>	<b>787</b>	
<b>Increases in Membership</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>Decreases in Membership</b>	<b>41</b>	
<b>Baptized Members as of 12/31/2023</b>	<b>769</b>	
	<b>Adult Communicants</b> (age 16 and over)	<b>729</b>
	<b>Youth Communicants</b> (under age 16)	<b>40</b>
<b>Average Sunday Attendance for 2023</b>	<b>232</b>	
<b>Sacraments &amp; Services</b>		
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Total Sunday &amp; Saturday Evening Eucharists</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Total Weekday Eucharists</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>Total Private Eucharists</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Daily Offices on Sunday or Saturday Evening</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Daily Offices Held on Weekdays</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>497</b>
<b>Marriages Conducted in 2023</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Burials Conducted in 2023</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Baptisms &amp; Confirmations</b>		
<b>Baptisms 16 years and older</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Baptisms under 16 years of age</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>Confirmations 16 years and older</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Confirmations under 16 years of age</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Received by a Bishop</b>	<b>2</b>	

Many thanks to Alice McSweeney for updating our Register of Church Services!

**RULES FOR THE ELECTION  
OF PERSONS TO THE VESTRY  
AND AS DEANERY/DIOCESAN DELEGATES**

RESOLVED – The rules for the election of persons to the Vestry and as Convention Delegate will be as follows:

1. All votes cast shall be on ballots furnished by the Church.
2. Each ballot must show votes for the exact number of persons specified for that ballot, or that ballot will be considered invalid and shall not be counted.
3. Prayer shall precede each ballot.
4. The procedure for counting the ballots is:
  - a) The retiring Vestry members will count the ballot. One of the counters will serve as teller and will call out the vote on each ballot. The remaining two counters will each record the votes.
  - b) The teller reads the ballot; the counters simultaneously record the count. Each candidate's name is marked on each counter's list as the names are read out.
  - c) The counters' totals are tallied producing the top 3 vote getters.
5. The Teller shall report to the Rector, in writing, after each ballot has been counted and verified, providing the following information.
  - a) The total number of valid ballots cast.
  - b) The number needed for election, being a majority of the number of valid ballots cast.
  - c) The total number of votes received by each nominee.
6. The Rector shall declare as elected any nominee who has received a majority of the number of valid ballots cast.
7. The Rector shall not announce the vote total of any nominee at any time, nor shall the Teller, unless this ruling is overturned by a two-thirds majority of eligible members present.
8. On each succeeding ballot, the candidate with the lowest total of votes shall be dropped from the ballot until all new places have been filled. This entire procedure will apply to both Vestry and Delegate positions.



## **Associate Rector's Report**

**The Reverend Jim Gordon (as updated by Fr. Robin and Mtr. Lynn)**

### **Lay Pastoral Visitors**

Lay Pastoral Visitors reach out to parishioners who are temporarily or permanently homebound. Many of the Visitors are authorized to take Communion to the homebound as well to supplement the visits of the Parish Clergy. Faithful Communion bearers who are part of this joyful ministry include Alice McSweeney, Pam Jones, and Van Swift. Newcomers to the ministry are Rhonda Black and Barry Baltzley.

### **Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

Lay Eucharistic Ministers help distribute the Real Presence of Christ in the consecrated wine. Those who contributed to this ministry through May of last year are Scott and Lynsey Bernard, Rhonda Black, Ken Duran, Walter Sterling, Alice McSweeney, Pam Jones, Van Swift and Mark Childers.

### **Morning, Evening Prayer Presiders**

Among those leading prayer to augment clergy efforts were Marty Buchsbaum, Bunny Huffman, Marcus Parker, Kent and Kaki Grubbs, Alicia Solomon, Mark Childers, and George Case.

### **Sunday Breakfasts**

The Free Spirits kept the tradition of Holy Faith Sunday Breakfasts alive. Rebecca Tobey led the group, ably assisted by Ruth Rael, Jacki Walker, Jody Register, T r se Fayden. Sue Angel, Elaine Coleman, Ann MacVicar, Linda Morsman, Bonnie Hardwick, Susan Weber, Van Swift, Kay Swindell, Clarice Coffey, Phyllis Lehmborg, and Kathleen Orozco.

### **Men of Holy Faith**

This group meets monthly for food, fellowship and lively discussions on timely topics. Among those who participated last year were Dan Green, Steven Shore, Bill Dedmon, Jim Steed, Bill Gahr, Hank Coleman, Marcus Parker, Jim Farrell, Mike Morrissey, Simon Mostert, Marty Buchsbaum, Jim Vaughan, George Case, George Jones, David Smith, Vann Bynum, Jay Thomas, John Schmitt, Dirk Mathis, Ben Allison, Jack Lott, Steven Shore, Preston Stone, Mark Childers, Gary Moran, Jim Gilson, and Joe Mashburn, Fr. Robin, and Fr. Jim. If you would like information about the group, which meets for lunch the third Thursday of the month, contact Fr. Robin.

### **Communications Committee**

The Communications Committee, chaired by Cathy Gronquist, continued to do its work throughout the year to make sure that areas and events of importance to the parish were covered fully, either via the website ([www.holyfaithchurchsf.org](http://www.holyfaithchurchsf.org)), on Facebook, or publication in the "Faithway." Members of the committee are Cathy Gronquist, Marty Buchsbaum, Jim Vaughan, Janet Sanders, Jim Overton, Lora Morton, Mark Childers, Mtr. Lynn, and Fr. Robin.

### **Holy Faith Artist Series**

In 2022, several Holy Faith parishioners who are also artists showcased their talent in Palen Hall between the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. In 2023, artists painters Sally Ritch, Alice McSweeney, Rusty Brunson, and Mari Russell shared their artwork.



### **Associate Rector's Report**

**The Reverend Lynn M. Finnegan**

The year 2023 was a time of renewal of well-loved ministries and the introduction of some wonderful new ones. It was an exciting year of a deep dive into my role as Associate Priest! I am grateful for the many ministry hands that help support and grow our Holy Faith ministries, especially in the areas of Family and Children Ministries under the vision and energy of Lisa Emory (and more recently Sarah Stone), our newly reformulated Mission and Outreach Ministry, and our faithful and caring Faith Family Ministry.

### **The Seasons of Epiphany and Lent**

In Epiphany, I launched my modeling career with the library committee's hugely popular program featuring Phyllis Lemberg's beautifully crafted vestments. I am especially grateful for Phyllis' alteration of a few stoles that I won't trip on!

To kick off Lent, I helped plan a "Shrove Sunday" pancake breakfast hosted by the Family and Children's Ministry and ably assisted by the Hospitality Ministry. Pam Jones brought Mardi Gras decorations and a Dixieland jazz band entertained everyone. Lisa Emory provided fun crafts for the kids.

