



The Church of the
HOLY FAITH
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ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 2025

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 25, 2026

AGENDA

The Very Reverend Canon Robin D. Dodge – Rector

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Call to Order by the Rector
- III. Approval of Minutes of the 2025 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; Preston Stone, Jr. Warden
- VII. Financial Reports
 - a) Treasurer's Report for 2025 – Charles Rountree, Treasurer
 - b) Presentation of 2026 Budget – Charles Rountree
- VIII. Parish Reports – Father Dodge
- IX. The Rector's Charge to the Parish
- X. Any Other Business
- XI. Closing Prayer and Blessing

Adjournment

**The Church of the Holy Faith
Annual Parish Meeting
Palen Hall
Sunday, January 26, 2025**

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 4:01 PM.

• **III. Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting. *Carried unanimously.*

• **IV. Vestry Presentation of Nominees**

Father Robin recognized the retiring Vestry members and introduced the slate of new Vestry members: Jim Vandernaald, Rebecca Tobey, Jacki Walker. 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.*

Alice McSweeney and Marty Buchsbaum were presented as nominees for Deanery Delegates serving two- year terms. 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. Mike Morrissey, Sr. Warden**

Mike Morrissey began his report by stating that it was a pleasure to serve as Senior Warden and thanked Father Robin for the opportunity to serve. He stated there will be no loss of momentum with the changing of Vestry members and he looks forward to serving with the new members during his last year as Senior Warden. Mike said he will do whatever needs to be done to make this parish successful. In his remarks, Mike noted that the role of Senior Warden is to support the Rector and facilitate communication within the Parish. To that end, his primary responsibility this past year

has been to raise awareness about the continued need to work within a balanced budget. He concluded by thanking the Parish for the opportunity to serve as Senior Warden and encouraged parishioners to commit reaching our pledge goal for 2025.

• **VII. Preston Stone – Jr. Warden**

Preston Stone, Junior Warden, began by reporting many projects were completed this year, notably the roof leak was repaired and as well as the interior ceiling. An a/c unit was purchased for the choir room, donated by a parishioner and installed by Wizer Electric. A gas line was replaced but then discovered it was not up to code, but this was rectified. The new ice melt system has not been installed yet as the temperature dropped and the work could not begin. Preston reported the entire parking lot will be repaired by March.

• **VIII. Financial Reports**

(a) Peter Lockyear Investment Committee Chair, reported that both parish endowments have designated funds that can only be used as specified. Article VI has a current balance of \$9.3 million for non-operating expenses, and Article VII has a balance of \$1.3 million. These funds are administered and supervised by the Vestry; only 4% can be used. Peter continued by encouraging members of the parish to get involved by running for Vestry, the investment committee or other committees. At the conclusion of Peter's report, Fr. Robin opened the floor to questions.

(b) Charles Rountree, Treasurer, began by thanking the Parish for the opportunity to serve as Treasurer and noted that 2024 expenses were close to the budgeted amount. He stated that while contributions were strong, (\$400k available) there remains an \$82k deficit. He explained that booking pre-paid expenses was not a good budgeting tool; the historical trends show that people give during the first and fourth quarters of the year. Charles suggested that a way to fix this is to eliminate pre-paid pledges as a reporting tool, track giving and give a monthly summary and a quarterly in-depth review of the budget to the parish, looking at all the accounts and making sure we are using best practices. Charles continued by stating that we are short of fully funding the 2025 budget, and hoping the stewardship campaign is successful. He concluded by saying the Vestry is committed to making adjustments if the budget is not met.

• **IX. Parish Reports – Father Dodge**

Fr. Robin encouraged those attending to read and review the various reports presented in the Annual Report.

• **X. The Rector's Charge to the Parish – Father Dodge**

Fr. Robin began his 'Charge to the Parish' by saying his Charge is similar to the State of the Union address. The state of the parish is sound but can be better. Fr. Robin said everyone is needed and valued at Holy Faith. He thanked Jim and Patty Vaughn for

their leadership during this year's stewardship campaign and again reminded everyone that stewardship isn't financial, but spiritual.

Fr. Robin continued by reminding the parish that the Vestry tackled tough issues this year including same gender, and the Rite II liturgy. He said the parish was given many opportunities to discuss these issues, including Sunday Forums, listening sessions, and it was hoped that all voices were heard and valued.

Fr. Robin reported the Desert Chorale was given the opportunity to rent new space in Conkey House – the former Children and Ministry Room. There is new dedicated space for youth upstairs. The youth group continues to meet twice a month; there is a new youth session between services; the scout troops are now using space in Palen Hall and Conkey House. There is a clear emphasis on youth at Holy Faith.

As followers of Jesus Christ and parishioners on Holy Faith, the Rector charged us to: meet with Christ more deeply during weekly liturgy. There are multiple worship and ministry opportunities; He encouraged us to invite others, specially someone outside the parish.

Fr. Robin thanked the Vestry and the staff for their work this year.

•**XI. 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 5:44 PM with the singing of *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Jones



Membership, Attendance and Services

Membership		
Baptized Members as of 12/31/2024	763	
Increases in Membership	29	
Decreases in Membership	28	
Baptized Members as of 12/31/2025	764	
	Adult Communicants (age 16 and over)	724
	Youth Communicants (under age 16)	40
Average Sunday Attendance for 2025	239	12% growth over 2024
Sacraments & Services		
	2025	2024
Total Sunday & Saturday Evening Eucharists	155	158
Total Weekday Eucharists	113	122
Total Private Eucharists	65	52
Daily Offices on Sunday or Saturday Evening	15	1
Daily Offices Held on Weekdays	482	492
Marriages Conducted in 2025	5	4
Burials Conducted in 2025	14	11
Baptisms & Confirmations		
Baptisms 16 years and older	3	
Baptisms under 16 years of age	5	
Confirmations 16 years and older	0	Regional Confirmation was held at St. Bede's in 2025
Confirmations under 16 years of age	0	
Received by a Bishop	0	

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 Lynn M. Finnegan

(January – November 2nd)
The Reverend Lynn M. Finnegan

The Liturgical Year

We enjoyed a particularly long Epiphany Season, with Ash Wednesday occurring only five days short of the latest possible date of March 10th. During this time, I served meals with Holy Faith at the Interfaith Shelter, not knowing it was to be one of our last weeks of service there. In February, Deborah Smith Douglas gave an excellent homily at Women's Quiet Day, and I served as celebrant at the Eucharist.

We launched Lent again this year with "Ashes to Go" at the Santa Fe Plaza over the noon hour, and then later in the day at St. John's College. While I was out sick with the flu, Rhonda Black and retired priest Ann Willms did a wonderful job of representing Holy Faith in administering ashes and providing holy outreach to the Santa Fe community. Many parishioners, who are unable to attend an Ash Wednesday service, were also grateful for the opportunity to receive ashes. This year's topic for the EfM Lenten Retreat that I led on March 15th was "Living into the Journey with God," with a special emphasis on labyrinths and spiritual practices.

A busy Holy Week included washing feet at the Interfaith Community Shelter on Tuesday, in imitation of Jesus' washing of the feet of his disciples. I was joined by Mtr Madelynn, Pam Jones and Annie-Laurie Coogan in the foot washing. Shelter guests and staff enjoyed warm water, scented soap, clean socks, and a brief prayer. On Wednesday of Holy Week, I led the 8.3-mile pilgrimage walk to the Santuario de Chimayó. It was a great day! We had several new participants this year, as well as familiar faithful faces, and we were blessed with outstanding weather. Eleanor Ortiz and Pam Jones provided support and photos of the Stations of the Cross for us to pray along the way. We once again had an instructed Children's Foot Washing in the church on Maudy Thursday afternoon. I am always so touched by how eager the children are to wash each other's feet, especially the foot of a sibling! As a priest commuting from Los Alamos, I cannot thank parishioner Phyllis Lehmberg enough for her gracious hospitality during Holy Week. Staying at her casita a few minutes from the church allowed me to be fully present for all the services and to spend time at the Altar of Repose without a lengthy commute.

In the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost, Holy Faith again participated 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. For the first time, numerous prayer requests were for national leaders, an indication of the unrest in our country in 2025.

Throughout the year, I led the following adult forums: a three-part discussion of Theological Dilemmas, a two-part discussion on Mystics and Mysticism, and presentations on Climbing the Sycamore Tree (stewardship), the Spiritual Practice of Fasting, the Mystery of the Trinity, and Mary the Virgin.

Other highlights in the remainder of the liturgical year include: attending (via zoom) the diocesan Spring Formation Conference on children and youth ministry, attending Rusty Brunson's 101st birthday celebration in Palen Hall, joining the Children and Family Ministry for a picnic at Alice McSweeney's ranch in the Pecos, teaching yoga to the youth counselors at Camp Stoney, and participating in our Holy Faith Fellowship Dinner Groups. Over the summer I helped with the younger kids at Vacation Bible Camp, held jointly with St. Bede's Episcopal Church, and again organized a parish outing to an Isotopes baseball game. I was able to coordinate a schedule of Adult Forum speakers from our group of Mission and Outreach grant recipients. A special joy was leading a multiple week confirmation class for adults and youths. This year, five parishioners were confirmed or received at a service held at St. Bede's on August 10th. Many Holy Faith parishioners attended in support of the newly confirmed/received.

Faith Family

As Associate Rector, I served as clergy coordinator for Faith Family. Faith Family offers laity pastoral support. "Lead Disciples" serve monthly as a point of contact for the parish. The team of "Faith Family Disciples" volunteer as they are able: giving rides to medical appointments, church services and other church activities, providing caregiver assistance, writing "thinking of you" cards every month, making phone calls, visiting in assisted care facilities, sending Christmas, Easter, baptism, and confirmation cards, and generally providing love, care, and support. While I served as coordinator, it was the Faith Family disciples who embraced this ministry of caring for our parish family in ways that are both practical and spiritual.

In 2025, the ministry provided twenty-eight rides to medical appointments, five rides to church services/events, and nine rides for miscellaneous needs, such as car repair and groceries. Special gratitude goes to those disciples who transported parishioners to appointments in Albuquerque. These numbers do not reflect the times fellow parishioners have been ready to help one another spontaneously with rides and generally looking out for one another.

Other ministry included providing cookies and hot apple cider just before the Winter Break at St. John's College, helping parishioners recovering from surgery with cleaning and household tasks, participating in a Meal Train for a parishioner, proving moving help, picking up pizza for youth group, and making "check in" calls.

Rhonda Black graciously stepped up as coordinator for the ministry in November, with Fr.

Simon serving as clergy contact. The ministry will have its first gathering of 2026 on January 21st at 1:30 p.m. outside the Starbucks at DeVargas Mall. Faith Family is a ministry specifically focused on our parish family, especially those who may not have a friend/neighbor/family member for support. Keep your eyes and ears open for those who might be in need of a little TLC!

Thank you to Judy White, Patrick Dolan, Eric Butler, Barbara Dedmon, Bonnie Hardwick, and Rhonda Black, who served as lead disciples and also provided care. A special thank you to George Case, Patrick Dolan, and Donna Amos who faithfully wrote monthly cards for parishioners I identified as needing a cheering note. My gratitude also goes to the whole team of support disciples who helped when they could!

Mission & Outreach

I also served as clergy liaison to the Mission & Outreach Ministry, which has two committees: Grants and Outreach Opportunities. While serving on the Grants committee, I helped review and choose our grant recipients. I have been excited this past year to see our Outreach Opportunities committee grow and flourish! The committee took ownership of purchasing and providing supplies for Homeless Kits and aim to have the materials available for the parish twice a year. In partnership with Adelante (a program in the Santa Fe schools), a LOT of rice was collected for Thanksgiving dinners for families in need. In partnership with Girls Inc., the committee set up an easy “wish list” for school supplies on Amazon that parishioners could use to donate. All the requested items were purchased for the girls in need! Under the leadership of Annie-Laurie Coogan, Jim Coogan, and John Adams, a new goal has been set: raise \$15,000 to build a home in Juarez with Missions Ministries. Two successful fundraisers, a cooking class and a wine tasting were held. A team is scheduled to go to Juarez in September 2026. I am grateful to the committee, and especially Brenda Shears, for nominating me as a 2025 “Woman of Inspiration.” Along with several Holy Faith parishioners and Fr. Robin, I attended, and was honored at, a breakfast hosted by Girls, Inc. The nominees were from all walks of life, and it was inspiring to hear their life stories. Godspeed.

Along with the privilege of performing baptisms, praying healing prayers and anointing, sitting by the side of the sick and dying, offering spiritual direction, serving at the altar, and speaking at funerals, a particular blessing this past year was baptizing two adults and two babies on the Feast of All Saints, my last service with Holy Faith. I have been richly and abundantly blessed, and I remember you all in my prayers.

May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us. (prayer attributed to St. Therese of Lisieux).

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

Three years ago Father Robin asked me to accept the position of Senior Warden. I was both flattered and intimidated by his “request”, but of course acceded to his wishes. I’ve read that God never calls a person into his service without appropriately equipping them, and I hoped that this calling was consistent with that concept. Now, at the end of my term, I’m grateful that Fr Robin initially thought that I could add value to the many and varied contributions others on the Vestry and throughout the parish were providing. It has been an enlightening and rewarding experience.

Over these past three years, my work with Fr Robin directly, with the Executive Committee weekly, and with the full Vestry on a monthly basis and often more, I have seen a clearly positive trajectory in the overall life of Holy Faith. Although we have navigated many challenges, membership is up, the number of families pledging financial support is up, support for ministry initiatives in both the parish and in the community is up, the number of acolytes, ushers, committee volunteers and participants in other parish activities is up, and the value of our critical endowment is up.

Because of my career in investments, Fr Robin asked me to succeed Peter Lockyer as Chairman of the Investment Committee last year, and it’s appropriate to convey in this note that we all continue to benefit from the conscientious management of the funds by Northern Trust. They have a dedicated unit that manages investments for churches, foundations and other not-for-profit organizations, and they are well attuned to our needs and concerns. Their fine performance has helped us significantly with the capital expenditures the endowment is allowed to finance. At Fr Robin’s invitation, I will continue to chair the Investment Committee after stepping down as Senior Warden.

As our Treasurer Charles Rountree frequently and eloquently points out, the ongoing operating expenses of the parish must be funded by pledging and other giving, not by the endowment, and so we must continue our efforts to broaden the base of our financial support. While we can legitimately claim some success in this regard, we still only receive pledge support from about half the households in the parish. I respectfully implore those households not currently pledging to do so, even if in a modest way.

On a personal note, I want to thank Fr Robin for calling me to lead the Vestry over these pivotal three years. Serving in this role has deepened my faith, enhanced my understanding of what Holy Faith does and how it functions, impressed me with how many parishioners serve Holy Faith in so many ways, and has given me strong optimism about our future.

I believe that serving on the Vestry is an act of worship. It is a way to serve God, and to serve your fellow parishioners. I urge you to volunteer for this commitment. I’m proud to have served in the church leadership, I’m thankful for the trust placed in me, and I pledge to continue our mission any way I can.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Morrissey

TREASURER REPORT

Last year, we closed 2024 with a deficit of \$(83,241). It was definitely not how I hoped to end my first year as your Treasurer. This year, I am delighted to report we close the year with a slight deficit of \$(2,107) but what's truly remarkable about that bit of news is that we budgeted for a deficit of \$(62,360) as we moved away from booking prepaid pledges. Taking that into consideration, we exceeded our financial goal by close to \$60,000!

Looking at 2025, giving exceeded expectations. We budgeted for \$984K in contributions but saw actual giving total \$1.096M. Likewise, Dedicated Giving exceeded expectations by \$67K. Ministry Expenses of \$157K exceeded the budgeted amount of \$116K but because Dedicated Giving provides funding for Ministry Expenses that's to be expected. Building and Office Expenses were less than anticipated mainly because we had fewer capital projects than budgeted. Just as a side note: we budget capital expenses each year to match the amount we are authorized to draw from the endowment. If we come under spending expectations we also reduce the amount we actually pull from the endowment. But there's always room for improvement. Where we found savings in some areas we saw unanticipated spending in others. Going into 2026, we'll be looking for ways to reduce printing and reproduction costs, seeking contributions to offset hospitality expenses, and continuing to look for ways to reduce expenditures. so that we support our shared mission to welcome all people into an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our 2026 budget is, like last year, an 'aspirational budget'. We anticipate not only meeting our pledge goal for 2026 but moving a bit beyond it. We've provided for a modest increase in salaries and wages and we've set spending goals that we will monitor throughout the year and adjust as necessary. Updates on our financial activity will continue with weekly communications and quarterly reviews.

