

Greetings to our parish community and those who join us from around the country on our live feed.

My name is Lisa Stankiewicz. I am the Faith Formation Director at Saint Agnes and coordinator of our annual Bible Adventure at Camp Holy Cross. While I am the one addressing you today, I am speaking for myself, Justin Brown our Youth Minister and Co-Director of Camp Holy Cross, and Father Chris. But most of all I am speaking for the hundreds of young people from Pre-K to college who enjoy their time at Camp Holy Cross each summer.

After much deliberation and consultation with our local health department, The Massachusetts Camper Association and following all current CDC guidelines, Camp Holy Cross will re-open fully this summer. This means that our two-week overnight camp and annual Bible Adventure will take place. We are confident that we can open in the safest possible way, while still allowing our campers and counselors a positive, fun and faith-filled experience. Each year we hear from our current and past campers and counselors that their time at CHC is among their fondest memories. We even have families who take their annual summer vacation to serve as volunteers. Camp Holy Cross is a unique and wonderful place that leaves lasting memories! For some children, it is the only place they will get to know Jesus!

The decision to open does not come without hurdles and substantial additional costs. For that reason, we are asking for your help. In past years we have received sponsorships from so many generous donors. We appreciate your generosity and hope that you will continue to help us.

Due to the pandemic, we have additional costs for safety equipment, health personnel, sanitation supplies, disposable food service materials, additional buses to keep kids safely distanced, tent purchases for safe outdoor meeting spaces, and other unforeseen costs.

Anything you can do to help us will be so appreciated. Please consider a donation, no matter the amount. Anything you can do will help! You can make checks out Camp Holy Cross and designate for “summer camp donation”. There will also be a donation link on our parish website. Please let us know if you require a receipt for tax purposes. All funds received will be split equally between our traditional overnight and Bible Adventure weeks.

Thanks in advance for your generosity and may God bless you and your family.