

SMHC Family Genealogy Questionnaire

As you know, the Holy Cross 150-year anniversary culminated in a wonderful celebration on September 14, 2025.

From the earliest days of the parish, many of the original families carefully documented their genealogy—some tracing their roots even before the founding of Holy Cross. Portions of this information were later preserved in three historical parish books. Since then, those pioneer families have grown into many generations, each adding new chapters to our shared story.

As we look to the future, we would now like to include all families from both Holy Cross and St. Mary in our parish history. Every household—long-established or newly joined—is invited to contribute. Our goal is to create a complete and living history of our entire parish family.

On behalf of the SMHC Parish Historical Committee, we warmly invite all families to submit their genealogy, along with copies of old family photographs, documents, and other historical materials.

This form may be used to record your family history as far back as you wish, with special attention to when your family first began attending either parish. You may choose whether or not to include private details; if you do, we can ensure that those items remain accessible only to your family upon request.

If you already use genealogy software, I can upload your existing family file directly into the parish history—an option that is far less time-consuming.

Space is provided for four children. If you need additional pages, feel free to copy the form or contact me and I will gladly email more.

If your family appeared in any of the original parish history books and you would like to review or incorporate that information, I can provide a digital or printed copy for your use.

Questions may be directed to:

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Husband's Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Place: _____

Baptism Date: _____ Place: _____

Death Date: _____ Place: _____

Burial Date: _____ Place: _____

Husband's Father's Name: _____

Husband's Mother's Name: _____

Husband's Paternal Grandfather's Name: _____

Husband's Paternal Grandmother's Name: _____

Husband's Maternal Grandfather's Name: _____

Husband's Maternal Grandmother's Name: _____

Wife's Name (maiden name): _____

Birth Date: _____ Place: _____

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Baptism Date: _____ Place: _____

Death Date: _____ Place: _____

Burial Date: _____ Place: _____

Wife's Father's Name: _____

Wife's Mother's Name: _____

Wife's Paternal Grandfather's Name: _____

Wife's Paternal Grandmother's Name: _____

Wife's Maternal Grandfather's Name: _____

Wife's Maternal Grandmother's Name: _____

Marriage Date: _____ Place: _____

Children:

1. Name: (Male / Female): _____

Birth Date: _____ Place: _____

Baptism Date: _____ Place: _____

Death Date: _____ Place: _____

Burial Date: _____ Place: _____

Spouse (birth name): _____

2. Name: (Male / Female): _____

Birth Date: _____ Place: _____

Baptism Date: _____ Place: _____

Death Date: _____ Place: _____

Burial Date: _____ Place: _____

Spouse (birth name): _____

3. Name: (Male / Female): _____

Birth Date: _____ Place: _____

Baptism Date: _____ Place: _____

Death Date: _____ Place: _____

Burial Date: _____ Place: _____

Spouse (birth name): _____

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4. Name: (Male / Female): _____

Birth Date: _____ Place: _____

Baptism Date: _____ Place: _____

Death Date: _____ Place: _____

Burial Date: _____ Place: _____

Spouse (birth name): _____

Other Information: _____

Thank you on behalf of the SMHC Historical committee:

- Anne Davis
- Laurie Phelan
- Stacey Rooney
- Tom Rooney
- Tammi McClain
- Larry Shaw
- Larry Sauer
- Lynn Schreurs