

St. William Parish Council  
November 29, 2011

Members Present: Father Balash, Ann Coursen, Theresa Craiger, Gerry Dines, Bob Hardman, Linda Horm, Bob Kane, Gary Kittle, Gloria Mintus, Rebecca Murphy, Cathy Poponak, and Rich Zigarovich

- **Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with prayer entitled “*Advent.*”
- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**
  - **Parish Life - Gerry Dines:** The committee met on November 9, 2011. The Thanksgiving Food Drive was very successful with 8 requests from our parish being received. In addition to food, \$530.00 was also collected. Overall the Food Drive served 55 families consisting of 222 people. Each family received a food basket along with a \$30.00 gift certificate. The Christmas Giving Tree tags have been distributed and gifts are due on December 4. The annual Trick or Trunk Halloween Party was successful. Members from the committee will be attending a new program entitled “*Awakening Faith*” sponsored by the Religious Education Office of the Diocese. The program focuses on ways to invite fallen away Catholics back to the Church. The annual Parish Appreciation Dinner Dance is being planned for January 21, 2012. This year the theme will be a Hawaiian Luau. Games, entertainment and prizes are planned. The committee will meet on Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 7:00pm to continue planning the Dinner/Dance.
  - **Liturgy Committee -- Ann Coursen:** The committee met on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, to continue planning the Advent and Christmas seasons. Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2011. The committee will decorate the Church for Christmas on Monday, December 21, 2011, at 5:00pm.
  - **Women’s Guild -- Theresa Craiger:** The Women’s Guild held their monthly meeting on November 2, 2011. Letters to Saint Anthony Parish welcoming them as our sister parish were sent and a thank you letter from Fr. Drake has been received. The Guild collected Christmas cards and gave them to PSR to be sent to those in the Armed Forces for Christmas. The Holiday Tour of Homes was held November 18-20, 2011, and was very successful. A final financial report will be forthcoming. The Guild will sponsor the annual Parish Family Holiday Dinner on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>; a Kolachi Bake on December 7<sup>th</sup>; and the Christmas Craft Show on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting of the Guild will be on Wednesday, January 4, 2012.
  - **Finance -- Bob Hardman:** The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. A new filter has been installed on the gas line from the well coming into the building. The boiler will be serviced in December and a decision will be made to either remain on the gas well or switch to Dominion for the heating season. The Christmas Cash Raffle brought in \$6,200.00 in sales. A profit of \$5,340.00 will be made on the raffle. This is \$2,790.00 more than last year.

- **Religious Education** -- **Rebecca Murphy:** Christmas Cards for those serving in the Armed Forces will be mailed on November 30, 2011. Each box contains cards made by the students as well as boxed cards for the soldiers to send back home. The next All-PSR Session will be on Sunday, December 11, 2011. The children will be learning about the Saints of December with a concluding presentation on Saint Nicholas. The Confirmation Candidates will be helping with the Parish Christmas Dinner and the Craft Show. They attended a Confirmation Retreat at Blessed Sacrament Parish on November 20, 2011. The PSR students will once again be holding their Bowl-A-Thon this coming winter.
  
- **Knights of Columbus:** -- **Bob Kane:** The Knights of Columbus sponsored a Hunter Safety class November 4-6, 2011. Seventeen were in attendance. The spaghetti dinner held in October was successful. Recently the Knights repaired some of the chairs in the in church and helped park cars for the Holiday Tour of Homes. They will sponsor Breakfast with Santa on December 18, 2011.
  
- **Pastor's Report:** No formal report.
  
- **Member Comments:** None
  
- **Old Business:** None
  
- **New Business:** .
  
- **Next Meeting:** TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012.