Holy Faith again participated in the worldwide movement of "Ashes to Go" by providing ashes and prayer at the Santa Fe Plaza and at St. John's College on Ash Wednesday. The day was blustery and cold, but we still offered ashes to quite a few. Pam Jones and Rhonda Black joined in offering ashes, along with a brief service of confession and prayer from the Book of Common Prayer. Thanks to Annie Laurie Coogan for bringing us hot drinks and St. John's College for offering us an indoor location!

A busy Holy Week included the walk to Chimayo. Fr. Jim and I washed feet at the Interfaith Community Shelter in observance of Maundy Thursday. This imitation of Christ's actions the night before he died was welcomed by some and viewed suspiciously by others. We had great conversations while washing feet. Thanks to Pam Jones for accompanying us and keeping the warm water flowing!

### **Faith Family**

Our team of Faith Family volunteers continued faithfully to serve throughout 2023. Faith Family offered pastoral support in many ways: giving rides to medical appointments, church services and other church activities, providing caregiver assistance, writing cards every month, making phone calls, visiting in assisted care facilities, sending Christmas and Easter cards, and generally providing love, care, and support. We took our ministry to St. John's College, where we provided treat bags at Easter (they were gone in a flash) and cookies just before the Winter Break. Approximately fifty rides were provided to medical appointments, thirty-five to church services and other church activities, and sixteen instances of miscellaneous help, including help with caregiving. Many other parishioners' support goes unreported as well.

A team of "Lead Disciples" rotates as the point of contact for the parish each month. During the summer, Alice McSweeney graciously hosted a Faith Family gathering at Los Pinos Ranch in the Pecos, and we gathered as a team in the Fall to review pastoral care practices and discuss ways to improve our ministry. Thank you to Alice McSweeney, Barbara Dedmon, Bonnie Hardwick, Pam Jones, Rhonda Black, Sally Ritch, Frank McCabe and Leslea McCabe, who served as lead disciples and also provided care. My gratitude also goes to the team of support disciples: Anita Pisa, Barry Baltzley, Chris Bynum, Margaret Hubby, Elaine Gere, Dan Green, George Case, Marcus Parker, Kathleen Orozco, Mari Russell, Charlotte Rundell, Van Swift, Ann Wallace, Toni Weiser, Judy White, and Kathleen Croxton.

### **Mission & Outreach**

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of several outreach-minded parishioners, along with Fr. Robin and myself, we have put into place a re-formatted Mission & Outreach Ministry. For years Holy Faith has had a Mission & Outreach committee that manages grant applications and distributes grants. We have expanded this ministry to include an "Outreach Opportunities" subcommittee, which will focus on more "hands on" outreach, such as the Homeless Kits we periodically provide and other ministry opportunities, in addition to serving at the Interfaith Shelter. Newby Herrod stepped up to serve as chair of the Mission & Outreach Ministry. Kent Grubbs serves as chair of the Grants Subcommittee and Pam Jones and Janet Russo serve as co-chairs of the Outreach Opportunities Subcommittee. Others involved are Phyllis Lehmborg, Pat Rehorn, Eleanor Ortiz, Karen Gahr, and Brenda Shears working on grants, and Annie Laurie Coogan and Kathryn Lowerre helping with Opportunities.

Other outreach activities included ministry to St. John's College and Annie Laurie Coogan and I traveling with a team from St. Bede's Episcopal Church to build a home in Juarez – in the middle of a surprise snow! The Family and Children's Ministry helped with adopting a family in need for Christmas, providing presents, food, and school supplies. We also welcomed "Chaplain Joe" Dudziak, recognized as one of Santa Fe's "Ten Who Made a Difference" in 2023 to speak at our adult forum about his street ministry to the homeless. I was privileged to spend a day riding along with Chaplain Joe to learn more about his ministry. I also enjoyed, along with Alicia Solomon, chaperoning amazing young women from Palestine and Israel in

Santa Fe as part of the Tomorrow's Women program (a nonprofit that is one of our grant recipients).

### **Adult Forums, Lenten Retreat, Miscellaneous**

In 2023, I led forums on the Apocrypha, the Book of Genesis, the Apostle Paul, the gospel of Mark and the poetry of Drew Jackson "God Speaks Through Wombs," poems based on the gospel of Luke. During Lent, I led a one-half day retreat, in conjunction with the Education for Ministry group, entitled "Kenosis: Self Emptying."

In the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost, Holy Faith participated for the first time in the global ecumenical movement, "Thy Kingdom Come," focused on praying for those who do not know Christ. We placed a banner on the front of the church and invited parishioners and passersby to write the names of those to pray for on cards that were tied to the front railing. Hundreds and hundreds of names were added.

In conjunction with our Taizé service, we also introduced a special Dia de Los Muertos service. The congregation processed to Palen Hall where our Ofrenda was displayed. Several shared very moving memories of loved ones who had died. In Advent, we added a "Holy Dark, Holy Light" themed service, focused on acknowledging the feelings of loneliness, depression, and sadness that sometimes accompany the Advent and Christmas season.

Summertime fun included putting together a slide show for Fr. Jim's retirement party, organizing a Holy Faith group that attended an Isotopes game, and joining with Family and Children's Ministry in the pilgrimage-focused summer program "Christians Near and Far." Finally, I worked with the communications ministry and kept our Facebook page current.

### **Family and Children's Ministries**

The year of 2023 was an eventful year for Family and Children's Ministry. As our first full year back on the Holy Faith campus post pandemic, the ministry grew in numbers and in the joy of being assembled in Christ's name.

In January, Lisa Emory joined staff as the Coordinator of Family and Children's Ministries. Sarah Stone joined her in a shared role in November.

Children's Christian formation activities took on new form as even more of our youngest parishioners began to serve at God's altar as acolytes, additional children's chaplains were trained, and Holy Faith began to host Children's Chapel at both the 8:30 am and 11:00 am Masses.

Throughout the year on Sunday mornings, hearts were warmed, as smiles swept across our congregation watching our children process while in a myriad of sweet and comical occurrences transpired.

A “Shrove Sunday Breakfast” was held to escort us into Lent, New Orleans style. Children passed out beads and silver dollar pancakes as a live jazz band played. Festive masks were displayed which were created as home projects. Children learned about the meaning of each of the Mardi Gras colors. Purple-justice, gold- power, and green- faith. As we cleaned up, we formed a dance line. Again, smiles and laughter.

New liturgical banners were made in crisp red and white for the solemn procession on Palm Sunday. Holy Faith children and youth presented the gifts from our parish and once again joined the Cathedral Basilica Children’s Choir to lift voices in praise.

God’s light poured upon our community as our gardens bloomed in perfect harmony with Jesus’s resurrection on Easter morning. Our Easter egg hunt was well enjoyed.

In the summer, we explored our faith by becoming pilgrims in search of God in our world. One Saturday, we learned the meaning of St. James’ scallop shell and mapped pilgrim sites around the world. We rode to Chimayo, NM, where children were happy to find Father Robin and Mother Lynn waiting for them for the next leg of our journey. We followed stone shells imbedded into buildings and pathways to find our way to the Santo Nino Chapel and learned about this local patron saint. We finished our outing together with lunch by the cool river.

