

St. William Parish Council
November 9, 2010

Members Present: Father Balash, Bob Hardman, Linda Horm, Bob Kane, Gary Kittle, Gloria Mintus, Rebecca Murphy, Cathy Poponak, and Rich Zigarovich

Members Excused: Ann Coursen, Gerry Dines, and Mo Thuman

- **Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with a prayer entitled “*Pilgrim Prayer.*”
- **Welcome and Review of October 18, 2010 Minutes:** Fr. Balash welcomed the members to the meeting. The minutes from the October 18, 2010 meeting were reviewed and accepted without any corrections.
- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**
 - **Parish Life - Gerry Dines (excused):** In Gerry’s absence the following items were discussed. Fr. Balash mentioned that the committee will next meet on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 to continue its discussion about establishing a “sister parish” relationship. In addition, plans are being finalized for the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 21, 2010. The committee will also be discussing the Parish Appreciation Dinner Dance scheduled for Saturday, January 29, 2011.
 - Gloria Mintus offered the following comments about some of the other projects the committee is involved with. The response for the Thanksgiving Food Drive is going very well. Ten families from St. William Parish have requested assistance for Thanksgiving. Food and monetary collections will end on Sunday, November 13 and distribution will take place on Saturday, November 20th at Otterbein Methodist Church. Each family will also receive a gift certificate from Sparkle Market. The Christmas Giving Tree began November 6/7th. Catholic Charities sent 130 tags to the parish. This year, families in need from St. William Parish were asked to contact Catholic Charities directly. It was noted that the application notice was late in coming and it is hoped that next year sufficient notice will be given. Gifts are due back on December 5 and they will be transported to Catholic Charities by December 10th. The Parish also received a thank you note from Fairhaven Schools for the Back to School Supplies they recently received.
 - **Liturgy Committee -- Ann Coursen (excused):** The committee held its meeting prior to the Parish Council meeting at 5:30pm. Plans for the Advent/Christmas season are being finalized. The church will be decorated for Advent on Friday, November 26th and for Christmas on Sunday, December 19th. The committee also reviewed the All Souls Day remembrance held the weekend of October 30/31. The music books will be changed on Sunday,

November 21 after the 11:00am Mass for the upcoming new liturgical year. Lessons and Carols will be celebrated on Sunday, December 5 at 6:00pm and the Advent Communal Reconciliation Service will be held at St. Pius X on Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00pm. The next meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday, January 11 at 5:30pm.

- **Women's Guild** -- **Mo Thuman (excused)**: The Guild held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2010. Upcoming projects include the Christmas Craft Show, Parish Family Holiday Dinner and the Kolachi Bake. The Christmas Craft Show on Saturday, December 11th is sold out for this year. The Kolachi Bake is scheduled for December 1st and the Parish Family Holiday Dinner is on Sunday, December 5th. The annual TNT night will be on Wednesday, January 19, 2011.
- **Finance** -- **Bob Hardman**: The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00pm. The Christmas Cash Raffle is underway and tickets are now available. The drawing for prizes begins on Thanksgiving Day and continues through December 19th. The Social Hall remodeling project is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 3, 2011.
- **Religious Education** -- **Rebecca Murphy**: PSR teachers held a faculty meeting on Monday, November 1st. All grades will be making decorations for the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 21st. The seventh and eighth grade students will also be helping at the dinner. The first ALL-PSR session will be held on Sunday, December 12 from 9:15-12:00n. The topic will be the "Liturgical Year and a Tour of the Church." The entire student body will also attend the 11:00am Mass that day. Other topics for future ALL-PSR sessions include the Rosary and Lent and Reconciliation. The PSR is also planning a Bowl-A-Thon on February 12 from 3-6pm. The Warren Family Mission will be the charity benefiting from bowling donations. The event will be held at the Champion Bowling Lanes. All grades will be making Christmas cards for service members in all branches of the military and will be mailed on November 16 in time for Christmas.
- **Knights of Columbus**: -- **Bob Kane**: The Knights of Columbus sponsored a Casino Bus Trip on October 19th and future trips are planned for the springtime. The K of C also assisted at the annual "Trick or Trunk Halloween Party" on November 1st. About 300 hotdogs were cooked and served that evening. Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Sunday, December 18 and the Knights assisted with Sunday Donuts and Coffee on November 7th.
- **Pastor's Report**: Fr. Balash reported that he was recently approached by a gentleman about the possibility of leasing the field in the back of the church for farming and raising crops. Fr. Balash asked for input from members of the Council and they decided that it would be a good to pursue the idea and gather more information. Fr. Balash next informed the members about the status of purchasing a

statue of St. William for the outside of the Church. The former St. William Parish in Euclid has a statue for sale. Fr. Balash recently viewed the statue and stated that it is in need of new paint and some refurbishing. An estimate for \$1475 was given to repaint the statue. A discussion ensued and the members of Council recommended that we pursue this possibility and ask parishioners to donate towards the project.

- **Member Comments:** None
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:** None
- **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council scheduled for Tuesday, December 14 was **cancelled** because of the holidays. The Parish Council will next meet on Tuesday, **January 11, 2011** at 7:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm