

Vestry Retreat 2026: Growing Closer to God and One Another

The Vestry recently gathered for a retreat rooted in prayer, relationship, and shared discernment about the year ahead. The day centered on our 2026 theme: Growing closer to God and more connected to one another.

Much of our time was devoted to building trust and deepening our capacity to listen well — to one another and to the Spirit. Through team-building, Vestry members shared in a guided prayer walk across our campus, and reflected on the many ways God has already been at work in the life of Holy Family — and on where new life may be waiting to be nurtured.

At the heart of the retreat was a meaningful shift in how we think about our buildings and grounds. Rather than seeing them simply as something to maintain, the Vestry explored what it might mean to treat our spaces as “vessels for transformation” — a tool God can use to foster spiritual growth, extend genuine hospitality, deepen intergenerational connection, and strengthen our outreach to neighbors. Conversations touched on how we welcome newcomers, how financial health can free us more fully for mission, and how we move from “doing for” others to truly “doing with” them.

In small groups, Vestry members identified several high-impact, low-cost goals for 2026 — practical, achievable steps that can help our campus feel more welcoming, more flexible, and more clearly aligned with our shared mission. The day concluded with prayer and commitment, as each Vestry member named one hope for the year ahead and one concrete action they will take to help Holy Family continue to grow as a place of prayer, belonging, and transformation.

The Vestry looks forward to listening more deeply to the wider parish and our neighbors in the months ahead, trusting that God is already at work among us — and inviting us to join in what God is doing. - Father Frank