On another occasion, we set out on foot to visit our Roman Catholic neighbors at the Cathedral Basilica. We visited their sensory Stations of the Cross garden, ate apricots from trees, and considered the expressive faces of the statues and pondered the events that lead to Jesus’s crucifixion.

Inside the Cathedral, we lit prayer candles and explored things both similar and different than our home church. Mother Lynn, pointed out details as we went and ended the day, back in our chancel for a special meditation.

Also in the summer of 2023, Lisa Emory led Children’s formation at Camp Stoney, assisting Diocesan staff.

As children returned to school schedules in the fall, Family and Children’s ministries held an open house to unveil the re-envisioned multi use ministry space, in the former Godly Play room. Scripture was placed, adorning the walls, and donations were made with excess items.

In October, the Ministry hosted our third annual Trunk or Treat, pot-luck, and showing of Co-co. This year we also showcased our Ofrenda at the event, and placed children’s prayers for departed loved ones amongst candles and bright marigolds.

During Advent, families participated in donating gifts and much needed items for the Aragon family in Northern NM, and part of the Adopt-a-Family program.

Denzler Cassidy directed the Children's pageant at the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Children's Mass. Youth readers took new roles as narrators and the church pews were filled.

Submitted by:

Lisa Emory, Coordinator for Family and Children's Ministries

### Nursery

Staffed by Rocio Salazar and Maria Sandoval, the nursery provided a safe and comfortable environment for our youngest church members for the 8:30 and 11:00 Sunday services. Jannah Fuller, a former St. John's student, joined our current staff for the summer.

The vestry approved the ability to hire a childcare candidate under 18, with the provision that said candidate is scheduled with a nursery staff member above the age of 18.

## SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

It has been my honor and my pleasure to serve as Senior Warden of the Vestry for the past year, and I appreciate this opportunity to share with the parish my thoughts on the life of our parish in this report.

I've always believed that if you stand on someone's shoulders, you can reach higher, and I've benefitted from several people who have enabled me to reach higher this year. For my new role, I had the example of my predecessor Van Swift, whose commitment to Holy Faith now continues in many other capacities.

I've also been blessed by two Executive Committee co-members, from whom I have learned a great deal. Vann Bynum has performed the very difficult role of Junior Warden with true distinction, and I'm deeply grateful for his energetic and thoughtful guidance. Steven Berkshire has served as our Treasurer, a job I know to be a tough one in part because it's a role I had under Father Ken Semon. The financial affairs of the church have only gotten more complicated and more demanding since those days in the mid 2000s, and Steven has excelled in the job for all of our benefit. To these men, who are now leaving these roles and the Vestry itself, I offer my congratulations for jobs well done, and my personal thanks.

A year ago, Fr Robin asked me to assume the role of Senior Warden, and it has been enormously satisfying to work with him on a week-to-week basis to oversee the affairs of Holy Faith. The main responsibility of the Senior Warden is to support the Rector, and be a communication link between him and the parish. Short term priorities can change over time, and the top current priority for me in assuming the Senior Warden role has been to raise awareness, leading to commitment and action, about the fragile financial state of Holy Faith.



While we are fortunate to have a substantial endowment, its use is legally restricted to capital improvements of our physical plant and mission and outreach. Our church itself, as well as Palen Hall, Conkey House and our grounds are beautiful, but do require improvements and updating, for which we have the support of the endowment. The ongoing operations of our parish, however, are only supported by our regularly recurring revenues, primarily our “pledge and plate” contributions. Recently, this bedrock source of financial stability has been inadequate. Our ongoing revenues have fallen short of our expenses, even as we have trimmed most of our nonfixed expense items considerably.

And so, as I enter my second year as Senior Warden, I want to express my deep appreciation to the parishioners who answered the call I and other parish leaders made last summer. Many of you have renewed your commitment to build an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ, including an increased commitment to keep this parish financially sustainable. We have made significant progress, thanks to your efforts, but there is more work to be done: we have not yet reached our 2024 pledge goal. Let’s together make 2024 the year we achieve true financial sustainability, by making more of our parishioners aware of how enhancing their commitment to Holy Faith will in turn enrich their lives greatly.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Morrissey  
Senior Warden  
January, 2024

## **JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT**

My thanks go to all of the parish, and especially the clergy, staff, and vestry for the privilege of another year helping take care of this fantastic, beautiful Church and grounds. We have been blessed with a great group of contractors who have done excellent work and have shown the care and respect for the facilities and activities that this place deserves.

We accomplished several projects this past year that will ensure we have the blessings of worshiping in this beautiful space for many years to come. This year’s projects have a different complexion from those I reported to you last year. We were fortunate not to have any major water remediation projects to address, but there was no shortage of opportunities for surprises! Below is a table showing where your endowment funds were spent. You will note that there was a slight overrun of the funds derived from the endowment, and that overrun was covered by the general operating funds of the parish. The overrun was at least partly due to unexpected costs from the fire alarm and security system. It only took over two years, but the Fire Marshal finally completed their reviews and inspections. They identified required

changes which resulted in additional costs. In the end, the Fire Detection and Alarm system was given a great review by the Fire Marshal. This year we also encountered issues with people sleeping on the Church grounds and in one case remaining in the building after hours. While no lasting damage was done, it is not something that we can allow to continue. It is not safe for our parishioners and church, and it's also not safe for the people doing so. As a result, I along with our security contractor performed a review of our camera systems and found a few significant gaps which resulted in the installation of additional cameras.

We have had ongoing and costly issues with the heating and cooling system in Conkey House. Last summer there were several times when neither our staff nor our tenants (Desert Chorale) could work in the facility due to elevated temperatures, and our service technicians encountered increasing difficulty finding replacement parts. With parts of the heating system dating back to the original construction of Conkey House, we were well past time to replace both the heating and cooling systems. A new high efficiency boiler system and an energy efficient cooling system were designed and installed. The boiler system for Palen Hall was serviced which had not been done in many years and fortunately found to be in good shape.

The new cooling system for the main church is functioning well, too well for some. If you are too cool in the summer, please sit near the aisles as the cooling outlets are along the outside. The pleasant church facility temperature during the warmer months highlighted an issue in Palen Hall, especially in the Choir Room where many people assemble in a relatively small space. The temperature during the summer would become very uncomfortable. That area is part of the Palen Hall air conditioning system, and after assessing the system our AC contractor recommended the most cost-effective remedy is adding a small heat pump system to that area. We had a most generous parishioner offer to fund the installation of that system for the choir which will happen in the coming months. Many thanks to that donor!

This year we also took on some different challenges. The Desert Chorale sorely needed additional storage space and the Rector agreed to provide them with the "stage" area in Palen Hall. The only issue with that is that we are very good at obtaining things, and very poor at getting rid of things. But with the help of the Rector, Mark Childers, other members of the vestry and several parishioners, we were able to clear everything out of that area one Saturday. Some items were sold at Twice Blessed, some were donated to charity, some were donated to a needy and deserving parish in Albuquerque's South Valley, and the things we could not find a home for went in the dumpster.