2025 was not without challenges. There were anxious moments when we feared that giving would fall short of our spending and needs and we'd have to make painful decisions. But Holy Faith came through especially in the last weeks of the year. Thank you for a remarkable year! Your financial support is a reflection of your personal stewardship ministry and allows us to continue our shared mission to welcome all people into an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ.

ST. FRANCIS LEGACY SOCIETY

The St. Francis Legacy Society Committee is pleased to report that 45 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. At the annual gathering of the Society, over drinks and hors d'oeuvres at the home of the Rector and Therese Saint-Andre, members of the Society were honored and members who died during the past year were fondly remembered. New 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 less frequently as 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, were Ruth Rael and Charles Rountree (terms expire 2026), and Alice McSweeney (term expires 2027). The term of beloved parishioner Marty Buchsbaum was due to expire in 2028. With his death, the Vestry appointed Steven Shore to fill the vacancy. In December, Bishop Hunn appointed Father Robin as Dean of the Deanery.



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 Esther de Waal's Seeking God. While Fr. Robin was on vacation, Mother Lynn led a discussion of Barbara Brown Taylor's An Altar in the World. We are currently reading and discussing The Book of Joy, conversations with Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. New participants are always welcome!

Father Robin leads an EVENING BIBLE STUDY on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY has been on hiatus since the summer, but is expected to be reconstituted in Lent under Father Simon. Father Robin also leads the WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY every Thursday at 10 a.m., having taken over from Mother Lynn. During the past year, we studied the book of Acts and we are now reading the Gospel of Matthew. 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. Over the course of the year, Fr. Robin presented on the Baptismal Covenant, Confession, the Good Friday Liturgies, the Apocrypha, the Council of Nicea and the Nicene Creed, the Anglican Communion and the next Archbishop of Canterbury, Stewardship, and the Theological Poetry of Advent Hymnody. Mother Lynn presented on Theological Dilemmas, Fasting, the Trinity, and Mysticism. Father Simon introduced himself on his first Sunday as Associate Rector. Other speakers included Treasurer Charles Rountree providing quarterly financial reports, parishioner Kaki Grubbs on Spiritual Direction, parishioner Kent Grubbs on Interfaith Community Services, Diocesan Youth Missioner the Rev. LeAnna Brun on Youth Ministries, Susan von Medicus on Icon Writing, parishioner Steven Berkshire on Education for Ministry, Adrian Waller on building houses in Juarez, and representatives from Girls Inc., Tomorrow's Women, Hope With Compassion, and CASA.

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), on Facebook, or publication in the "Faithway." Members of the committee are Cathy Gronquist, Jim Vaughan, Janet Sanders, Jim Overton, Lora Morton, Mark Childers, Fr. Simon, and Fr. Robin.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

During 2025 year, the WSG sponsored the 10th Annual Women's Quiet Day. The speaker was Deborah Smith Douglas, an Ignatian-trained spiritual director and author of "The Praying Life", and "The Pilgrim Life: Finding God in Along the Way". She presented a program titled, "Elements of Mystery: Heaven in Ordinary." This thought- provoking presentation was very well attended and received.

Two book studies were offered during the year: "The Gift of Years" by Joan Chittister" and "God is in the Manger" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. A one-day retreat was held in October during which the group focused on the prayer attributed to St. Francis. All women of the parish are invited to participate as we read, study, and discuss the texts and spend time together.

The Women's Quiet Day for 2026 will be February 7th, 8:00 a.m. in Palen. Our presenter will be Megan McKenna, a well-known and sought after speaker.

God's Peace and blessing to all,
Mtr. Madelynn

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

The Education for Ministry (EFM) program is now in its fifth year at Holy Faith. The program nationally just celebrated its 50th anniversary. EfM is a program administered by the University of the South, also known as Sewanee, and provides an intensive program of study looking at the context and meaning behind the Holy Scriptures, history of Christianity, and examining one's spiritual growth. The main program is a four-year educational opportunity with year one devoted to the Old Testament, year two devoted to the New Testament, year three to the history of Christianity, and year four examining spiritual growth and development. There is also a one-year addition called Wide-Angle which samples the four years and is designed as an add-on for those finishing the four-year program or for those wanting to see what EFM offers but aren't sure they want to do the four-years. EFM is not Bible Study nor is it designed to lead to ordination. Rather it is designed for lay people wishing to enhance their own spirituality and personal ministry. Nor is it solely for Episcopalians. The EFM group meets once a week under the guidance of an EFM trained Mentor who guides the group discussions and explorations. A significant aspect of the program, besides the weekly readings is participation in Theological Reflection. The group is intentionally kept small to allow for interaction amongst the members. The 2025-26 EFM group has eleven participants. All four years meet together. The Holy Faith EFM group sponsors a Lenten Retreat for the congregation each year and also leads the way in writing reflections for the Lenten Devotions.

The mentor for Holy Faith is Steven Berkshire who has been involved with EFM for over twenty-years. He can be reached at daeberk@yahoo.com or by phone at (720) 272-5528



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR and DIRECTOR OF LITURGY & MUSIC –

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. I would especially like to thank Pam Jones, and the rest of the Adult Acolytes that support our young people in their call to this ministry.

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 rail, 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 organ console, which was refurbished in 2001, is starting to show signs of wear in its operation that would be beyond repair. After 25 years, it is more cost effective to have a new one built. I have begun the process for selecting the best organ builder to do the job.

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*

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.

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 Rhonda Black, Barry Baltzley, Alice McSweeney, Pam Jones, and Van Swift.

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 Bunny Huffman, Marcus Parker, Kent and Kaki Grubbs, Mark Childers, and George Case.



