

St. William Parish Council
January 10, 2017

- **Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with the prayer entitled, “*A Winter Prayer.*”
- **Welcome and Review of November 8, 2016 Minutes:** Fr. Balash welcomed the members to the meeting and the minutes of the November 8, 2016, meeting were approved as submitted.
- **Diocesan Pastoral Plan Discussion:** The follow-up discussion of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for Evangelization: “*Trusting in Christ: A Call to Discipleship,*” was tabled until the next meeting.
- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**
 - **Parish Life** -- **Penny Hudak:** The Parish Life Committee will be meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2017, to finalize plans for the Parish Appreciation Event on Saturday, January 28, 2017. The theme for the evening will be “*A Night of Magic.*” Plans have also been made to attend the July 21, 2017, Cleveland Indians game against the Toronto Blue Jays. Additional information will be forthcoming as the date gets closer.
 - **Liturgy Committee** -- **Donna Runtas:** The Liturgy Committee met previous to the Parish Council meeting. The committee reviewed the Advent/Christmas season including Lessons and Carols, the environment, Advent theme and new Christmas Mass schedule. Liturgical Ministry workshops for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors have been scheduled in January. The committee began making plans for the Lenten Season. The theme for Lent will be “*No Greater Love,*” and will coincide with the theme of the Lenten Mission. See Pastor’s Report for more information on the Lenten Mission.
 - **Women’s Guild** -- **Therese Tuttle:** The Women’s Guild hosted several events during December. The first kolachi bake was held on November 30, 2016, yielding a profit of \$1,400.00. On December 4, 2016, the Guild hosted the annual Parish Holiday Dinner with approximately 140 people attending. The annual Christmas Craft Show was held on December 10, 2016. The event generated \$3,700.00. The Guild will hold their monthly meetings on February 1, and March 8, 2017.
 - **Finance** -- **Linda Horm:** The Finance Committee has not met since November but continues to monitor the financial status of the parish. The weekly collections continue to meet the necessary amount needed each week and currently the collections are above the projected need.
 - **Religious Education** -- **Jennifer Kusmierek:** Fr. Balash reported that First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, for students preparing for the sacrament. The next Family Faith Celebration (FFC) will take place on Sunday, January 22, 2017, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and will include dinner for PSR students and families.
 - **Youth Ministry** -- **Elizabeth McCue:** Fr. Balash reported that Youth Ministry joined the Warren Area Catholic Teens on November 19, 2016, to serve the Senior Pasta Dinner at St. Mary Church. 125 meals were served. Youth Ministry also prepared and served food at the Women’s Guild Christmas Craft Show. Upcoming events for Youth Ministry include participating in the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. January 27; Pepperoni Roll fundraiser, January 28-29; Souper Bowl Canned Good Collection, February 4-5; Kairos Retreat, March 4-5, 2017. On March

12, 2017, Youth Ministry will also participate in Catholic Relief Service's Helping Hands at JFK. This event is to help fight against global hunger.

- **Knights of Columbus**: -- **Dan Gelet**: Fr. Balash reported that the February Reverse Raffle has been postponed.

- **Pastor's Report:**

- Capital Campaign Update:

- a. Capital Campaign Update as of 1/10/17

Number of Pledges	156
Total Pledged	\$587,671.00
Collected Pledges	\$495,076.20 (84%)
Balance Due on Pledges	(\$92,594.80)
Other Donations	\$11,212.40
Previous Fish Dinners	<u>\$160,910.00</u>
Total Collected	\$667,198.60

- b. Campaign Totals

Total Pledged	\$587,671.00
Other Donations	\$11,212.40
Previous FD	<u>\$160,910.00</u>
Campaign Total	\$759,793.40

- Building Project Update: Fr. Balash informed members that the latest round of bids are due Friday, Jan 13, 2017. Upon reception of the bids he will meet with the architects.
- Lenten Mission: Fr. Balash distributed an information sheet regarding the upcoming Lenten Mission. The Mission will be held from March 19-21, 2017, and will be presented by Friar Johnpaul Cafiero of the Holy Evangelists Franciscan Friary, Chicago. The title of the mission is "*No Greater Love: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross.*" Each night the presentation will be done in the context of Evening Prayer and will include a ritual activity. Members of the Parish Staff will be meeting with Friar Johnpaul on Saturday, January 14, 2017 to learn more about the mission and what preparations are necessary. Publicity materials will be distributed as soon as possible.

- **Old Business:** None

- **New Business:** None.

The next meeting of Parish Council will be on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:00p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.