

St. William Parish Council  
November 5, 2019

- **Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with prayer entitled “*A Prayer for Autumn Days.*”
- **Welcome:** Fr. Balash welcomed the members to the meeting and the minutes from the September 10, 2019, meeting were approved as submitted.
- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**
  - **Parish Life -- Penny Hudak:** The Winter Clothing Drive ended on October 12, 2019. The Thanksgiving Food Drive is currently underway. On Friday, November 22, 2019, food will be brought to St. William Social Hall and be distributed on Saturday November 23, 2019. Darlene Frantz is coordinating this event for the parish. The annual Christmas Giving Tree will be in vestibule in the coming weeks. Catholic Charities has sent 100 gifts tags and gifts will be due back on December 8, 2019. The committee will meet on Thursday, November 7, 2019, to continue making plans for the Parish Appreciation event in January.
  - **Liturgy Committee -- Maureen Scott:** The Liturgy Committee met prior to the Parish Council meeting. The Liturgical Minister Workshops were well attended and surfaced some new ministers in all areas. The annual All Souls Remembrance was held on November 2-3, 2019. RCIA is being held at St. Rose Church, Girard and is a countywide effort this year. St. William has two people participating. The Rite of Welcome for the RCIA catechumens will be held on December 1, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Mass. The parish Advent theme this year will be “*Wonders of His Love.*” Lessons and Carols will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. The committee will continue planning for Advent and Christmas. Anointing of the Sick will be held the weekend of February 8-9, 2019, at all Masses. The committee also briefly discussed plans for Lent.
  - **Women’s Guild -- Theresa Craiger:** The Guild met on October 2, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. and had a speaker from Akron Children’s Hospital Reach Out and Read Literacy Program. The Guild recently had the carpet in the Social Hall cleaned and updated the AED equipment. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019. The Guild’s annual TNT Night will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. Upcoming events include: Kolachi Bake, December 4; Santa Social, December 8; and Christmas Craft Show, December 14, 2019.
  - **Finance -- Bob Hardman:** The Finance Committee met on October 29, 2019. The first quarter of the year looks good and the parish continues to be ahead of budget projections. The committee decided to increase the monthly loan payment to \$2000.00 per month with the extra being applied to the loan principal each month.
  - **Religious Education -- Jennifer Kusmierek:** On October 13, 2019, students in grades 4-6 attended the Holy Fire Retreat at Bowling Green University. On October 27, 2019, the first FFC was held along with Make A Difference Day on October 26, 2019.
  - **Youth Ministry -- Frank DePascale:** Youth Ministry currently meets on Sunday afternoons from 12:00n-1:30 p.m. Youth Ministry participated in Make A Difference Day by cleaning the parish kitchen and the tables and chairs. Youth Ministry also helped serve breakfast for the PSR-FFC session on October 27, 2019. Youth Ministry will do the cooking and help staff the kitchen for the Women’s Guild Craft Show on December 14, 2019. Warren Area Catholic Teens is currently undergoing

- changes in leadership however plans are underway for the annual Senior Pasta Dinner on November 23, 2019, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church in Warren. In addition, an effort is underway to see if there is an interest to attend the March for Life and Youth Rally and Mass in Washington D.C. in January.
- **Knights of Columbus:** -- **Brian McCue:** The Knights held a membership drive in October and received five inquires and two new members. The Knights Corn-Hole Tournament was held on October 5, 2019. The turnout for the event was disappointing and so the Knights are looking for another activity next year. Meetings will be held on November 6, and 20, and December 4, 2019. Upcoming events include: Veteran Day recognition, November 9-10; Spaghetti Dinner, November 16; and the Council Christmas Dinner, December 18, 2019. The Council purchased 12 jackets from the National Coats for Kids program to donate to Rene's Closet. The Knights will sponsor a holiday fundraiser in December, selling "Keep Christ In Christmas" yard signs.
  - **Pastor's Report:**
    - **Pictorial Directory Update:** Fr. Balash reported that the Parish Pictorial Directory will be distributed beginning November 9-10, 2019.
    - **Catering Operation:** Fr. Balash reported that the Finance Committee has been discussing the current status of the Parish Catering operation. There has been a reduction in the number of scheduled events in recent years. Currently the next scheduled event is in May 2020. Many reasons and circumstances have been cited as the cause in the reduction of events. The Finance Committee realizes that the stream of revenue once produced by catering is no longer available. The committee will continue to discuss different options for the future and report back to the Council.
    - **Church Carpeting:** Fr. Balash reported that carpeting for the Church and flooring for the vestibule continues to move forward with the project happening sometime in Spring 2020.
    - **Handicapped Restroom Remodel:** The handicapped restroom will be remodeled in January/February 2020. The walls will be tiled and the ceiling replaced. Ross Lenhart will take care of this project.
    - **Bulletin Paper:** Fr. Balash informed members that due to exorbitant increase in the cost of colored paper, the bulletin will be printed on white paper only moving forward. By using white paper only a savings of \$900.00 per year will be realized.
    - **Microphone Replacement:** In early December, the wireless microphones in the Church and Social Hall will be replaced because of a change in frequency. The Women's Guild has agreed to fund this project.
    - **Building Keys:** The members were informed that all the locks to the Church building have been replaced and new keys will need to be distributed to those needing access to the building. This will begin on November 11, 2019.
    - **LED Lighting Update:** Fr. Balash informed members that we are currently waiting for the U-shaped lights needed in the short hallway and vestibule to become available. As soon as they are manufactured they will be purchased to replace the current bulbs. This will complete the lighting project for the parish.
    - **2020 Parish Calendars:** Fr. Balash informed members that Peter Rossi and Son Funeral Home will provide Parish Calendars for 2020. They will be distributed as soon as they arrive.

- Parish Council Meeting Date Change: Due to a conflict, the March meeting of Parish Council originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2020, will now be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

- **Member Comments:** None

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.