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 (ICS board member), Guy and Cathy Gronquist, Bob Parker, Sandra Brinck, Charlotte Rundell, Kay Swindell, Clancy Rehorn, Newby Herrod, Daniel and Lynn Masterson, Mark and Debbie Ray, Lisa Holt, Eric Butler, Patrick Dolan, and Phyllis Lehmborg. 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 made up of all women of Holy Faith, though only about twenty attend. We primarily spend our time preparing for our annual bazaar in December. This year's bazaar was one of our most successful. We raised \$20,000. Most of the money we raise is donated to nonprofit agencies in Santa Fe. Last year our donations went to:

Adelante (Santa Fe Public Schools)

Bag 'n Hand Pantry

Boys and Girls Club

Esperanza Shelter

La Familia Medical Center

The Food Depot

Interfaith Community Shelter

Girl's Inc.

Kitchen Angels

Many Mothers

Habitat for Humanity

Santa Fe Mountain Center

Youth Shelters and Family Services

St. Bede's Juarez House Project

In addition to the money we raise at the bazaar, we are the recipients of income from a trust fund given to the Guild by Carol Scheffler many years ago. This money greatly enhances our budget so we can give away more.

We would like to encourage more women to attend Guild meetings. We meet Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Guild room behind Palen Hall. We make arts and crafts items and our famous pot holders, knitted and crocheted items and other projects we dream up from time to time!

In addition, we collect and sell gently used items donated by parishioners to our Twice Blessed shop. A dedicated group of women spend the year sorting, pricing, and packing these for the annual bazaar. Twice Blessed is a very popular and expanding part of the bazaar. This year was especially successful. A special shout out to the members who worked so hard on Twice

Blessed: Cathy Gronquist, Suzy Rhodes, Deb Ray, Shelby Green, and Jacki Walker and of course our “member-at-large” John Jones who made lots of sales on-line as well as helping with the weekly chores.

Thank you to all the parishioners who helped make this year, our 143rd St Nicholas Bazaar, one that the entire city looks forward to each year. Our next bazaar will be Saturday, December 5, 2026.

MISSION & OUTREACH GRANTING COMMITTEE –

The Committee is made up of Holy Faith parishioners who meet periodically to solicit and review grant applications. Funds are made available from the Sheffler Endowment and the generosity of Holy Faith parishioners. In 2025 we had the privilege of distributing \$29,750 in funding to the following applicants (all service providers are based in Santa Fe unless otherwise noted):

- Art for Humanity (Youth Education in Honduras)
- Bag-’n’-Hand (Food Insecurity)
- CASA First Judicial District (Foster Care Advocacy)
- Chaplain Joe’s Street Outreach (Homeless Outreach)
- Gerard’s House (Grief Support)
- Girls Inc (Girls’ Youth Support)
- Help with Compassion (Education and Womens’ Empowerment in South Sudan)
- Interfaith Community Shelter (Homeless Shelter and Outreach Services)
- Resolve (Violence Prevention)
- Scott’s House (Hospice Care/Advocacy)
- Sky Center (Youth Suicide Prevention)
- Tomorrow’s Women (Female Youth Leadership Development)

Members of the 2025 Committee were:

Kent Grubbs, Chair

Fr. Robin Dodge, ex officio

Mtr. Lynn Finnegan Eleanor Ortiz

Karen Gahr Patricia Rehorn

Newby Herrod Brenda Shears

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE –

Established in 2024, the Outreach Opportunities Committee (OOC) is a subcommittee of the Mission and Outreach Ministry that works with the Mission and Outreach Granting Committee to nurture partnerships with charities funded by the Scheffler Endowment along with other outreach endeavors that bring groups and individuals within the parish together.

The year was off to a great start, grant recipient Girls Inc. invited Mother Lynn Finnegan to be honored in their publication, *Girls Inc. Inspirations 2025: Celebrating Strong, Smart, and Bold New Mexican Women and Girls*. Mother Lynn's presence in this publication as a woman of faith and role model demonstrates faith by action in our broader community. Members of the Outreach Opportunities and Mission and Outreach Granting Committees funded a tribute page in the event book. The parish was invited to attend the Inspirational Unveiling Breakfast.

Once the 2025 Mission and Outreach Granting recipients were determined, the OOC members reviewed the list for potential involvement. Under the leadership of Mother Lynn, Sky Center, Chaplain Joe's Street Ministry, Bag 'n Hand Food Pantry, Resolve, Gerard House and Scott's House were invited to make Sunday Forum presentations to increase awareness of their mission and work.

A strong response to the assembly and distribution of Homeless Kits was the catalyst to make it a biannual project. To help fund kits, Father Robin allocated the plate collection proceeds the week before each drive; additionally, individual donations, discretionary funds, and committee funds will make it sustainable in the future. For a second year, the OOC led a summer Girls Inc. Back-To-School Drive collecting donations from our generous parishioners. Between the online registry generated by Girls Inc. and a collection box, their wish list was entirely fulfilled. As the girls and parents selected items, those present were touched by the thoughtfulness that went into taking only what was needed.

Since 2003, Adelante has worked to strengthen academic opportunities and well-being for Santa Fe Public School children facing homelessness or housing instability. Each holiday season, the Harvest Project provides complete holiday meal components to families, based on their food preferences and cultural tradition. The OOC was pleased to lead the Adelante Harvest Drive that brought in a multitude of bags of rice from the parish.

Current projects include the Juarez House Build under the leadership of Annie-Laurie Coogan and John Adams. This is the first time the parish will undertake the funding and building of a house for a family along the border in Juarez, Mexico (earlier efforts were in collaboration with St. Bede's). The OOC is committed to supporting their fundraising efforts that included a successful cooking class and wine-tasting and the planning of future events in the Spring.

