

St. William Parish Council
May 13, 2014

- **Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with prayer entitled “*We Are An Easter People.*”
- **Welcome and Review of March 11, 2014 Minutes:** Fr. Balash welcomed the Council Members to the meeting. The minutes of the March 11, 2014, meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**
 - **Parish Life** -- **Patty Heib:** Members of the committee are working on a summer trip to a Cleveland Indians Baseball game on August 1, 2014. Details will be forthcoming.
 - **Liturgy Committee** -- **Gloria Karafa:** The Liturgy Committee met previous to the Parish Council meeting and reviewed the Lent and Easter Season. The committee briefly discussed the upcoming parish visit by Bishop Murry on Sunday, July 20 for the 10:30am Mass. Donna Runtas was chosen as the Parish Council representative for the Liturgy Committee beginning in September 2014. Gloria Karafa was thanked for her representation on the Parish Council for the past two years. The committee will next meet in September to begin planning Advent and Christmas.
 - **Women’s Guild** -- **Christine DePascale:** The Women’s Guild completed another successful Kolachi sale on April 2, 2014. The annual Card Party was held on April 6, 2014 and was well-attended. The annual Mother/Child Banquet and Marian Devotion Prayer Service was held on May 7, 2014. The Guild will install new officers on May 14, 2014. They are still needing to fill some vacant positions for upcoming events including a chair for the Parish Picnic; a chair for the Parish Holiday Dinner and a chair for the kitchen service for the Christmas Craft Show. Summer events include the annual Parish Picnic and Rummage Sale.
 - **Finance** -- **Linda Horm:** The Finance Committee met on May 6, 2014 and reviewed the current financial position of the parish. In addition, the committee discussed employee salary raises for the upcoming fiscal year and recommended a 3% raise for all employees. Three members of the committee are involved in the hiring/interview process for a maintenance person. A recommendation will be made to Fr. Balash once the interview process is complete.
 - **Religious Education** -- **Maria Butcher:** The PSR and Youth Ministry programs have concluded for the year. A year-end meeting of the staff was recently held. It was decided to combine grade levels for the upcoming year and hold all classes for all students on Sunday mornings. Further planning meetings will be held in the summer.
 - **Knights of Columbus:** -- **John Timko:** The Knights of Columbus recently held the 4th degree exemplification ceremony. Many of those making their 4th degree were from Saint William Parish. The Knights will help out at the annual Parish Picnic in August.

- **Pastor's Report:** Father Balash reported on the following items:
 - **2014 Bishops Appeal:** Fr. Balash informed the members that St. William has once again surpassed their annual Bishop's Appeal goal. As of April 30, 2014, \$48,933.80 has been pledged surpassing the parish goal of \$38,000.00.
 - **Capital Campaign/Office Building Update:** Fr. Balash will form a steering committee over the summer to discuss and make plans for beginning a capital campaign to raise funds for much needed capital improvement projects. An update will be provided at the September Parish Council meeting.
 - **Bereavement Ministry:** Fr. Balash reported that a Bereavement Ministry group is being formed to establish outreach to those mourning the loss of loved ones. The group is currently exploring the scope of this ministry with the hope of being operational sometime over the summer.
 - **Maintenance Position Update:** Fr. Balash reported a number of applications have been submitted for the maintenance position at the parish. Members of the Finance Committee are working with Father to conduct the interview process. It is hoped to have the position filled soon.
 - **Bishop Murry Parish Visit:** Fr. Balash informed members that Bishop Murry will be visiting St. William Parish on Sunday, July 20, 2014 and will celebrate the 10:30am Mass.

- **Member Comments:** None

- **Old Business:** None

- **New Business:** Fr. Balash thanked the following members who were completing their terms for their service on Parish Council: Gloria Karafa, Liturgy Committee Representative, John Timko, Knights of Columbus Representative and Cathy Poponak, Appointed Member.

- **Next Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 7:00pm.