

St. William Parish Council  
May 14, 2019

- **Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with prayer entitled “*A Day in May, Greatest of Wonders.*”
- **Welcome:** Fr. Balash welcomed the members to the meeting and the minutes from the March 12, 2019, meeting were approved as submitted.
- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**
  - **Parish Life** -- **Penny Hudak:** The committee is working on plans for our parish summer event – a cruise on the Nautica Queen. The cruise will be on Sunday, July 28, 2019 and reservations will begin being taken on May 19, 2019. A 54-passenger bus has been reserved. Cost will be \$50.00 for adults and \$37.00 for children for the cruise and bus. Cruise only will be \$36.00 for adults and \$23.00 for children.
  - **Liturgy Committee** -- **Maureen Scott:** The Liturgy Committee met prior to the Parish Council meeting at Enzo’s to wrap up the year. The committee reviewed the Lent/Holy Week and Easter seasons. The Easter environment will be taken down after the Feast of Pentecost. Liturgical Minister workshops and recruitment efforts for additional ministers will take place in the Fall. The bi-annual diocesan Ministry Conference will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Louisville.
  - **Women’s Guild** -- **Theresa Craiger:** Monthly Women’s Guild meetings were held in March, April and May. In March, the Guild provided hospitality for the Parish Lenten Mission. April events included the Kolachi Bake and annual Card Party. In May, the annual Marian devotion and banquet was held on May 5, 2019 with 70 in attendance. The installation of officers took place at the May monthly meeting and include: Theresa Craiger, President; Linda Horm, Vice-President; Cathy Poponak, Secretary; and Jamie Taneri, Treasurer. The Guild purchased new kitchen spray faucets and seats for the women’s restroom. Upcoming summer events include: Organizational Meeting, May 29; Retirement Reception, June 30; Rummage Sale, August 1-3; and Parish Picnic, August 11, 2019. The monthly meeting for the Guild will resume in September.
  - **Finance** -- **Bob Hardman:** The Finance Committee met on May 7, 2019. The parish remains in a positive financial position for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2019. The parish is approximately \$12,000.00 ahead of our projected budget. Over the summer, estimates will be obtained for new carpeting in the church and vestibule and new wireless microphones for the church and social hall. Installation of new LED lighting will continue over the summer to include the social hall and main hallway of the building.
  - **Religious Education** -- **Jennifer Kusmierek:** PSR held their Faith Family Celebration on March 24, 2019 where students presented models of church buildings they made during the year. Each class also learned about various saints and chose a particular saint for their church. On April 14, 2019 the students participated in an Easter egg hunt while learning about various parts of the church building. April 28, 2019 was the last PSR class for the year and the celebration of First Communion. A wrap-up meeting was held including discussions for next year. The theme for the coming year will be “prayer.” PSR will continue with prayer partners and pen-pal communication with other PSR programs. A catechist retreat will be held in August

- at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Vienna and a teacher meeting will also be held in August. PSR will begin on September 8, 2019.
- **Youth Ministry** -- **Chase Kufchak:** St. William hosted Warren Area Catholic Teens for Stations of the Cross on March 22, 2019. Many attended from several parishes. Teens prepared breakfast for the PSR students and families on March 23 and April 28, 2019. The Senior Mass and Dinner was held on April 27, 2019. The Knights of Columbus prepared dinner. Bridget DePascale and Scott Mintus, both from our parish, received the 2019 Eagle of the Cross in April. Upcoming events include: assisting at Vacation Bible School, June 10-14; Family Movie Night, June 14; Warren Area Catholic Teens Summer Mission Retreat, June 24-28; and Family Game Night, July 13, 2019. Chase Kufchak was recognized for his participation on Parish Council. This was his last meeting and Frank DePascale will be the new representative to Parish Council beginning in September.
  - **Knights of Columbus:** -- **Brian McCue:** The annual Knights of Columbus Cash Bonanza ticket sales surpassed last year's amount. 330 tickets were sold and more than half of the ticket price is returned to the local council for use in supporting the community. The Knights sponsored the Senior Dinner on April 27, 2019 and assisted with serving and clean-up following the Marian Devotion Banquet on May 5, 2019. Upcoming events include: Measure Up Campaign, May 9-10, 17-18, 2019; participation in the Champion Memorial Day Parade, May 27; Parish Picnic, August 11, 2019. The Knights are participating in the Knights Ultrasound Project and have pledged \$1,500.00 toward a new ultrasound machine for the Bella Women's Center. Knights in the Warren-Trumbull County area are being asked to raise half of the funds for the machine with the Supreme Council's Culture of Life fund providing matching funds. The cost of the machine is \$44,000.00.
- **Pastor's Report:**
    - **Pictorial Directory Update:** A make-up date for pictures for the directory is schedule for May 28, 2019. The directory will be published in Fall 2019.
    - **Fish Dinner Results:** The Fish Dinner Appreciation event will be held on May 20, 2019. The total profit for this year's dinners was \$28,504.00 which represents a \$7,100.00 increase from last year. A committee wrap-up session will be held after the Appreciation event.
    - **Bishop's Appeal Update:** As of May 8, 2019, St. William is the ninth best in the Diocese and second best in Trumbull county in supporting the Bishop's Appeal. Just over 40% (244 out of 559) have responded donating \$42,980.00 in pledges.
    - **Parish Staff Employment:** The parish will host a Retirement Reception for Marcia and Bob Kane, and Ann Sprague who are retiring from their parish positions in June. The reception will be held on June 30, 2019. Therese Tuttle and Dan Robinson have been hired as Business Manager and Office Manager respectively. They will each work 3 days a week with both being in the office on Wednesday. They will begin on June 3, 2019.

- State of the Diocese: Fr. Balash began a discussion with the members about a recent meeting of clergy regarding the future of the diocese and the number of priests. A new plan has been created to address this issue assigning every parish into one of seventeen regions. Each region will be tasked with creating a collaborative model of ministry based on the number of priests available to minister in the coming five years. The guidelines for each region are:

- Every parish is assigned to a region;
- In accord with Canon Law, priests will celebrate 3 weekend Masses;
- Full sacramental ministry/care will be within 15 miles/25 minutes of all parishioners;
- Each region will determine the model of administration that would be best for that region;
- Regions are based on October Mass counts.

Implementation of the plan will begin in 2019 and is to be enacted by 2020. Each region will determine the extent and timeline of implementation as it pertains to the parishes of the region.

- Parish Council Terms: Fr. Balash informed the council that the following members have agreed to renew their terms that are coming to completion in May 2019: Finance Committee Representative – Bob Hardman; Knights of Columbus Representative – Brian McCue (yearly); Women’s Guild Representative – Theresa Craiger (yearly); At-Large Representative – Nancy Hart (2<sup>nd</sup>). Youth Ministry Representative, Chase Kufchak will be replaced by Frank DePascale beginning in September.

- **Member Comments**: None

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.