This year, the Vestry created a budget category that allowed individual donations to be made directly to Outreach Opportunities for its various community initiatives resulting in funding for outreach in 2026! On a personal note, members of the Outreach Opportunities Committee are grateful for the time with Mother Lynn. She was instrumental in shaping our mission and direction from the beginning. We look forward to continuing to evolve and expand our reach under the leadership of Father Simon.

Submitted by:
Janet Russo

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SHELTER –

2025 was a tumultuous year for ICS. As you know, ICS was advised in late May that our lease at Pete’s Place was being cancelled by the City of Santa Fe, effective July 31. ICS ceased operations at Pete’s on July 30. This brought to an end more than 15 years of service by many, many volunteers from Holy Faith and other faith groups and community organizations. Our Feed the Hungry ministry, having been expanded earlier in the year to include Thursday night meal service, served its final Sunday lunch on July 27.

But this is only the end of the chapter, not the story. ICS – now doing business as Interfaith Community Services – continues to provide three important services to our community:

- Our ‘Showers To Go’ program takes a mobile hygiene unit to 3 locations each week, where our guests can get a hot shower, use the toilet facilities, receive a sack lunch, and engage with a case manager to help them address their particular needs. Hundreds of people have availed themselves of these services since July 1.
- Additionally, Interfaith manages a Seniors Motel Program at the Days Inn on Cerrillos, where about 25 homeless seniors receive room, dinner, and navigation services aimed at securing more permanent supportive housing.
- Finally, we continue to serve as the fiscal agent for Consuelo’s Place, a non-congregate shelter for individuals and families that’s located on the Midtown Campus.

More recently, Interfaith has served hot evening meals at Warehouse 21 in the Railyard during Code Blue weather events called by the City – meals that, for the most part, were prepared or stored in Holy Faith’s kitchen. And we continue to collect cold-weather clothing for distribution to those in need.

But it’s fair to say that our main focus now is the establishment of a new, purpose-built Resource and Opportunity Center in Santa Fe – a facility we call The ROCK. This is not just another shelter, but a new concept based on Trauma-Informed Design Principles and informed by best practices from leading-edge facilities from across the country. The ROCK is intended specifically to address three gaps in Santa Fe’s homelessness response system:

- Firstly, The ROCK will provide expanded shelter capacity by contributing approximately 125 overnight shelter beds, increasing Santa Fe’s capacity by almost 50%. And, we are looking at a hybrid model with respect to accommodations, including congregate, semi-congregate, and even some non-congregate options, choices that suit the particular needs of our homeless community.
- Secondly, The ROCK will serve as a much-needed Day Center where people’s daily survival needs can be met during daylight hours – a place where people can take showers, use the toilets, store their belongings, do their laundry, get donated clothing items, and get out of the weather and just be. Currently, such a facility does not exist in Santa Fe but it is desperately

needed. It's why you see so many people pushing their belongings along the sidewalks on Cerrillos Road and elsewhere.

· And finally, The ROCK will serve as centralized services hub – a 'one-stop shop' where our partner service providers can engage people with life-stabilizing services, such as medical care, behavioral health care, housing navigation, substance abuse treatment, and more. To this end, Memoranda of Understanding have been executed with The Life Link, La Familia Medical Services, Santa Fe Recovery Center, and St Elizabeth's Shelters to collaborate with ICS at The ROCK, including the placement of employees from those organizations directly on our campus to engage our guests more directly. More than a dozen other organizations have provided Letters of Support for The ROCK's establishment.

ICS has a site under contract where The ROCK can be built. Architectural design is well advanced and engineering studies required for a building permit application are underway. We expect to launch a capital campaign during the first half of 2026 to raise the funds required for construction – which could begin as early as the second half of 2026, dependent on securing sufficient capital funds to launch the project.

Submitted by Kent Grubbs
Board Chair and Holy Faith Representative, ICS



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 children and 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 2026 are as follows: January 8, February 12, March 5, April 9, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, November 12, and December 10. 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.

SOCIETY OF MARY (Rosary) –

Our Lady of the Holy Faith and Consolation Ward of the Society of Mary meets each Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. This hour encourages Rosary participants to attend the Taizé Healing Eucharist afterwards at 6:00 p.m., and encourages those attending the Taizé Healing Eucharist to come early to pray the Rosary.

Our group began meeting in 1996, thus 2025 marked our 29th anniversary of praying the Rosary at The Church of the Holy Faith. During 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.

We use a Rosary script which makes it easy for everyone to join in. 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. No experience is necessary, and Rosary beads are supplied if you need them.

Respectfully submitted,
Fr. Robin Dodge

THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING Frederick B. Howden Chapter –

The Daughters of the King are a Religious Order dedicated to spreading Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service, and evangelism. The Daughters meet monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m. The meeting is followed by the Afternoon Prayer Service in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Our Holy Faith Chaplain is Father Robin Dodge, Rector of Holy Faith Episcopal Church. Membership in the Daughters of the King requires a discernment period and a lifetime commitment.



New Officers were elected in May. They are: Irma F Gutierrez, President, Kelly Enos, Vice President, Jackie Walker, Treasurer, and Barbara Dedmon, Secretary.

Our DOK Chapter is the largest in the state with 30 active members. At present we do not have any new candidates awaiting Discernment Classes. The Diocese is exploring providing ZOOM classes for all chapters in the state when the need arises.

PRAYER

The Daughters maintain a Prayer List which can be updated daily. New prayer requests and/or changes are submitted to our designated Prayer List Keeper and quickly forwarded to all Daughters. Emergency Prayer Requests are emailed within 24 hours. Petitions for Healing are sent to Benedictine Oblate, Cha Foxhall.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Due to the closure of the RGBM El Paso Refugee Center, our DOK Chapter explored many different service projects, which included literacy, homelessness, meal assistance, grief counseling, etc. it was decided by our membership that we should select a different project every month.

