

St. William Parish Council
March 7, 2023

- **Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with prayer entitled “*A Path in the Wilderness.*”
- **Welcome:** Fr. Balash welcomed the members and the minutes from the January 10, 2023, meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**
 - **Parish Life** -- **Diana Kirkwood:** No report.
 - **Liturgy Committee** -- **Renita Mintus:** The committee met in February and discussed the Lenten Season. The theme will be “A Path in the Wilderness.” The committee reviewed the Lenten flyer that will be placed in the bulletin. The committee also discussed the upcoming Easter season and plans for the environment. It was noted that services on Holy Thursday and Good Friday will begin at 6:30 p.m. this year. The committee briefly discussed the three-parish plan and SWOT analysis.
 - **Women’s Guild** -- **Christine DePascale:** The Women’s Guild held their monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. The spring kolachi bake will be held on March 22, 2023. The Purse Bingo event will be held on April 20, 2023. The Guild was thanked for their support of the Parish Gala event. In May the Guild will hold the installation of officers for the upcoming year.
 - **Religious Education** -- **Bette Lloyd:** On March 5, 2023, the secret prayer partners were revealed at the FFC. Three students will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 18, 2023, at Saint Columba Cathedral. Two second grade students will celebrate their First Communion on April 23, 2023. The last PSR class will be on Sunday, April 30, 2023. Parish Retreats went very well this year and it is hoped to continue them next year. Little Rock Scripture Study will finish in March and plans for next year are being discussed. Small Faith Communities continue to meet on the first and third Monday of each month.
 - **Finance** -- **Michael McClusky:** A report updating members on the current financial status of the parish was distributed along with updates on the Parking Lot Project and Cash Bonanza Raffle.
 - **Knights of Columbus** -- **Bob Kane:** The Knights of Columbus sponsored a Basketball Free Throw contest on February 4, 2023. The Knights were thanked for their support of the Parish Gala event. The Knights will celebrate their Corporate Communion event on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Mass. They will serve breakfast to the newly confirmed and their families on March 19, 2023, and assist at the Women’s Guild Purse Bingo event. The Knights will be participating in the annual Measure Up Campaign and their Cash Bonanza Raffle in the coming months.
 - **Youth Ministry:** -- **Taylor Kuhn:** The weekly faith formation sessions have been challenging due to participant’s work and sporting event scheduled. Students have been joining Blessed Sacrament and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton teens on occasion. 356 food items and \$575.00 was donated for the Souper Bowl of Caring event this year. Youth Ministry will be participating along with other parishes from Trumbull County in the Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event on March 12, 2023, at Warren JFK High School. Youth Ministry will sponsor Stations of the Cross on March 26, 2023, at

6:00 p.m. and the annual Mother's Day Flower Sale in early May. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 12-16, 2023, at Blessed Sacrament Parish.

- **Pastor's Report**

- **Parking Lot Project Update:** Father Balash reviewed an updated financial report regarding the Parish Parking Lot project. Revised drawings have been completed and the paving company is moving forward to order light poles and fixtures. All seems to be on target to start the project on Monday, May 8, 2023.
- **Saint William Cash Bonanza Raffle/Parish Gala Update:** Fr. Balash provided a summary of the Parish Gala - Cash Bonanza Raffle event that was held on March 4, 2023. He thanked the Women's Guild and Knights of Columbus for their support, help and contribution to the funding of the event. The preliminary summary indicates a profit of \$77,000.00 from the event.
- **Diocesan Appeal:** The Annual Diocesan Appeal began in February. The parish goal for this year is \$46,200.00. Appeal information and pledge cards have been mailed to all those who participated and donated last year.
- **Parish Collaboration Update:** Meetings have been held with St. Thomas and St. Robert parishes. The collaborative effort will begin on July 1, 2023. A new Mass schedule for all three parishes is currently being discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.