Our next Junior Warden will not be without challenges and will need the help of all of you. Recently the roof over the Palen Hall kitchen began leaking again, and the last time we had this issue we were told that if it happened again, we really must look at reroofing that area. We have looked at the condition of the roof and found open gaps in the roofing. Bids are currently being solicited. We have finally identified a contractor, the one who installed the Conkey House boiler system, that is qualified and interested in installing an ice melting

system for the north end of our parking lot, along with resurfacing the lot and resolving some existing drainage issues. I had hoped to get that job done two years ago but it was delayed due to not finding an electrical contractor interested in the work, and by the water damage repairs we had to do in Conkey House. And if the new Junior Warden suffers from boredom there is always the attic of Palen Hall and numerous storage closets and niches begging for liberation from stuff!

Much care and attention continue to be needed in such a historic building, and I ask for your support to the next Junior Warden as they continue this journey.

Vann Bynum, Junior Warden

<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost</b>
additional security cameras	\$10,407
Conkey HVAC replacement	
boilers	\$172,529
AC	\$120,059
Mother Lynn's office furniture	\$1,042
Payment for replacement camera	\$1,799
additional items for fire alarm system	\$16,788
total	\$322,624
Allowed endowment draw	\$308,840
Erwin Trust	\$174
revised total capital allocation	\$309,014
year end position	-\$13,610

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## ST. FRANCIS LEGACY SOCIETY

The St. Francis Legacy Society Committee is pleased to report that (42) members of the Parish have furnished Statement of Intent forms or other indications of including The Church of the Holy Faith in their estate plans. New members are always welcome; simply fill out a form which can be obtained at the church office. The Statement of Intent form provides donors the opportunity to designate as beneficiary Holy Faith's Article VI Endowment Fund (available for capital expenditures and mission and outreach only), Holy Faith's Article VII Operations Endowment Fund (available for capital expenditures, mission and outreach, general operating expenditures, or specific expenditures designated by the donor), or both. Questions may be referred to Sandra Brinck, Chair of the committee, or the Holy Faith Treasurer. There is usually an annual gathering of the Society, which has not occurred in the last few couple of years because of the pandemic but hopefully will resume again this year, and members are recognized by the presentation of a lapel pin of our St. Francis statue.



## DEANERY DELEGATES

The Church of the Holy Faith is part of La Sierra Encantada Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande, consisting of the northeastern portion of the State of New Mexico. The deanery normally meets four times each year for the purpose of sharing information from parishes within the deanery and receiving information from the diocese and preparing for Diocesan Convention. This past year the deanery met at St. Bede's, Santa Fe, and St. James, Taos, to build relationships among the churches of the deanery, and twice via Zoom. Meetings for 2024 have not yet been scheduled until the role of the deaneries is clarified by the Diocese. Deanery delegates also have voice and vote at Diocesan Convention. Holy Faith's delegates this past year, in addition to the clergy and wardens, Alice McSweeney (term expires 2024), Marty Buchsbaum (term expires 2025), Mark Everett and Chris Frenk (terms expire 2026).



## PARISH MINISTRY REPORTS

### ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

At Holy Faith we are blessed with many opportunities for the study of God's Word, and the writings of authors who excite and enrich our faith as disciples of Christ. New participants are always welcome!

**SPIRITUAL CLASSICS STUDY GROUP** – Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., Father Robin leads a study of a classic book on Christian spirituality chosen by the group. This past year, the group read and discussed Thomas Kempis' *The Imitation of Christ*, Evelyn Underhill's *The School of Charity*, and Thomas Keating's *Open Mind, Open Heart: The Contemplative Dimension of the Gospel*. We are about to begin Kathleen Norris' *Amazing Grace*. New participants are always welcome!

Father Robin also leads the **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** every Wednesday at 3 p.m., as well as a co-ed **EVENING BIBLE STUDY** on Mondays at 5:30 p.m., while Mother Lynn leads the **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** every Thursday at 10 a.m. During the past year, we studied St. Paul's Letters to the Ephesians and Colossians, I and II Samuel, and the beginning of I Kings. We are now reading the Gospel of Luke. New participants are always welcome!

The weekly **ADULT FORUMS**, usually held each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. other than the first Sunday of the month, when we enjoy an extended Coffee Hour, continued to be an important venue for Christian formation. Parishioner the Rev. Dr. Eric Springsted began the year with a three-part series entitled "Is the Reformation Over? Protestant and Catholic Relations, Old and New." Fr. Robin followed up with a three-part series on Anglican and Roman Catholic Relations since Vatican II, looking at Agreed Statements on Salvation, Grace and Hope in Christ, and United in Mission. During the course of the year, Mtr. Lynn presented Scriptural overviews on the Book of Genesis, the Apocrypha, St. Paul, and the Gospel of Mark. Both Fr. Jim and Fr. Robin offered reflections on their favorite Psalms. Fr. Robin also presented a two-part series on the Theology of Money and a four-part series entitled "Episcopal 101," in preparation for the Bishop's Visitation. Mtr. Madelynn offered a condensed version of the Women Spirituality's study of Bonnie Thurston's book on the Spirituality of Time. Parishioner Steven Berkshire offered an information session on Education for Ministry. Chaplain Joe Dudziak presented on the "Face of Homelessness." The arts were well covered with parishioner James Black offering an illustrated talk on his ledger drawings, parishioner Bonnie Hardwick displaying her works from her book, "Connections: Engaging Ethiopian Iconography," the Rev. Dr. Bonnie Thurston reading her poetry about Place, parishioner Sally Ritch reciting from "Prayers from the Ark," Fr. Robin reading "Prayers for the Seasons of the Liturgical Year, and Mtr. Lynn presenting "Poems on God's Unexpected Coming."

## WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

In February, Holy Faith sponsored its Tenth Women's Quiet Day that featured Deborah Douglas leading the group on the topic "Deepening Prayer." There were 110 attendees from many churches in Santa Fe, including the Presbyterians, Methodists, Roman Catholic Lutheran and women from the Episcopal churches throughout the Diocese. It was an excellent program and it was enthusiastically received by the attendees.

The individual programs based on a book and discussions began in 2023 with a book by Bonnie Thurston, "For Everything a Season". In the summer, there was a day retreat of women involved in these programs at the home of Phyllis Lehmborg to discuss and reflect on Gratitude. In the fall the book discussed was "Dorothy Day, The Reckless Way of Love - An Introduction to an Unruly Saint". These programs have deepened our spiritual life as we mutually study and reflect upon the issues presented in the various books, presentations, and discussions. The Women's Spirituality programs and Quiet Day are skillfully led by Mtr. Madelynn, Assisting Priest.

## DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." - Matthew 28:19 This course has been designed so that anyone, at anytime, anywhere can reach an unbeliever, disciple a new believer, or grow with others in the Lord. The class meets on Mondays at 10:30 to 12:30 in the Campbell room. The class began in the Spring of 2023, is 48 lessons using DVDs and a workbook, and will finish in late winter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Meaders

## EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

This is the third year that The Church of the Holy Faith has sponsored the Education for Ministry (EfM) program. During the 2023-24 year, eleven members of the church community are participating along with the EfM mentor, Steven Berkshire.

Education for Ministry is a educational program of the University of the South, better known as Sewanee and has been in existence for over fifty years. EfM is not about preparing for ordained ministry, rather it is exploring one's own ministry and faith, based around our understanding of Episcopal teachings. It is a four-year educational program, but each person makes a commitment on an annual basis. Year one explores the Old Testament, year two explores the New Testament, year three church and Christian history, and year four an

exploration of one's faith development. All four years meet together which provides a rich opportunity for questioning, discussion and learning. EfM is not Bible study, rather the group examines the history, context, and culture of the texts. It is a great complement to Bible Study though.

EfM also contributes to the life of the Holy Faith community. For example, during Lent this past year, the group sponsored a Lenten Retreat in conjunction with Mother Lynn who led attendees in an exploring of Kenosis. Plans are underway for another retreat for Lent in 2024. The EfM group looks forward to the fourth year which will start in September 2024. Sign-up will occur in late spring or early summer for the next year. There are brochures at the entrance desk in Conkey House and interested people are always welcome to talk to one of the current members or contact Steve Berkshire at daeberk@yahoo.com or call him at (505) 557-6576.

Submitted by Steven Berkshire



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR AND

### DIRECTOR OF LITURGY & MUSIC REPORT

As Parish Administrator, I work behind the scenes to coordinate the day-to-day activities of our parish, often times attending meetings of the various ministries and committees to ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities from one committee to another where the needs of one committee's time and talents are required for the activity of another. I work closely with the Rector and Wardens, who act on behalf of the Vestry, to help them fulfill their Canonical responsibility of "keeping in good order, a house of worship and all the necessary furnishings and appointments of the same; providing all things requisite to the carrying on of the work of the Parish."

*We honor our Anglican heritage and praise God with solemn liturgy,  
traditional Prayer Book worship, and music to exalt the spirit.*

As Director of Music and Liturgy, I have the privilege of working with our Priests, Lay Ministers, and Choir, in the scheduling, planning, and preparing of all liturgies provided for in The Book of Common Prayer.

In preparing for our services, I schedule, coordinate, and work with:

**The Acolytes** – It is a joy and privilege to work with our Acolytes, to assure proper staffing and training for our various liturgies. It is a special joy to work with our young people, training, encouraging, and raising them up to enter deeper into service at God’s Altar. They’re like sponges, soaking up everything. Their eagerness to learn and willingness to serve, inspires us all. They are living proof that Christ’s Church will continue until He comes again.

**The Altar Guild** – In response to all of God’s mighty acts, we are called to offer ourselves to God’s service. The basic motivation for serving in the altar guild – or in any other work of the church – is gratitude. Members of the altar guild are grateful servants: servants of God, servants of God’s people, servants of the liturgy, and servants of the worship space. Whether it is preparing the altar, polishing vessels, removing wax from linens, or pressing vestments, the work is never a burden but is always a privilege. To serve on the Altar Guild is to take the opportunity to serve God in a very intimate and prayerful way. We are very much in need of more volunteers to serve on the Altar Guild.

**The Lector Ministry** – Our lectors are called to proclaim the “Word of the Lord.” This ministry serves at all principal services and other special services of the year as provided for by our Liturgical calendar.

**The Usher Ministry** – Holy Faith's ushers play a vital role in the smooth orchestration of our worship services each Sunday, and for many other services throughout the year. Ushering is a Ministry of Hospitality that represents the "welcoming Jesus" to guests, visitors and long-time parishioners alike. Ushers are among the first members of The Church of the Holy Faith that you meet when you come to a Sunday service and set the tone for warmth and reverence. Ushers prepare the church for services, discreetly greet parishioners, distribute the service bulletins, take the census, bring the offering of elements to the altar, and facilitate collection of the offering. They also seat worshippers during services and assist the disabled who are wheelchair bound or in need of any assistance. They help clear the pews and reset the books used in worship after each service. New ushers are received and trained throughout the year.

**Our magnificent pipe organ**, built by M.P. Möller in 1961, still remains to be one of the great treasures of The Church of the Holy Faith, not to mention being one of the finest installations in New Mexico, and great care is given to its maintenance. Once again, we have contracted with Mountain States Pipe Organ Services, LLC, who provide four regularly scheduled service calls annually to make minor repairs, tune the reeds, and to do such general tuning as may be required.

**The Choir** – It is in our Anglo-Catholic heritage that the church musician assists in bringing the people of God to the place where heaven and earth meet. The Choir, and the music it provides, is an integral part of the Sacramental life of the Church. The Church of the Holy Faith is blessed to have in its choir a solid base of professional choral musicians. These musicians serve as section leaders and use their choral talents to assist in fulfilling each and every chorister’s call to the music ministry. The choir, organ, instrumentalists, do not just support the Liturgy, it LIFTS UP the Liturgy. It speaks to the hearer when words are incomprehensible.



I am deeply grateful for all of our volunteers. They are ever willing to serve over and over, time and time again. Their dedication to the various ministries of our beloved church is truly inspiring, and I give thanks to God for each and every one of them.

The Word of the Lord is proclaimed, the Gospel is preached, Holy Eucharist is celebrated, the voices sing, and God is glorified!

Respectfully submitted,

Canon Mark Edw. Childers, *Parish Administrator and Director of Liturgy & Music*

### **GREETERS –**

If you are interested in helping restart the Greeter Ministry, please contact me at [cathy@gronquist.org](mailto:cathy@gronquist.org) or 505-231-4557. Before COVID, two people welcomed parishioners and guests at the doors of the church prior to the start of 8:30 and 11am services. Participants were usually scheduled to help out once or twice in a three-month period, so not an onerous commitment and a great way to get to know everyone. Can we get enough volunteers together to re-start this in the spring?

### **FLOWER MINISTRY –**

The members of the Flower Ministry would like to express their appreciation to the membership of Holy Faith for their continued support during the past year. Thank you for your generous contributions to this ministry. Your contributions have allowed us to provide floral arrangements for Christmas and Easter as well as for receptions, weddings, funerals, and any other service held at Holy Faith.

Led by Shelby Green, the members of the flower ministry are Dirk Mathis, Lynn Masterson and Dora Horn.

Special requests you may have to honor a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion in your life or your family's life, or simply in praise of God, should be directed to Mark Childers at 982-4447, ext. 102. We will do our best to honor your request.



## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

### **FEED THE HUNGRY –**

Feed the Hungry outreach committee cooks a hot lunch and serves it to Interfaith Community Shelter (ICS) guests the fourth Sunday of every month. The food we serve is sourced from the Food Depot as well as local groceries.

Our dedicated volunteers are Kent Grubbs (newly appointed ICS board member), Guy and Cathy Gronquist, Bob Parker, Sandra Brinck, Charlotte Rundell, Russell and Kathy Jonas, Kay Swindell, Clancy Rehorn, Newby Herrod, Daniel and Lynn Masterson, Robert and Pat Wareing, Sallie Bingham, Mark and Debbie Ray, and Mike McCollum. Ron Odion is the master egg boiler (fifteen dozen per meal!) and David Morris is the master dishwasher. We are very grateful for this team and their efforts.

Submitted by:

Dora and Van Horn, Committee Chairs

### **HOLY FAITH GUILD –**

The Holy Faith Women's Guild is an organization of parish women whose mission is to raise money to help fund local private not for profit agencies who assist families in need. Guild members meet weekly to make crafts to sell at the St Nicholas Bazaar in December of each year. This last bazaar was the 141st for Holy Faith.

This past year has been particularly exciting for the Women's Guild we were able to build our membership by adding six new members. Wednesdays are now loud and industrious in both the guild room and the twice blessed room in Conkey House. We had many new and different selections at our bazaar this year. As a result, we made nearly \$ 20,000. This is more than we had made since before COVID.

We wish to thank the many individuals who helped make this bazaar a huge success. Fr. Robin and Mtr. Lynn were extremely supportive, Mtr Madelynn volunteered to help self on Saturday. Donna and Mark kept us organized with notices in the bulletins and support for getting the bazaar off the ground. Marcos and Rocio were invaluable in decorating Palen Hall and keeping us tidy. Thanks also to all the volunteers, including many, many parishioners who worked so hard to set-up, sell at and dismantle the sale, and to everyone who supported the bazaar by shopping!

Last year we awarded \$ 38,000 (this amount includes a distribution from our Scheffler trust). Monies went to Adelante, Bag'n Hand, Boys and Girls Club, Esperanza Shelter, La Familia Medical Center, The Food Depot, Girls, inc., Interfaith Community Shelter, Kitchen Angels, Many Mothers, St Vincent Cancer Center, SF Habitat for Humanity, Santa Fe Mountain Center and Youth Shelters and Family Services.

Twenty-seven women are active members of the Guild. Some of our members cannot attend weekly meetings, but take projects home to work on at their leisure. We welcome and encourage new members who are interested in making items for the bazaar and in sharing good fellowship and fun. Special expertise is not required, but always welcome. If you do not sew, here are many other projects for you to work on. Come and join us any Wednesday from 10 am to 2 pm and bring a sack lunch—potato chips are provided!

Submitted by:  
Ruth Rael  
Guild President

### **MISSION & OUTREACH GRANTING COMMITTEE –**

The Committee is made up of Holy Faith parishioners who meet monthly from September through May to solicit and review grant applications. Funds are made available from the Sheffler Endowment and the generosity of Holy Faith parishioners. In 2023 we had the privilege of distributing funds to the following applicants:

The Interfaith Community Shelter	The Sky Center
St Elizabeth's Homeless Shelter (Food Program)	Gerard's House
Bag-n-Hand	Resolve
Chaplain Joe's Street Ministry	Art for Humanity
Coming Home Connection	Oaxaca Street Children Grassroots
Listening Horse Therapeutic Riding	Tomorrow's Women

Members of the 2023 Committee were:

Jane Chavez, Co-Chair	Charles Rountree, Co-Chair
Fr. Robin Dodge, ex officio	Mtr. Lynn Finnegan
Phyllis Lehmberg	Eleanor Ortiz
Mark Everett	

### **INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SHELTER –**

During Fiscal Year 2022-23 (July 2022 through June 2023), the Interfaith Community Shelter at Pete's Place housed 1,123 individuals overnight. Meals served totaled 40,257 – a 28% increase over the previous fiscal year – and bed nights provided totaled 15,639 – a staggering 88% increase over the previous fiscal year. The primary driver for these large increases in demand for services was the end of pandemic-related policies. For example, during the prior fiscal year, overnight bed space at Pete's Place was restricted due to the pandemic, and these restrictions were removed in FY22-23. Similarly, the city ended a more-relaxed policy with

respect to public camping (put in place during the pandemic) that resulted in a greater demand for overnight shelter. An additional factor was the expansion of service provision at Pete's Place. In May 2023, a warm-weather program known as the Women's Summer Safe Haven was rechristened as Summer Safe Haven for All and was opened to both men and women. This means that, for the first time, the Interfaith Community Shelter at Pete's Place now offers overnight shelter to anyone in need, every month of the year. The net effect of these changes was to drive up demand for services at Pete's Place, and the statistics for FY22-23 are more representative of the steady-state, year-round need in our community.

Behind the statistics, though, are real people, whose needs are being met, in part, by the generosity of many organizations and individuals. Parishioners at Holy Faith have been instrumental for many years in providing both financial and volunteer support, and calendar year 2023 was no exception. Holy Faith provided a week's worth of evening meal service twice during 2023, thanks to those who donated both food and service time. Another Holy Faith group continues to provide Sunday lunch service once per month. Holy Faith is also called upon from time to time to fill in with additional help when Pete's Place has a sudden shortfall, because they know that Holy Faith can be counted upon. And individual congregants continue with their generous support, through both financial contributions and volunteer service. To all who have contributed time and treasure in 2023, please know that your generosity is making a tangible impact in the lives of many in Santa Fe. Thank you!

In 2024, Pete's Place expects to launch a mobile hygiene unit, to provide showers, toilets, and supportive services to people where they are. There will also be a renewed push to increase volunteer participation from community organizations and individuals, which has fallen off over the last few years due to the pandemic. For Holy Faith parishioners who have not yet experienced the joy that comes from serving at Pete's Place, this year will bring new opportunities. Please consider doing so. You can reach out to either Pam Jones or Kent Grubbs for further information on service opportunities.

Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive....

Submitted by Kent Grubbs, Interfaith Community Shelter Board Representative for Holy Faith



## PRAYER MINISTRIES

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY –**

Begun in 2005, our ministry has knitted and crocheted over 1,000 prayer shawls that have found their way to members of our parish, community, state, country, and beyond.

The shawls are made with prayerful intent then blessed twice – at the altar and with a Rosary. They are then placed with printed prayers in our cupboard in the Kinsolving room. The shawls are free and we encourage people to give them to any who are in need of extra prayers. (We even have shawls for pets available.)

As a group we work on the shawls and scarves on our own and also come together most months in the Kinsolving room for an evening of tea, work, and companionship. We invite all to join us. The scheduled meeting dates for 2024 are as follows: February 22, April 4, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 12, November 7, and December 12. Meetings will be announced in the weekly eblast.