NOVEMBER: Members contributed winter clothing which was taken by Parishioner Kent Grubb to be distributed by Interfaith Community Services.

DECEMBER: Our order participated in the Santa Fe Christmas Toy Drive. Our efforts were coordinated with Rollin Tylerr Jones, Santa Fe Fire Department.

JANUARY: Our January project will be decided at our meeting on January 15, 2026.

STUDY

In September we began studying, *Wisdom Distilled From The Daily, Living the Rule of St. Benedict Today* by Joan Chittister, OSB. Each month the study has been led by a different Daughter, thereby allowing for different perspectives and leadership styles to enhance our study!

Submitted by:

Irma Gutierrez, 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.

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The theme for Holy Faith's Stewardship Campaign for 2026 "You Are The Light of the World" is taken from Matthew 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." By your supporting pledge – You are the light of the world...Holy Faith has been a beacon of Christ's light for 162 years. Let your light shine before others...through your acts of faithfulness, kindness, and charity. So they may see your good deeds...through Holy Faith's Outreach efforts and Pastoral Care. And glorify your Father in heaven...through Liturgy & Music, Community, and Hospitality. This year's stewardship campaign is undergirded by prayer. You are invited to pray for the grace to hear how God wants your light to shine. Ask how Holy Faith can shine even brighter as a beacon of light in Santa Fe for the glory of God. You are invited to pray for the grace to hear how God is calling you to participate at Holy Faith in new ways or to deepen your current participation. Join your light with the light of all those in our beloved faith community. Let your light shine by writing your prayer intentions on gold ribbons, located in Palen Hall, to create a "Banner of Light" that will be brought back into the church when we meet our stewardship goal.

I am pleased to report that the 2026 Stewardship Campaign, as of January 21, 2026, has raised \$721,443 from 159 pledging households, 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 2026. New pledges and gifts are gratefully received throughout the year.

I want to express gratitude to these wonderful people who helped bring the 2026 stewardship campaign to life.

- for the glorious talent of Eli Herrera 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: Karen Gahr, Sue Angel, Pam Jones, Leslie Dillen, Eric Butler, Tim Presley, and Kaki and Kent Grubbs.
- and especially for Kent and Kaki Grubbs who chaired this year's campaign.

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 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.

WELCOME MINISTRY –

The Welcome Committee continues to send personal letters to recipients of the Welcome cards found on the backs of the pews, and prayer requests are acknowledged. Anita Pisa faithfully replaces the cards each week. Also, Ushers hand out Welcome envelopes each service to people visiting the church. The envelopes show schedules of services for Holy Faith.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Ritch, Chairman, Welcome Committee

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, Bill Gahr, Hank Coleman, Marcus Parker, Jim Farrell, Mike Morrissey, Marty Buchsbaum (whom we honored at a lunch after his death), Jim Vaughan, George Case, David Smith, Jay Thomas, Dirk Mathis, Ben Allison, Jack Lott, Preston Stone, Mark Childers, Gary Moran, Joe Mashburn, and Fr. Robin. If you would like information about the group, which meets for lunch the third Thursday of the month, contact Fr. Robin.

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. **YOU, the bakers and the non-bakers, provide the refreshments and Host.**

The "**Host**" brings 2 quarts of half & half and plates the cookies from the freezer, or freshly baked by the "**Bakers**" and brought in that Sunday. "Bakers" bring cookies and put them in the freezer at any time, or bring cookies on Sunday morning. Non-sweet items, such as savory tidbits, strawberries, grapes and mini-oranges are also very welcome.

To join our ministry, please 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, you can sign-up on the Calendar taped to the refrigerator in Palen Hall.** Won't you please join us?

Submitted by:
Karen Gahr, Chairman

HOLY FAITH FREE SPIRITS – A Group of Single Women at Holy Faith

The Free Spirits had only a few gatherings this year due to Rebecca's inability to plan much after bi-lateral knee replacements. We did the following:

- Had a pot luck gathering at the home of Jacki Walker to celebrate the New Year
- Participated in Kitchen Angels' fundraiser of Angels Night Out
- Gathered at the home of Rebecca Tobey for our annual Christmas party

Submitted by:
Rebecca Tobey, Coordinator

HOLY FAITH ART GROUP –

The Art Group met on the second and Fourth Tuesdays of the month for 2025. We are composed of people who have painted before, those who are learning and one professional artist. It provides camaraderie and also assist in improving the artistic skills of the group.

We as a group participated in the Holy Faith Women's Guild's St. Nicholas Bazaar in December 2025 by providing hand painted cards for sale. The participants were highly praised for the cards and we considered our participation a success.

Submitted by:
Van Swift, Art Group Coordinator

PARISH LIBRARY –

The Library Committee was pleased to present the Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope as the speaker for the annual Scheffler Lecture on October 17th. Her presentation of "Washington National Cathedral: Living into its Second Century" was both an historical overview and, drawing on her 15 years as Provost there, an exciting account of current and future developments. On May 20th, the committee offered a well-received "Open House" featuring author Deborah Douglas's speaking about her recent book, *The Pilgrim Life*. Committee member Lora Morton contributed a Faithway article on the Scheffler Lecture as well as researching and writing about Holy Faith benefactor Caroline Koetsch Scheffler.

Besides displaying books relating to special presentations, the library mounted displays of Lent and Advent books. Other activities included completing the acquisition of all titles used by the Education

for Ministry Program (which are housed on a dedicated shelf), creating a bibliography on Thomas Merton, participation in the fall Ministry Fair with an array of books about St. Francis, and the ongoing sale of donated and deaccessioned books on the Library Book Sale shelves in Palen Hall.

