

St. William Parish Council
May 9, 2017

- **Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with the prayer entitled, “*We Are An Easter People.*”
- **Welcome and Review of March 28, 2017 Minutes:** Fr. Balash welcomed the members to the meeting and the minutes of the March 28, 2017, meeting were approved as submitted.
- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**
 - **Parish Life -- Penny Hudak:** Plans have been made to attend the July 21, 2017, Cleveland Indians game against the Toronto Blue Jays. Reservations for game tickets and transportation are now available.
 - **Liturgy Committee -- Donna Runtas:** The Liturgy Committee met on April 4, 2017, and previous to this meeting. The committee reviewed the Lent/Holy Week/Easter season. Friar Johnpaul Cafiero OFM will return to the parish next Lent to offer another Lenten Mission entitled, *Our Lenten Spiritual Journey: Reflections on the Wizard of Oz.* There will also be a movie night previous to mission for parishioners to view the Wizard of Oz in preparation for the mission. The committee is exploring a proposal to join with Blessed Sacrament Parish to discuss the possibility of combining Holy Day Masses between the two parishes. The committee will meet over the summer with Blessed Sacrament to further discuss this possibility. The committee is also exploring the idea to combine with other parishes in the area for a Lenten Communal Reconciliation service since the diocesan night of reconciliation will become a yearly event. This year the “Light is On For You,” will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018. The committee will disassemble the Easter environment after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 4, 2017.
 - **Women’s Guild -- Therese Tuttle:** The Women’s Guild held their regular meetings in April and May. Choices for next season’s TNT night were presented and will be finalized at the organizational meeting in May. The annual Card Party was held on April 23, 2017, and netted a profit of \$3,900.00. The Marian Devotion/Mother-Child Banquet was held on May 7, 2017, with approximately 160 attending. New officers for 2017-2018 year include: Pat Scanlon, President; Linda Horm, Vice-President; Cathy Poponak, Secretary; and Mo Thuman, Treasurer. The officers were installed at the May meeting. The Holiday Tour of Homes committee continues to meet and plan for the event in November. The committee is still in need of three homes to participate. The annual Rummage Sale is scheduled for August 3-5, 2017, and the Parish Picnic will be on August 11, 2017.
 - **Finance -- Linda Horm:** The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, to begin reviewing the budget for next year. Currently the parish is meeting their financial obligations and remains on target with the 2016-2017 budget. The results of this year’s Fish Dinners will be coming soon.
 - **Religious Education -- Jennifer Kusmierek:** PSR ended on Sunday, April 30, 2017, with the last FFC (Family Faith Celebration). During the session, families had breakfast and went outside for a balloon launch and prayer. The session continued with different stations of activities and concluded by attending 11:00 a.m. Mass. First Communion was celebrated on April 30, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. Mass. PSR is currently in need of a couple teachers for next year. Anyone interested should contact Carol Timko.

- **Youth Ministry -- Elizabeth McCue:** The Mother's Day Flower Sale netted a profit of \$192.00 for Youth Ministry. They will also be selling Handel's Ice Cream cards in May to assist with the iPlunge Mission Trip in June. Ohio Catholic Credit Union donated \$500.00 to Youth Ministry and will be used for expenses for the mission trip. Summer events include: Vacation Bible School, June 12-15 with Blessed Sacrament Parish; iPlunge Mission Retreat in Milford, Ohio, June 26-29; Family Movie Night on June 30; and Family Mission Retreat in Harlan County, Kentucky with the Diocese, July 23-28, 2017.
- **Knights of Columbus: -- Dan Gelet:** New officers will be elected in June for the Knights of Columbus Council.

- **Pastor's Report:**

- **Capital Campaign Update:**

- a. Capital Campaign Update as of 5/1/2017

Number of Pledges	156	
Total Pledged	\$590,366.00	
Collected Pledges	\$526,655.40 (89%)	
	Balance Due on Pledges	(\$63,710.60)
Other Donations	\$17,717.40	
Previous Fish Dinners	<u>\$160,910.00</u>	(does not include 2017)
Total Collected	\$705,282.80	

- b. Campaign Totals

Total Pledged	\$590,366.00	
Other Donations	\$17,717.40	
Previous FD	<u>\$160,910.00</u>	(does not include 2017)
Campaign Total	\$768,993.40	

- **Building Project Update:** Fr. Balash informed members the contracts for the new building have been signed and delivered and that construction should begin in mid-May. A loan has been approved with Ohio Catholic Credit Union for up to \$300,000.00. The loan will be finalized on May 18, 2017. Fr. Balash received a proposal from Verdin Bell Company for \$12,065.00 for the new carillon system for the bell tower.
- **New Fundraising Initiative:** Fr. Balash updated the members on the new fundraising initiative called the "Pot of Gold." A weekly donation of \$2.00 per week will be asked with ½ going to the parish and ½ being the prize. A weekly drawing would be held among all those receiving envelopes in the parish. If a parishioner donated to the Pot of Gold for the week and their envelope number was drawn they would win the prize. If the envelope number drawn did not participate in the weekly Pot-of-Gold, the prize would continue to roll over each week until a participating winner was drawn. The members gave their approval to this activity.
- **New Church Envelope Company:** The parish is currently receiving proposals from Church Envelope Company's to accommodate the new Pot-of-Gold weekly envelopes to be included in parishioner's envelope packets. Depending on the proposals a new company may be used.
- **Holy Day Mass Proposal:** Fr. Balash referred members to the Liturgy Committee report regarding exploring the possibility of collaborating with Blessed Sacrament Parish to offer a combined Holy Day Mass schedule for New Year's Day; Feast of the Assumption; All Saints Day and Immaculate Conception. Parishioners would be invited to attend either St. William or Blessed Sacrament Parish on these days to fulfill their obligation depending on their availability. The Liturgy Committee will

discuss this proposal at a joint meeting of Liturgy Committee's from St. William and Blessed Sacrament to be scheduled in May.

- Parish Leader Ministry: Fr. Balash distributed an information sheet about Parish Leaders. This new ministry, beginning in the Diocese, utilizes a professional minister appointed by the Bishop with the responsibility of leading a parish community that does not have a resident priest in collaboration with a canonical pastor. The information sheet was produced by the Office of Evangelization and Pastoral Planning. The members held a brief discussion about this new ministry.
 - Trunk Sale: Fr. Balash informed the members that due to the construction of the new office building, the Trunk Sale for this summer has been cancelled.
- **Old Business**: None
 - **New Business**:
 - Member Terms Expiring – May 2017: Fr. Balash informed the council that the following member terms are expiring in May 2017: Linda Horm – Finance Committee Representative; Dan Gelet – Knights of Columbus; Therese Tuttle – Women's Guild; Frank Pytlik – At-Large. Fr. Balash thanked the outgoing members for their service and commitment to the work of the Council. It was announced that the following new members will be joining the council in September: Bob Hardman – Finance Committee Representative and Patricia Scanlon – Women's Guild Representative. The At-Large position will be discerned in September. The Knights of Columbus Representative will be determined upon the election of officers in June and the Youth Representative will be chosen by September.

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held in September 2017 at a date to be determined. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.