

St. William Parish Council  
November 14, 2017

- **Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with the prayer entitled, “*Praying with the Saints.*”
- **Welcome:** Fr. Balash welcomed the members to the meeting. A revised roster was distributed and the minutes from the September 12, 2017, meeting were approved as submitted.
- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**
  - **Parish Life** -- **Penny Hudak:** The Parish Life Committee met on Monday, November 6, 2017. Our parish participated in the Champion Pride Council Thanksgiving Food Drive and is now participating in the annual Giving Tree Project. Gifts from the Giving Tree are due back November 26, 2017. 75 tickets have been reserved for the August 3, 2018, Cleveland Indians game against the Los Angeles Angels. The committee decided to combine the annual Parish Appreciation Event with the beginning of the Lenten Parish Mission in February. This was due to the close proximity of both events. The pre-Mission Movie Night will feature the “Wizard of Oz” in preparation for the Lenten Mission. A light dinner, popcorn, and dessert bar will be offered along with various gifts baskets raffled off. This event will serve as a preparation for the Lenten Mission that will be held February 25-27, 2018.
  - **Liturgy Committee** -- **Donna Runtas:** The Liturgy Committee met on October 10 and November 14, 2017. Some of the members attended the Diocesan Ministry Day on Saturday, October 14, 2017. The holy day collaborative effort with Blessed Sacrament Parish was announced to the parish and will begin with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, 2017. The All Souls Remembrance was held on October 29, 2017 at all weekend Masses with seventeen parishioners being remembered. The season of Advent and Christmas is being planned. The theme for Advent is “*A Glorious Light is Coming.*” Advent Reflection booklets for parishioners will be distributed on the First Sunday of Advent. The Advent Communal Reconciliation Service will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament. All the parishes in Warren will be participating at this service. The Christmas and New Year weekend Mass schedules were announced. The Lenten Parish Mission will be held February 25-27, 2017. Friar Johnpaul Cafiero will return to present “*Our Spiritual Journey: Reflections from the Wizard of Oz.*” On February 28, 2017, “*The Light is On for You – An Evening of Reconciliation,*” will be held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. throughout the diocese. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at all parishes during this time.
  - **Women’s Guild** -- **Patricia Scanlon:** The Women’s Guild held their monthly meetings in October and November. The October meeting featured a demonstration by a K-9 officer. The November meeting was a craft night. The Guild agreed to pay the balanced owed for the carillon bell system. On September 13, 2017, the Guild sponsored a successful TNT Night netting \$1150.00 profit. The Guild will be involved in several upcoming events including: Kolachi Bake, November 29; Christmas Tree and Wreath Raffle; the Parish Christmas Dinner, December 3; and the Christmas Craft Show, December 9, 2017. Monthly meetings will resume in January.
  - **Finance** -- **Bob Hardman:** The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Currently the parish is on target with its budget, income and expenses. The

committee also reviewed the financial status of the building project. See Fr. Balash's report about the Construction Project.

- **Religious Education** -- **Jennifer Kusmierek:** PSR held the first Family Faith Celebration on Sunday, October 22, 2017. The topic for the day was Our Lady of Fatima and participating families made a rosary as part of the event. Grades 4-5-6 had their yearly retreat on Sunday, October 29, 2017. As part of the retreat, students attended 11:00 a.m. Mass and then visited the Servants of Mary Shrine in Windsor, Ohio. Stories and Scripture began on October 8, 2017, and has five preschoolers attending. There are 11 candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- **Youth Ministry** -- **Chase Kufchak:** Youth Ministry will be preparing and selling food at the Women's Guild Christmas Craft Show. The Warren Area Catholic Teens will sponsor a Senior Pasta Dinner on Saturday, November 18, 2017, at Saint Mary's Church, Warren. On December 17, 2017, Youth Ministry will go Christmas caroling at Shepherd of the Valley and then go bowling. Youth Ministry will be participating in the March for Life in Washington D.C., on January 19, 2018. In March, students will be participating in the Catholic Relief Services' Helping Hands event at John F. Kennedy High School.
- **Knights of Columbus:** -- **Dan Gelet:** (Brian Lenhert, deputy Grand Knight attended the meeting representing Dan Gelet.) The Knights of Columbus held their annual Corporate Communion Mass on Sunday, September 24, 2017, and offered free donuts to the parish after mass. The Knights sponsored a Cornhole Tournament on September 30, 2017. A spaghetti dinner was held on October 13, 2017, serving over 100 dinners. Additional events include: Soccer Challenge, October 21 and a tribute to Veterans the weekend of November 11-12, 2017. The Knights will assist with the Christmas Craft Show and will also host a Valentine's Day Reverse Raffle on Saturday, February 10, 2018.
- **Pastor's Report:**
  - **Building Project and Financial Update:** Fr. Balash provided members with a Building Project update stating that the project is moving along. Fr. Balash distributed a financial summary report for the building project. \$735,358.72 is available through pledges and other donations. \$806,685.18 has already been disbursed. \$89,225.54 remains owed for the project. The current loan liability is \$147,144.15. Fr. Balash estimated that the total loan liability would be between \$215-220,000.00 to include the additional garage, internet, phone and security accommodations and moving and furnishing expenses.
  - **Pot-of-Gold:** Fr. Balash updated the members on the Pot-of-Gold program. It has generated \$2,772.00 thus far.
  - **Welcoming Committee:** Fr. Balash informed members that a meeting was held to begin the formation of a "Welcoming Committee" to better welcome and involve new members to the parish. This initiative is in response from the previous discussion of the Diocesan Plan of Evangelization. Further updates will be provided as the committee is formed.
- **Member Comments:** None

The next meeting of Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.