

St. William Parish Council
September 14, 2021

- **Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with prayer entitled “*Dreams Come and Go.*”
- **Welcome:** Fr. Balash welcomed the members and extended a special welcome to the newest members of the Parish Council: Michael McClusky, Finance Committee Representative; Lauren Haynie, Youth Representative; and Patty Goldner, At-Large Representative. A roster of contact information was distributed.
- **Overview / Function of Parish Council:** Fr. Balash provided a summary of the function and responsibility of Parish Council. The By-laws were reviewed and an overview of the parish model was discussed.
- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**
 - **Parish Life -- Diana Kirkwood.** No report
 - **Liturgy Committee -- Maureen Scott:** The committee met earlier in the evening and began planning the upcoming Advent season. The committee decided upon: “*Together We Wait*” as the parish theme for Advent. The Blessing of Pets will take place on Saturday, October 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. and the All Soul’s Day Remembrance will be held the weekend of October 30-31, 2021. There is a potential of three possible catechumens for RCIA this year. Saint William Parish will be participating in a county-wide RCIA preparation process. Other upcoming events include: Lessons & Carols on November 30, 2021, and two county Advent Communal Reconciliation Services, December 5, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, McDonald, and December 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament, Warren. The committee briefly discussed the Christmas and New Year Mass schedule. Christmas Masses will be on Friday, December 24, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. There will not be a 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday evening. Sunday, December 26, 2021, will be the Feast of the Holy Family with Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass for New Year will be on Saturday, January 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. only. There will not be a 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday evening. Sunday, January 2, 2022, will be the Feast of the Epiphany with Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. This year, because January 1st falls on Saturday the obligation to attend Mass for New Year is dispensed.
 - **Women’s Guild -- Linda Horm:** The Women’s Guild Organizational Meeting was held in June to determine meeting dates and events for the year. Over the summer the Women’s Guild purchased 150 refurbished padded chairs for the Social Hall at a cost of \$12,000.00. The Trunk Sale was held in July in place of the Rummage Sale. Plans include the Rummage Sale returning next summer. In August the Women’s Guild sponsored the annual Parish Picnic. It was “pot-luck” with the Knights of Columbus providing corn-on-the-cob. 80-90 people attended. In September the Women’s Guild held their annual Wine and Cheese gathering and reviewed the Program Booklets for the year. Three different options were presented for the purchase of new stoves for the kitchen. A motion to move forward on the project was approved. The purchase and installation of new stoves will most likely take place in summer 2022. Upcoming events include: TNT Night, September 21, 2021; Chance Auction, October 12, 2021; Kolachi Bake, December 1, 2021; Parish Family Dinner, December 5, 2021; and Christmas Craft Show, December 11, 2021.

- **Religious Education** -- **Bette Lloyd:** PSR classes began on Sunday, September 12, 2021. Students were presented with new Bibles as part of the “PowerUP→Reconnect with the Word of God” theme. The bibles were purchased through a parish grant received from Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union. Students will participate in the PowerUP→Reconnect event on Sunday, September 19, 2021. Make-A-Difference Day will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021, with students participating in projects assisting the parish and parishioners. The first Family Faith Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, October 24, 2021. Adult Faith Formation will start in September with Little Rock Scripture Study. The topic will be “Angels in the Bible” and 34 participants have signed up. The parish was the recipient of a \$5000.00 grant from Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union this summer to be used towards the purchase of new Bibles for parish families. The parish catechetical theme this year is “PowerUP→Reconnect with the Word of God.” A parish retreat will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and will include attendance at 5:00 p.m. Mass.
- **Finance Committee** -- **Michael McClusky:** The parish maintains a good healthy financial position. All the parish obligations continue to be fulfilled primarily through the Sunday collections. Reports of Account Balances, Monthly Sunday Contribution comparison, and Monthly Income/Expense were distributed and reviewed by members. The loan balance for the office building is currently \$215,000.00.
- **Youth Ministry** -- **Lauren Haynie:** Youth Ministry began on Sunday, September 12, 2021, and will be held on Sunday’s from 12:00n – 1:30 p.m. Teens were presented with a Bible as part of the grant received from Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union. On September 26, 2021, a calendar of events will be created based on suggested ideas from the members. In October, teens will paint and deliver pumpkins to parishioners over the age of 80. Saint William is being considered as a remote host parish for NCYC November 18-21, 2021. Youth Ministry will cook and staff the kitchen for the Women’s Guild Christmas Craft Show. It is hoped that Warren Area Catholic Teens will resume activities this year.
- **Knights of Columbus:** -- **Brian McCue:** The Knights of Columbus hosted the annual High School Senior Dinner in June and assisted with the Women’s Guild Trunk Sale in July. The Knights attended a Scrappers Baseball game in July and helped with the Parish Picnic in August. Officers were installed in August at a Council Picnic and the Knights made a donation to the Diocese of Youngstown Media Center. Upcoming events include: Football Frenzy Fundraiser in September; a bonfire at the PowerUP→Reconnect event; Measure Up Collection – Helping Citizens with Developmental Disabilities in October; Corporate Communion Mass on October 10, 2021; and a Veteran’s Tribute near Veteran’s Day.
- **Pastor’s Report:**
 - **PowerUP→Reconnect Event:** Fr. Balash provided an explanation about the PowerUP→Reconnect event scheduled on Sunday, September 19, 2021.
 - **Parking Lot Project:** Five different plans for a new parking lot were distributed for discussion. Members decided on one plan calling for a new entranceway, pole lights and landscaping. A cost estimate was provided and a plan to raise funds was discussed. It was recommended that the parish use \$100,000.00 of Fish Dinner funds for the project and that parishioners be approached in November about a Mini-Capital Campaign to raise additional funds. The remainder of funds needed for the project would be borrowed against the current loan. Fr. Balash will be putting together a committee in early October to work on this project and it is hoped to have the project underway next summer.

- **Member Comments:** None
- The next meeting of Parish Council will be on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.