Throughout the year, the Library Committee continued its project of bringing the library collection into accordance with its approved policies and procedures. The DVD collection of 80 movies was trimmed to 44. Similarly, Christmas books were looked at for religious content. The Southwest Collection received particularly close attention, with 72 books deaccessioned. As a result, an addendum regarding the Southwest Collection was added to the library's collection policy. This also provided room to add a number of more appropriate titles to that collection.

Another project being given attention is the preservation of the collection by enclosing paper bookjackets in mylar covers. This year 139 books have been protected.

During the year, the library deaccessioned a total of 164 books and added 252. The total number of items in the collection, across all formats, is 6899. The number of books checked out in 2025 was 61, with 55 additional used in-house. The library is also frequently used for quiet reading.

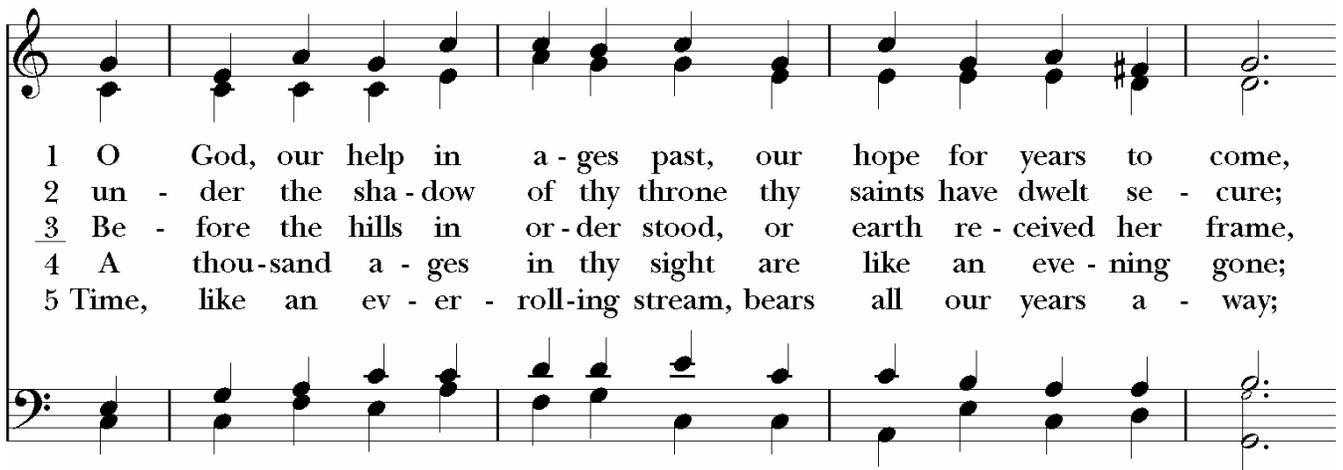
As part of its outreach activities, the committee again funded the purchase of Bibles for children and teenagers in parish families. End-of-year donations were also made to four organizations that provide books for children and promote children's reading programs: Book Kids, Literacy Link-Leamos, Reading Quest, and the Friends of the Santa Fe Public Library.

The Library Committee meets monthly, usually on the second Wednesday at 1:30. Current committee members are Anita Caldwell, Karen Gahr, Bonnie Hardwick, Virginia Lopez, Alice McSweeney, Lora Morton, Mari Russell, and Thérèse Saint-André. Father Robin Dodge serves as advisor.

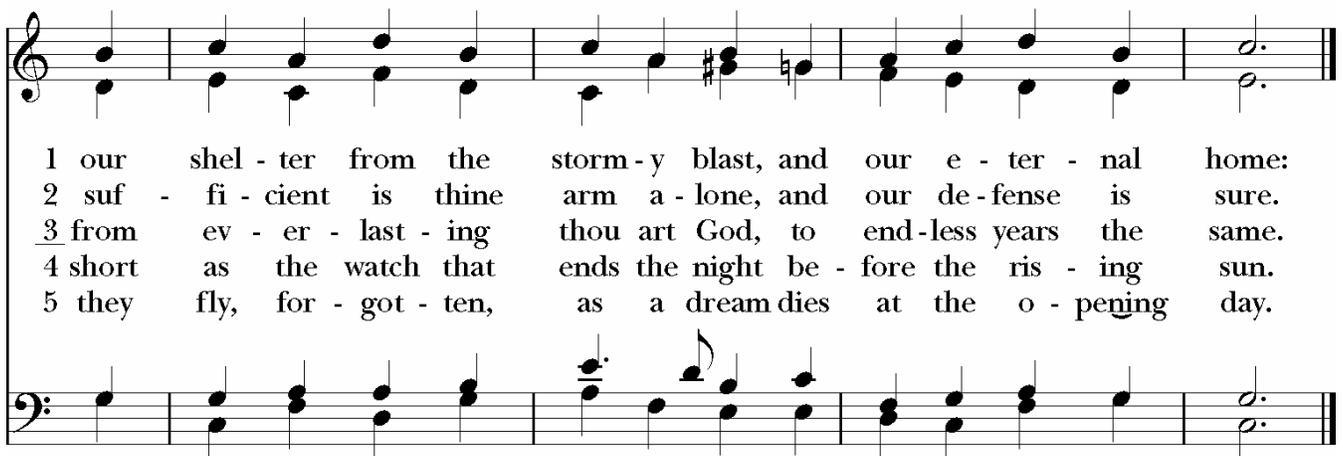
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O God, our help in ages past



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

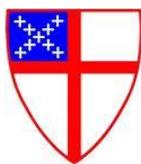
The Church of the Holy Faith welcomes all people into an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.



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