

**St. Mary Parish Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday**  
**August 9, 2005**

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**Meeting opened** at 7:05 pm by Ray Moon, Chairperson. **Opening song:** *Praise to the Lord*, followed by recitation of St. Mary's Mission Statement. **Scripture:** *Matthew 15:21-28* read by Theresa Illingworth. The questions: *Are we persistent in our faith beliefs? Do we believe that Jesus is really able to heal us?* led to reflection by Council.

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

**Welcome**

Wendy Rappe` - Director of Adult & Family Ministry

Mike Jurkowski – parish member

Ron Gilles – Director of Administrative Services

Buildings & Grounds committee – Joe Rausch

Gregg Saksefski – new Councillor, replacing Ron Gilles who has taken a new position on staff

**Review of handouts – Ray Moon**

Committee reports & liaison assignment list, with positions to be filled were distributed.

**Buildings and Grounds report on the parking lot - Joe Rausch.**

The school roof is currently being replaced. The chimney is also being repaired after it was discovered to be leaking badly.

Mold in the 'old narthex' will need to be addressed in the future, as well as replacement of the ceilings and lighting in the upper level of the school.

Repair of the church parking lot, with two layers of seal coat, and re-striping will be completed this month by Suburban Asphalt.

The church cemetery is in need of repair. Total restoration is estimated to cost \$40,000. Monuments are in disrepair and maintenance of the grounds is difficult. \$10,000 for each of four years is the plan.

Maintenance of the parking lot islands is still an issue. Some work has been done, but there is still much more that needs to be done.

An OSHA cabinet (estimated cost \$1,000) required for all of the flammable substances on the property will need to be purchased.

The main church doors need a protective coating. They are drying from sun exposure and weathering badly.

A preventative maintenance program is being developed. "We need to be proactive in our maintenance. A number of items still need to be identified."

**Time & Talent recognition report – Ray Moon**

Dan Paruzynski edited the letter he drafted to explain the volunteer recognition program to parishioners. There are still questions regarding the management & facilitation of this program. Dan is looking for help with this project. Ray will take the suggestions which he received from Councilors at this meeting and pass them on to Dan.

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**Youth ministry report - Brendt Zydowicz**

Brendt went with the youth to South Dakota in June; his second trip. He shared some information. Brendt also went to Haiti with several students and adults; sharing his thoughts about his experience of feeding 300 people. The experience of *hearing* about Haiti & our sister parish, and *seeing it first hand* “was awesome”. Regarding the eight-day trip, “There was nothing about it I (Brendt) didn’t enjoy”. Brendt reported that the community center is being built. The old refurbished buildings “look great”. Another water cistern is being built and they appear to have “plenty of water”. Ray added, there will be another medical mission team going to Haiti from November 5 – 12.

**Fall Retreat – Mary Matestic**

The retreat will begin at 7 pm Friday evening at the Siena Center in Racine on September 9 and end on Saturday, September 10, after lunch. Mary Matestic distributed a tentative outline. Mary reviewed the agenda and topic: *With Life there is Change... Now what do we do?* Fr. Andy Nelson will be giving the Friday evening presentation. Information and directions to the Siena Center will be provided by mail.

**Parish Cluster report – Mary Matestic**

Mary presented the plans for Social Justice Sunday on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Each parish will have a table display on a specific issue. There will be speakers. People will be able to sign up for a topic of their choosing.

**Introduction of Ron Gilles – Fr. Chuck Schramm**

Ron Gilles began his new, part-time (20 hrs/week) position as Director of Administrative Services on August 1<sup>st</sup>. He is now a member of the Pastoral staff. “The position is still evolving.”

**Pastor’s report – Fr. Chuck Schramm**

Currently, there are two staff meetings per month. This is being evaluated. ‘Whole parish’ programs need to be looked at with “some form of central coordination”. Collaboration in marriage preparation is an interest shared between Fr. Chuck and the pastor of St. Alphonsus. “Hopefully this will be of interest to all of our cluster parishes.” “We (Fr. Chuck & St. Mary’s) are still in the honeymoon phase”. Fr. Chuck is impressed with the Summer Mass attendance; when attendance typically drops. Fr. Chuck asked Wendy Rappe` to add her comments: Wendy has been meeting with various groups to get an idea of the interrelationships and networking that needs to be developed. Mary Matestic added that, “The ministry is being reorganized to meet the needs of people from womb to tomb”. A discussion of stewardship ensued as the passion and enthusiasm of Councilors were shared.

**Need for Parish Council Secretary – Ray Moon**

Tom Grinker was asked to explain what is involved with the secretary position. Ray explained that the position is once again vacant since Ron Gilles took his new position and is no longer a Councilor. Gregg Saksefski offered to take the secretary position. Thank you Gregg!

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**Liaison assignments – Ray Moon**

A list of Parish Council liaison assignments was distributed. Councilors volunteered to fill the open positions. It was determined that not all of the Commissions are ‘up and running’ yet, but should be within this year.

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

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:00 pm

**Minutes submitted by:** Linda Jaeschke, Recording Secy.

**Present**

Theresa Illingworth  
Mary Matestic  
Tom Grinker  
Mary Campbell

Gregg Saksefski  
Tom Kronschnabl  
Ray Moon  
Patti Ceille

Julie Schultz  
Elizabeth LeGant  
Clem Budny  
Brendt Zydowic

Dan Paruzynski  
Fr. Chuck Schramm  
Paul Stewart

**Excused**

Fr. Todd Budde  
Dawn Olander  
Bob Stollenwerk

Liz LeGant  
Dan Paruzynski  
Tim Welch