

St. William Parish Council
September 13, 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 “*Blessings for a New Year.*” Fr. Balash welcomed Theresa Craiger to the Council as the new President of the Women’s Guild. A membership roster was distributed to the members.

- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**
 - **Parish Life - Gerry Dines:** The Parish Life Committee met on Wednesday, August 31. The School Supply Drive collected \$175.00 along with school supplies. 111 children including 2 from our parish received supplies. The committee will be working on the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive and Christmas Giving Tree projects in the coming months. Trick or Trunk Night will be on Sunday, October 30, from 5-7pm with a best costume contest and prizes this year. Fr. Balash distributed a copy of the Covenant Agreement between St. William Parish and St. Anthony Parish ratifying the sister parish relationship. This covenant agreement will be celebrated at weekend masses on September 23/24. A calendar of events is being proposed for the 50th Parish Anniversary in 2013. The committee will begin working on this year-long celebration in January 2012. The Parish Appreciation Dinner Dance will be held on either January 21, or January 28, 2012. Make a Difference Day is Saturday, October 22, and the PSR Students and Confirmation Candidates will be participating.

 - **Liturgy Committee -- Ann Coursen:** The committee met on Tuesday, August 30. The focus of the committee was the implementation of the new Roman Missal in the parish. Adult formation sessions will be held in September, October and November to provide an opportunity for parishioners to become familiar with the new missal. The committee will serve as hosts for the Annual Diocesan Liturgy Committee Evening on Monday, September 12. A Liturgical Minister Workshop will be held on Sunday, October 16, from 12:30-3:30pm. The committee briefly discussed Advent and Christmas plans and will meet next on Tuesday, October 18.

 - **Women’s Guild -- Theresa Craiger:** The Guild’s first meeting of the year was held on Wednesday, September 7, with 37 present. The membership voted to donate \$100.00 to the National Council of Catholic Women. Summer events included the Rummage Sale (\$4,303.16 profit) and the annual Parish Picnic. Debi Hayes was thanked for organizing the picnic. The Guild will co-sponsor an evening of reflection with the Knights of Columbus during Lent 2012. The Tour of Homes will be held in November. TNT Night was held on Sunday, September 11, and netted a profit of \$2,135.00. The Guild is working on the Christmas Craft Show and the Christmas Kolachi Bake. Fr. Balash suggested that the Guild consider moving the time of the annual Parish Picnic next August to 12:00noon rather than 4:00pm.

- **Finance** -- **Bob Hardman:** The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 2, to finalize the 2011-2012 Parish Budget and review the annual Diocesan Financial Reports. The annual Financial Report to the parish was included as an insert in the September 11, bulletin. Fr. Balash distributed a 2-year Financial Report Comparison to the council for their review.
- **Religious Education** -- **Rebecca Murphy:** The first PSR classes for the year were held on Sunday/Monday, September 11/12. The PSR Students will be participating in Make-A-Difference Day on Saturday, October 22. This year the parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for 8th and 9th grade students on Sunday, March 11, 2012 at St. Columba Cathedral. The first parent/candidate meeting will be on Sunday, October 2.
- **Knights of Columbus:** -- **Bob Kane:** The Knights of Columbus have been involved in numerous projects over the summer among them being at both Trunk Sales and the Parish Picnic. The Knights also striped the parking lot in front of the office building for parking and attended a Scrappers Game on August 26. Upcoming projects include a Corporate Communion Mass and Breakfast on October 9; a Spaghetti Dinner on October 23, and the annual Breakfast with Santa on December 18. The Council collected over \$400.00 in June for the annual Measure-Up Campaign and also donated \$100.00 to the Hanna Propst Fund in memory of Tim Timko's sister. The council will be purchasing t-shirts with the K of C logo for council members.
- **Pastor's Report:** Fr. Balash distributed parish calendar's to the members outlining the many events and happenings scheduled in the parish in 2011-2012. Fr. Balash also reported that the new cross in the sanctuary was a gift to the parish and that he is exploring the possibility of installing a carillon bell system for the parish. He will get more information and share with the members at a later date.
- **Member Comments:** Gary Kittle inquired about the status of the property across the street from the parish. The parish currently owns one acre of undeveloped property across the street at the entrance driveway.
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:** The members were reminded that the next meeting of the Council will be on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 7:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.