

## **Parish Council Meeting Minutes November 7 , 2016**

Members present: Fr. Mark Stec, Clint Bergbower, Missy Buerster, Sherry Geier, Michael Kistner, Gail Niebrugge, Melissa Weidner, and Carl Will read together the Parish Mission Statement. No guests were present.

**Building and Grounds Report (Maintenance Commission):** Clint Bergbower and Michael Kistner

- The water meter readings have returned to a more normal level. The next bill will be reviewed and periodic checks of the meter will continue.
- The grotto work will be started when warmer weather arrives.
- The walk-in cooler at the Hall was worked on twice this fall. Read's from Olney came out and found the leak. They recommended replacing the dryer switch and add a high pressure fitting. Permission was given to have that work completed as soon as Read's can schedule it.
- Melissa Weidner reported that a parishioner had pointed out that it appears that some screws are coming loose on the roof of the Parish Hall. Michael and Clint will check on that issue.
- The code for the Hall will be changed on a monthly basis. Parish Council members and renters will be given the code.
- Keys for the Church, Rectory, and outside restroom will be placed in a box on the east Church door. The code will be shared with Parish Council members and changed monthly.
- Phone numbers for Council members will be posted on the Rectory door in the event doors are locked when Parishioners arrive. Also posted will be phone numbers for Church secretary and Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest trained individuals.

**Finance Council (Stewardship Commission):** Carl Will and Sherry Geier  
Heather Blank, representative for Edward Jones in Flora, sent information with Clint Bergbower to share with the Council. The Cemetery Fund currently has extra funds. At the January meeting, the Council and Financial Committee will compare and consider fees charged on the accounts presented through Edward Jones and The Catholic Community Foundation, the investment company connected to the Diocese of Belleville, and whom Holy Cross currently has approximately \$55,000 in long-term investments. A decision will be made concerning how much to invest and which company to use.

**Cemetery:** Carl Will

Carl Will will contact individuals for help for a Cemetery work day. Stones will be cleaned, vines will be removed and sprayed, and other necessary jobs will be taken care of at that time.

**Education (Faith Formation Commission):** Missy Buerster

- The weekend of November 12-13, 2016 will be used to share updates with all Parishioners around the decisions being made concerning the Parish Partnership. Similar meetings will occur in the Olney and Stringtown parishes. Parishioners will have the opportunity to ask any questions.
- PSR classes- On-going

**Family Life: (Community Life Commission)** Missy Buerster

- The Family Life Committee provided Halloween activities connected to the Pancake Breakfast on October 30, 2016.
- Coffee and Doughnuts will be served on November 13, 2016 in the Parish Hall.
- Hot cocoa and cookies will be served after the student Christmas program.

**Liturgy (Liturgy and Worship Commission)-** Gail Neibrugge

- Due to the changes that are occurring for Holy Cross Wendelin, groups who currently serve the Church in a variety of ways will be invited to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2016. Individuals within these groups (i.e. Sunday Collections, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Music, Ushers, Servers) will be asked to perform small, additional tasks to help keep our Parish running smoothly before, during, and after Mass.

**Other:**

- Noodlefest will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2016.
- Cash Raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 connected to the Holy Cross Wine Tasting event.
- The Clay County Health Department sent a letter to the Holy Cross stating that it had received a grant and would like to share education and items (gloves, thermometers, etc.) with the Church to use as food events are held at the Church. No changes are necessary.

The next meeting will be set at a later date.