St. William Parish Council
March 18, 2025 6:00pm

Meeting Called to Order 6:02pm
Attendance: Tina McCue (Pastoral Associate), John Barco, Renita Mintus, Bob Kane, Linda Horm, Theresa Craiger, Ellie Gates, Katy Welch-Young, Phil Jones
Not Present: Father Ryan, Paul Mendik, Therese Tuttle, Bette Lloyd

Opening Prayer: Prayer of Joseph, Who is Known by Many Titles led by Tina McCue

Welcome: Tina thanked everyone for coming and for being part of the parish as a member of Parish Council.

Finance: Linda Horm reported for Therese Tuttle
Financial reports current as of 3/14/2025 presented and reviewed. Collections are still down and we are not meeting our operation costs. Over $25,000 has been transferred from "Special Account" to cover bills. We are in the "Red" hence why funds are being transferred from the Special Account to the General Account. Christmas donations increased by $2,624 from last year, but still down compared to pre Covid years.
Current Loan Balance is $78,869.03

Catering events have increased compared to previous years.
Gala update St. William's net income was $24,445.22 which was applied to the loan.

Knights of Columbus: Bob Kane
Congratulations to Joe Kusmierek who recently became a member. The Knights served 109 spaghetti dinners, had 16 entrants to their Free Throw basketball contest. 3 participants went on to regionals in Garrettsville and 1 went to district.

Upcoming Events:
Super Cash Bonanza Raffle tickets will be sold starting after Mass on March 22nd. Tickets are $5.00 Drawing is May 17, 2025.
1st prize $49,680 2nd prize $18,780 3rd prize $12,720 4th prize $4,000
5th prize $3,000 6th-9th prizes $1,500 10th-13th prizes $1,250
14th-17th $1,000 18th-21st prizes $750 22nd-25th prizes $500.

Making a donation to The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation. This foundation is in memory of FDNY firefighter Stephen Siller and supports responders, veterans, and their families, providing mortgage-free homes and smart homes for catastrophically injured individuals, while also working to eradicate veteran homelessness.

Women's Guild: Theresa Craiger
Meetings/Activities:
Meetings were on February 5th with 40 members present and March 12th with 43 present.

Many of our women assisted with Donuts reception for Deacon Bill Bone, brunch to honor and welcome Confirmation Candidates, and FFC Prayer Partner dinner.

Donated $100 to JFK Just for Kicks Auction, $50 donations to Wildare Church for Night to Shine, St. William Youth Ministry's Souper Bowl of Caring, and St. Jude Hospital.

Upcoming events:
April meeting on the 2nd
Kolachi Bake April 9th
Reception of cookies and punch will take place after the Easter Vigil on April 19th for Candidates and Catechumen open to all members of the church
Purse Bingos will be May 1, 2025
Marian Devotion Banquet May 4, 2025
Installation of Officers May 7, 2025 at Enzo's Restaurant

Religious Education: Linda Horm reporting for Bette Lloyd
On March 1st our eight Confirmation Candidates were confirmed at St. Columba Cathedral and were honored on Sunday, March 2nd at St. William with a reception in the social hall.

Family Faith Community and Prayer Partner Reveal went well on March 16th. Theme was "We Pray" centering around different prayer postures and ways to pray. The "Our Father " was prayed in Spanish and translated in American Sign Language. Everyone learned a simple prayer in Sign Language. They learned about the legend of the pretzel that shows a prayer posture, made pretzels, and moved among 5 prayer stations with their Prayer Partner. The evening ended with a pasta bar dinner.

Sunday, March 30th our kindergarten and 1st grade classes will be taking on roles in the Mass and other classes will be seated together in the front rows.

The children will receive First Communion on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 4:00 mass.

Liturgy: Renita Mintus
March 19th is Leave the Light On which is an evening for reconciliation. St. William's doors will be open from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm.

Palm Sunday is April 13th. Both Masses begin in the Social Hall and then will process into the church. It is “red” day so parishioners are asked to wear red.

Holy Week
Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 pm a presentation of the oils and washing of the feet will take place with Fr. Steve as the presider. The church will remain open till 10:00 pm for personal prayer in the day chapel. Deacon Bob will close with Night Prayer.
Friday, April 18th at 7:00 pm Good Friday Fr. Ryan will be the presider. The Liturgy committee will stay after to decorate for Easter, help is needed and would be appreciated.
Saturday, April 19th at 12:00 noon presider. Blessing of the Easter Baskets by Deacon Bob.
Saturday, April 20th Easter Vigil 8:00 pm. Fr. Ryan will be the presider. We will begin outdoors with the lighting and blessing of the fire. We have 2 Candidates and 1 Catechumen joining the church. We will also be welcoming 11 students from JFK into our church this evening. A cookie and punch reception will take place after the Vigil in the social hall.
Sunday, April 20th Easter Sunday at 10:30 am, Fr. Steve will be the presider.

Next Meeting May 13, 2025.

Safety Team: Linda Horm
The Emergency Operations Plan is complete, tweaking continues as we move forward. Some incident/accident reports have been documented already.

Police Chief Skaggs and Fire Chief Dempsey did a walkthrough on January 23rd and provided comments/recommendations to the safety team. Deadbolts will be installed on classroom doors, looking into shades, curtains, contact paper etc. to cover classroom glass areas, looking into a phone in the sacristy or adult meeting room, “RED” exit signs have been placed on exit doors.

Theresa Craiger conducted “intruder training” for the PSR classrooms in Feb/March. Would like to conduct weather and fire drills before the end of PSR. Second inspection will be done by the end of April. Brian Lendhart is working on security camera options for the church. Binder with incident/accident reports need to be made for the kitchen and each classroom cabinet. Next Meeting TBA sometime in April.

Tina McCue:
Announced she is the Diocesan Pastoral Associate serving all 3 parishes and that she is looking forward to working with the members of Parish Council and Therese Tuttle will be retiring on April 2, 2025. Parish Council would like to thank Therese for her dedication and service as the parish business manager. We all wish her well on her retirement.

OCIA team is welcoming 11 students from JFK to St. William as they participate in the Easter Vigil as Candidates for Catechumens.

Mandatory practice for the Easter Vigil will be on April 13th.
Stations of the Cross is every Friday during Lent after the 8:30 am Liturgy of the Word and on Palm Sunday April 13th at 6:30 pm.

Adult Formation: “Bible Time Line” study is being planned for Fall or Advent. Tina is looking for facilitators to lead discussions. Small Christian Communities group in the morning has dissolved however there in a group still meeting at 6:30pm. Little Rock Study may continue if people are interested.

Other Discussions:
Members informed Tina about discussion from the last Parish Council.
Should Parish Council and Finance Committee meet to discuss ways to improve our financial situation: where are the children's envelopes, should we look into Bingo, getting a QR code for the offertory, Spring raffle like Christmas.

Father explaining the financial situation with visuals.

Volunteers are needed to call parishioners who have not picked up envelope boxes yet.

Members agreed we should look into the cost of security cameras to come from the building fund.

Closing Prayer Renita Mintus read a prayer, as all members extended their hands to pray for our new Diocesan Pastoral Associate Tina McCue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Craiger