Submitted by:  
Allyson Adams

### **MEDITATION GROUP –**

The meditation group meets weekly on Thursdays at noon in the Kinsolving Room. After a short inspiring reading, we have 20 minutes of silence then walk slowly and meditatively around the room and conclude with sitting in silence for another 20 minutes. It is a time of peaceful prayer, centering one's thoughts on God. The group generally varies in size but everyone is welcome as there is always room for more. We are a part of the worldwide Contemplative Outreach, founded by Fr. Thomas Keating, of St. Benedict's Monastery in Snowmass, Colorado.

For further information contact Cha Foxhall at [chafoxhall@yahoo.com](mailto:chafoxhall@yahoo.com).

### **SOCIETY OF MARY (Rosary) –**

Our Lady of the Holy Faith and Consolation Ward of the Society of Mary would normally meet each Monday (except holidays) at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Our group began meeting in 1996, thus 2023 marked our 27th anniversary of praying the Rosary at The Church of the Holy Faith. Since the pandemic, in-person gatherings to pray the Rosary were suspended, but faithful members of the Society of Mary continued to pray the Rosary, and for one another, others, and the world, on their own. It is hoped that the faithful will once again gather to pray the Rosary in person, with a concerted effort to resume this Lent.

The Society's practice guide is a book, *A Doorway To Silence: A Contemplative Use of the Rosary* by the late Reverend Robert Llewelyn, a noted Anglican priest. We would begin our sessions with prayer requests from those present for those in need; for ourselves; for conditions in the

world. These requests are prayed for daily by all members throughout the entire week, and may be continued for as long as requested.

We pray the Rosary by the Church Calendar Year, beginning in Advent with the Joyful Mysteries, followed by the Sorrowful Mysteries during Lent, and ending the Liturgical year with the Glorious Mysteries.

All are welcome to be part of the Society of Mary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fr. Robin Dodge

### **THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING –**

The Frederick B. Howden Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King is a community under a religious rule, requiring members to take solemn vows to follow. These include the Rules of Life, Prayer, and Service. We have an active prayer ministry, involving three leaders who send prayer requests and an updated Prayer List to members. Our members pray for each other, the church, and for those needing prayer in the community at large.



Currently we have 31 members; three of whom do not live in the Santa Fe area and another two who live part time in Santa Fe. Our terms line up with our National Office which is September through August. Our meetings include a social time, a brief business meeting, a book study, and a time for worship and prayer in the chapel with our Chaplain, Mother Lynn Finnegan. This year we have met on the third Tuesday of the month and the second Saturday of the month alternatingly.

The following officers were elected to a one-year term: Jacki Walker, President; Ruth Rael, Vice President, Patty Vaughan, Secretary; and Jacki Walker, Treasurer.

We welcomed seven new members and two transfers to our Chapter in May. Please contact us at SantaFeDOK@gmail.com if you would like to know more about joining.

In September we began using "Reflections on the Psalms" by C.S. Lewis as our study guide. The Daughters have taken turns leading the discussions and we all share in the discussion and useful insights.

In October we had a booth at the church Ministry Fair. In December we had a Christmas Cookie Party, and "White Elephant" gift exchange

Submitted by:  
Jacki Walker, President



## SERVICE MINISTRIES

### STEWARDSHIP –

*Almighty God, whose loving hands hath given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor thee with our substance and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

BCP p. 827

The theme for Holy Faith's Stewardship Campaign for 2024 "Christ in you, the hope of glory" was inspired by St. Paul's letter to the Colossians 1:27. The thrust of the 2024 Stewardship Campaign is that each of us is a valuable disciple of the Glory of Christ and, as such, we are called to give of our time, talent, and treasure to support The Church of the Holy Faith. I am pleased to report that the 2024 Stewardship Campaign, as of January 22, 2024, has raised \$850,718 with 191 pledgers, to fund the ministry and mission of our parish. I thank God for all the generous givers, especially the Holy Faith members who have pledged for 2024. New pledges and gifts are gratefully received throughout the year.

I want to express gratitude to these wonderful people who helped bring the 2024 stewardship campaign to life.

- for the glorious talent of Donna Lukacs for assembling and mailing all the stewardship packets.
- for Mark Childers and his creativity that produced the beautiful stewardship materials.
- for the speakers who shared and inspired parishioners with their heartfelt stewardship moments: Sue Angel, Scott Bernard, Elaine Coleman, Peter Lockyer, Dirk Mathis, Mike Morrissey, Riley Stephens, Preston Stone, Jay Thomas, and Jim Vandernaald.
- and especially for Chris and Vann Bynum who chaired this year's campaign.

*Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church,  
and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20,21

Respectfully submitted,  
Fr. Robin Dodge

### HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE –

The hospitality committee provides the receptions for Evensongs, funerals, and the Easter Vigil. This involves providing the food and setting up Palen Hall for these events. We also coordinate the food for the Lenten Soup Suppers, and the Thanksgiving Harvest Dinner. We have 23 members who volunteer and staff these events. No event could go smoothly without the help of Marcos and Rocío! We welcome anyone who would care to join us. For more information contact Jacki Walker at [jackiwalker@mac.com](mailto:jackiwalker@mac.com).

## **WELCOME MINISTRY –**

Along with placing visitor cards in the backs of the pews which enable visitors to indicate interest in being contacted, becoming a member, etc., there are also "Welcome Visitor" packets given to visitors by the ushers, which contain information about the church, contact information, meeting times, etc., with a woven cross bookmark.

Anita Pisa keeps the cards in the backs of the pews, along with the pencils, and Sally Ritch writes responses to people who wish to be contacted.

Two welcoming gatherings were held this year, both at the home of Father Robin Dodge and Thérèse Saint-André.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Ritch, Chairman

## **COOKIE MINISTRY –**

The Cookie Ministry provides refreshments between the 8:30 and 11:00 Sunday Services. We minister to the entire parish and the cookies and coffee are greatly appreciated at this gathering time. Marcos and Rocío Castillo make the coffee each week.

There are currently about 15 active members and we can always use more hosts and bakers. The "Host" puts out cookies from the freezer, or freshly baked and brought in that Sunday between the 8:30 and 11:00 services. "Bakers" bring cookies and put them in the freezer at any time, or bring on Sunday morning.

To join our ministry, send your name, email address and cell phone number to Karen Gahr at wegahr@aol.com or text to 703-623-7192. I will then "invite" you to join our MealTrain sign up. Or, look for the monthly sign-up sheets in the kitchen in Palen Hall, near the refrigerator.

Submitted by:  
Karen Gahr, Chairman

## **HOLY FAITH FREE SPIRITS –**

The Holy Faith Free Spirits Women's Group is a fellowship group for women without a partner. In 2023, the Free Spirits calendar of events consisted of:

- Restaurant Week – in February we participated in our annual outing during Restaurant week with dinner at Andiamo;
- Angels Night Out – in April we participated in Angels Night Out, the annual fundraiser for Kitchen Angels with dinner at Santa Fe Bite;



- “Seascape” – in September we attended this play featuring parishioner Leslie Dillen at the NM Actors Lab;
- Annual Christmas Party – in December we concluded the year with our annual potluck gathering at Rebecca Tobey’s home.

In 2023 we continued hosting continental breakfasts for the parish. We provided a breakfast in January, May and August after the 8:30 a.m. service.

New members are always welcome to join in. For more information, please contact Rebecca Tobey at rutobey@yahoo.com.

### **HOLY FAITH ART GROUP –**

The Holy Faith Art Group had a banner year in 2023. Three members of the group had a month-long exhibit of their work and it was highly acclaimed by the congregation as well as other groups who use Palen Hall.

This year we would like to honor Molly Lott, the person who thought that an art group would be an addition to our other Holy Faith ministries. She asked permission to establish such a group and asked me to teach those persons who always wanted to paint watercolor but had never done so as well as those who had not painted in many years and needed a refresher. We have had fun over the past 5 years and continue to do so. Thank you, Molly for your foresight. May you rest in peace.

Van Swift, Art Group Coordinator

### **HOLY FAITH DOCENTS –**

Holy Faith Docents are planning to re-organize and re-energize in 2024. We received much interest at the Ministries Fair, and we plan the addition of new faces and voices and more church tours on Sundays. In November of 2023, Holy Faith was featured on the Historic Santa Fe Foundation’s “altar screen” tour. Highlights are the chancel designed by architect John Gaw Meem in 1953 with the reredos carved by renowned artist Gustave Baumann. Holy Faith is also featured as part of Heritage Inspirations’ “Churches of the Royal City” walking tours. We shared the rich history of Holy Faith with groups of visitors on six tours in June, July, August and December

## PARISH LIBRARY –

The Because of the revenue shortfall for 2023, the Parish Vestry moved to furlough the librarian, Virginia Lopez, in July. Until the legal decision about using the Scheffler Endowment for this operational expense is resolved, the librarian's salary needed to be paid through parish funds. In the absence of a librarian, the Library Committee has tried to maintain library operations as much as possible: reshelving books, renewing periodical subscriptions, shelving new magazines, checking mail, etc. However, new books received or purchased have not been cataloged and that backlog is growing.

Among the notable books purchased for the library this year are all the books currently being used by Education for Ministry (which will be shelved together) and the complete 18-volume set of Sacra Pagina New Testament Commentary.

A major improvement to the library facility this year has been the installation of a rolling ladder system. The new system enables easier access to the high shelves in the library. With the installation of the new ladder system, it has been possible to undertake the long-delayed project of weeding the library collection according to the policies and procedures approved last year. To date, 180 books have been identified and removed from the collection. Many of these will be available on the library book sale shelves in Palen Hall.

The library offered four "Open House" lectures during the year. On January 24, Phyllis Lehmborg presented "Having a Very Vested Interest" about her long career designing and creating liturgical vestments. The well-received event included a clergy "fashion show," a book display, and a display of vestments. On March 14, Leslie Dillen performed her one-woman show, "Action Jesus" to an overflow audience. Popular demand resulted in a reprise on October 24. Polly Barton, with her mother Pamela Morton via Zoom, and assisted by her husband John, spoke on the book about her father, James Parks Morton, *With Companions for the Journey: An Annotated Memoir*. James Parks Morton was the long-time dean of the Church of St. John the Divine in New York.


The Scheffler Lecture, sponsored by the library, was this year given by the Rev. Dr. Bonnie Thurston. Besides her lecture, "And the Angel Departed: Mary's Responses to Change and Crisis," on April 28, she generously met with the Women's Spirituality Group, preached on Sunday, and presented a forum on her poetry. The lecture was recorded and is available in the library.

The Library Committee also participated in the Ministry Fair on November 5th, showing a wide range of books to illustrate the breadth of the collection.

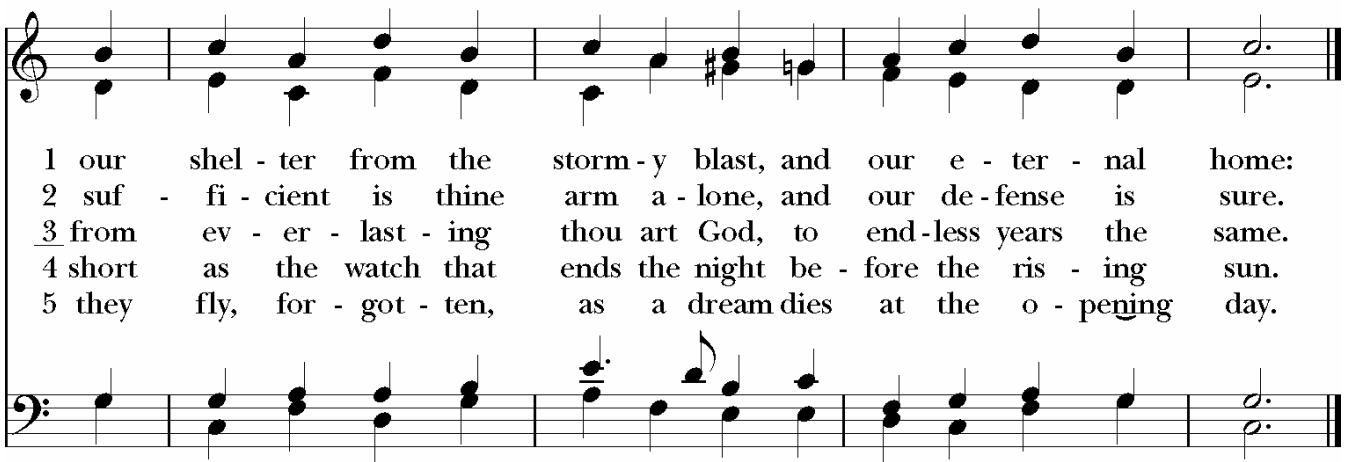
The Library Committee meets monthly. Current committee members are Anita Caldwell, Karen Gahr, Bonnie Hardwick, Phyllis Lehmborg, Alice McSweeney, Lora Morton, Mari Russell, and Thérèse Saint-André. Father Robin serves as advisor.

Submitted by: Bonnie Hardwick

*O God, our help in ages past*



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

## THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAITH

Q. What is the mission of the Church?

A. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

*The Catechism p. 855*

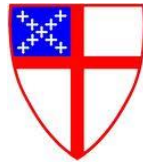
The Church of the Holy Faith welcomes all people into an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord.

We believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, and the Authority of Scripture.

We honor our Anglican heritage and praise God with solemn liturgy, traditional Prayer Book worship, and music to exalt the spirit.

We strive to live as a community with compassion for one another and the world around us.

We worship together in peace  
to praise and thank God,  
to transcend division,  
and to celebrate the mystery of faith.



The Episcopal Church is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, an international association of national Anglican churches.

We are part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ our Lord.



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