

## St. Mary Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday,  
February 8, 2005

**Meeting opened** at 7:05 pm by Theresa Illingworth, Vice Chairperson. **Opening song:** “*Again We Keep this Solemn Fast*”, followed by recitation of St. Mary’s Mission Statement. **Scripture passage:** Matthew 5:17-37, Read by Patty Ceille. The questions: *Do any commandments in today’s reading speak to you? Do you ignore these commandments because they sound too harsh?* Led to reflection by Council.

**Approval of minutes:** January meeting minutes approved as amended.

**Brother Rene Report** – Brother Rene gave St. Mary’s a heartfelt “thank you”. The financial help we are giving the Haitian community is greatly appreciated, but our personal presence working side by side with them is even more important. It demonstrates that we CARE! That we consider them PEOPLE!

**Pastor’s report** – Lent is going great. Fr. Art is doing a series of 4 talks on the Eucharist. He reminded us that there are Vespers during Lent. First Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders is next week. This is the first time he has celebrated First Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in almost 33 years. Financially, January has been a very bad month, however the last two weeks have been good. Our assessment has been recalibrated from \$83,000 to \$62,000 giving us a windfall of \$20,000. We have been in the black for two years now. All the fire alarms now have the covers on the boxes to child-proof them. The Parish Council pictures are now up in the hallway.

**Liaison reports** – Tom Kronschnabl gave an update on the fire alarm situation. Instructions are being prepared for the ushers so they know how to handle a fire alarm. They are to announce that they are investigating the alarm. A map will be placed at the alarm panel so they know where the alarm was pulled. Based on this information they will instruct everyone on how to proceed. The fire department must respond to all alarms, so they will continue to reset the alarm. With the building construction and sprinkler system there is plenty of time to respond to an alarm, especially if there is no smoke nor fire present in the church. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin to make the parish aware that a procedure is in place.

**Christian Formation Report** - Sr. Josephe gave a brief job description and overview of the last two meetings. Christian Formation covers all aspects of Christian life from “Cradle to Grave”. It is a fact finding, what can we do type of commission. Discernment for new members will take place in June. Christian Formation should be based in the liturgy. Everyone has a gift to share, be generous and share it. The book “Whole Community Catechesis” by Bill Huebsch is a guide currently being used. Sr. Josephe announced that she will be resigning in June due to health issues. Fr. Todd will run the search for a replacement for this position.

**St. Mary's Parish Profile** – Several of the aspects of Fr. Art's leaving were discussed. The Parish Profile submitted to the Archdiocese was approved. It was suggested that it be brushed up and saved for any possible use.

**Youth ministry** - Brother Rene gave a talk about his ministry which moved the youth. They are looking forward to the Indian reservation in June.

**Budget Report** – A 2% pay increase is being suggested. A major repair item (roof repair over school of \$140,000) is being discussed. Other maintenance items are also being discussed. A tuition increase of \$75 is being suggested. A budget is to be submitted for approval at our next meeting.

**Cluster meeting update** – Tim Welch

Tim Welch stated that the next parish cluster meeting will be held at St. Mary on February 22, 2005. Councilors are encouraged to attend.

**Closing prayer:** *The Lord's Prayer*

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:10 pm

**Minutes submitted by:** Tom Grinker, Secretary.

**Guests:**

Brother Rene                      Sr. Josephe

**Present:**

Theresa Illingworth	Tom Kessenich	Fr. Art Heinze	Tom Kronschnabl
Tom Grinker	Ray Backe	Patti Ceille	Alyssa Mueller
Paul Cesarz	Tim Welch	Mary Campbell	Dan Paruzynski
Matt Panhans	Brian Lownik		

**Excused:**

Mary Matestic	Clem Budny	Fr. Todd Budde	Ray Moon
Linda Jaeschke	Dawn Olander	John Roubik	