

St. William Parish Council
September 18 2018

- **Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with prayer entitled “*A Prayer for Our Church.*”
 - **Welcome:** Fr. Balash welcomed the members to the meeting and the minutes from the May 8, 2018, meeting were approved as submitted. Fr. Balash welcomed the following new members to the Parish Council:
 - Ministry Representatives:
 - Liturgy Committee: Maureen Scott
 - Knights of Columbus: Brian McCue
 - Women’s Guild: Theresa Craiger
 - Appointed Members: Andrea Runyan and Eric Sitch
- The Council reviewed the Parish Council By-Laws and the role of Parish Council within the Parish organizational structure. A roster and meeting dates were also distributed.

- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**

- **Parish Life -- Penny Hudak:** The Parish Life Committee met on September 13, 2018, and reviewed the summer trip to the Indians Game. Since this has been the annual summer outing for the past 4-5 years the committee is exploring other possibilities for next year. The committee also reviewed the following events sponsored by the Champion Pride Council: School Supply Drive held in July served 98 families and 194 students; the Winter Clothing Drive will begin on October 1, 2018; and the Thanksgiving Food Drive will begin on November 1, 2018. This year Saint William Church will be the distribution point for Thanksgiving Food Baskets. The Giving Tree will be part of the parish’s Christmas outreach through Catholic Charities. The parish will sponsor 100 gifts. The committee began preliminary discussions about options for the annual Parish Appreciation Event and will continue this at its next meeting on November 8, 2018.
- **Liturgy Committee -- Maureen Scott:** The Liturgy Committee met on August 28, 2018, and began discussing plans for the upcoming Advent/Christmas season. The committee is currently discerning a theme for Advent and has had preliminary discussions about the environment for Advent/Christmas. The committee reviewed the various liturgical events that will be happening through the end of the year. The committee also began discussing the upcoming Lenten Mission to be held March 31-April 1, 2019, featuring Mr. Frank Runyeon. He is a well-known actor from California having appeared on various soap-operas and prime time television series. The topic of the Mission will be: *Luke: Stories on the Road ~ The Sermon on the Mount and Hollywood vs. Faith: The Struggle to Live Faithfully in the Media Age.* The committee will meet next on October 9, 2018.
- **Women’s Guild -- Theresa Craiger:** Over the summer the Women’s Guild was involved in the following events/activities: food for the Building Auction June 9, 2018; Rummage Sale August 2-4, 2018; Parish Picnic August 12, 2018. The first meeting of the year was held on September 5, 2018, with 34 in attendance. Monthly meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. Social; 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting; and 7:00 p.m. Program and activities. The TNT Night was September 11, 2018. 119 tickets were sold and a profit of \$1,500.00 was realized. The Guild purchased a laminating machine for all groups in the parish to use. It is located in the parish office however groups using it much purchase their own plastic sleeves. The Guild will meet on

Wednesday, October 3, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Business Meeting and a program on “Safe Driving for Seniors” at 7:00 p.m. The program is open to all members of the parish and will feature a presentation by officers from the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

- **Finance** -- **Bob Hardman:** The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, to review the current financial status of the parish and approve the budget for 2018-2019 fiscal year. A financial report will be presented to the parish in October along with an appeal to increase the Sunday offerings. Fr. Balash updated the Council on the current status of the loan for the new building. The draw period for the loan will close on September 30, 2018. The balance for the loan is currently \$259,852.59. There will be a balance of \$5,157.46 in the loan account that can be used for payments beginning in October or applied to the principal thus reducing the loan balance. The monthly payment on the loan is \$1,919.51 or it would be reduced to \$1,881.64 if the principal payment is made. Fr. Balash informed the members that there is \$70,637.34 currently in the Capital Campaign account for loan payments. The council therefore recommended that the funds in the loan account be applied to the loan balance reducing the principal and lowering the monthly payments. Fr. Balash accepted this recommendation and will make the necessary arrangements with the Ohio Catholic Credit Union regarding this matter.
 - **Religious Education** -- **Jennifer Kusmierek:** The PSR Staff and Catechists joined with other catechists from area parishes at Blessed Sacrament on August 19, 2018. The group was able to review different teaching strategies and share program ideas. PSR started on Sunday, September 9, 2018. This year, in conjunction with the Diocesan 75th Anniversary Year, PSR students will be engaged in a year-long project about Church and parishes. This project will involve visiting Saint Columba Cathedral on October 21, 2018. In addition each class will choose a parish in the Diocese and begin corresponding with students in that grade level about their parish. Finally, each class will take on the project of creating their own parish. Parents will be asked to share pictures of the Church they attended as a child and the PSR staff is also exploring the possibility of T-Shirts for all students to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese.
 - **Youth Ministry** -- **Chase Kufchak:** A Family Movie Night was held on June 29, 2018. “Zootopia” was shown along with food and refreshments. Four teens and two adult chaperones participated in the I-Plunge Retreat, June 25-28, 2018, in Cincinnati at the Jesuit Spirituality Center. Warren Area Catholic Teens also participated. Youth Ministry will once again do the cooking and help run the kitchen for the Women’s Guild Craft Show on December 8, 2018. Youth Ministry sessions will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Warren Area Catholic Teens will sponsor a Senior Pasta Dinner at Saint Mary Church on November 17, 2018. Plans are being made to participate in the March for Life and Youth Rally in Washington D.C. in January.
 - **Knights of Columbus:** -- **Brian McCue:** The Knights of Columbus held a Corporate Communion Celebration on September 16, 2018, and attended 11:00 a.m. Mass. Donuts were provided. The Knights will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- **Pastor’s Report:**
 - **Bishop Murry Update:** Fr. Balash informed members that Bishop Murry returned to work on September 4, 2018, on a part-time basis and will resume his full schedule in a couple of weeks.

- New Parishioner Welcoming: Fr. Balash spoke about a “New Parishioner Welcome Luncheon” that was held on Sunday, September 16, 2018. Thirty-three families have joined the parish since January 2017 and were invited to attend with eight being able to be present. A picture was taken of each new family in attendance and will be posted on the parish website. After lunch, parish ministry representatives were present and gave a brief introduction about the ministry they represent. Families were given a Saint William Prayer Card, a small vase of flowers and a list of parish representative email addresses and phone numbers. The Welcome Committee will meet soon to review this event and do further planning to welcome new parishioners.
 - Summer Updates: Fr. Balash updated members on the following items that happened over the summer.
 - i. New Church Chairs: Fr. Balash informed member that 400 new chairs were installed in the Church in mid-May.
 - ii. Old Office Building Update: The old office building was burnt down in July by the Fire Department after an auction for the contents was held in June. The space has been cleared and grass was planted.
 - iii. New Lighting in Front of Church Building: New LED lights were installed on the front of the Church building that now light the main walkway. New lighting in front of the office building and a new light for the entrance drive were also installed.
 - iv. Adult Meeting Room: The Adult Meeting Room was remodeled in late August-early September. Many thanks to Dan Robinson for heading up this project.
 - v. Floors Waxed: The classroom and main hallway floors were waxed in early September.
 - Kennedy Sports Teams: Fr. Balash informed the Council that members from the John F. Kennedy School Falls Sports Teams will attend the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 23, 2018, in thanks for the support parishes give to the school.
 - New Directory: Fr. Balash is in the process of assembling a committee to begin working on a new parish pictorial directory. It has been five years since the last directory was published and it has been the practice of the parish to produce a new directory every five years. As soon as plans are finalized, Fr. Balash will report back to Council.
- **Member Comments:** None

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.