

**St. Mary Parish Council Meeting  
December 12, 2006**

The **meeting opened** at 7:07 pm by Dan Paruzynski, Chairperson.

**Gathering hymn:** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*. **Scripture passage:** *Luke 3:10-18*, read by Lori Scheinkoenig, followed by recitation of the Parish Mission Statement.  
**Share/reflect:** Councilors shared their reflections on the scripture passage.

November **meeting minutes accepted** as corrected.

**Youth ministry report** - Tony Haning

- \* A Christmas party at the cathedral shelter is being planned for Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 – 8:30 pm. Gifts will be distributed and games played.
- \* Confirmation sessions have begun.
- \* The CYM (Catholic Youth Ministry) basketball league is underway and games started last Friday. Practice times in St. Mary's gym have been assigned by grade level.

**Pastor's report** - Fr. Chuck Schramm

- \* The Advent season is underway and liturgies have gotten off to a good start.
- \* A Pastoral dialogue has been developed for St. Mary's entire Pastoral Staff to discuss theological issues. The entire Parish Staff meets once a month and the Pastoral Staff will meet twice a month. They had their first meeting. Fr. Chuck was able to clarify the model which he works under. Fr. Chuck's leadership style will also be defined for the support staff at their next meeting. Input from the Pastoral Staff meetings will be brought to the entire support staff before decisions are implemented.

**Finance & administrative services** – Ron Gilles, Director of Administrative Services

Finance: Last month Ron reported that monthly envelopes for a four-month period, ending October 31, 2006 were \$25,000 below the same period last year. A Finance Committee meeting was held and budget issues were discussed. It was noted through tracking of donations that many parishioners make 'end-of-the-year' contributions for tax purposes. Because of this December income, we are now down \$13,000. Pledge cards have been coming in well. A status report is being developed by Ron Gilles. A Finance Committee meeting will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup> to develop a formal report and distribute accurate information on the pledges.

**Dreams and Visions for our Future** – Dan Paryzynski

The document *Dreams and Visions for our Future 2003* was distributed at last month's meeting. Councilors were asked to read the document and evaluate which aspects of the document were met/not met. Small groups were formed and asked to spend some time reviewing just one section of the document for discussion in a break-out session at this meeting. Councilors re-convened in 30 minutes, after coming to consensus as to whether the parish: 1) has completed the task and/or 2) has a process/system in place to keep the task moving forward, 3) has uncompleted tasks still worth pursuing, and 4) should look at additional action steps that were not on the original vision list.

Dan asked that each group have a recorder, and give a brief summary of the status of each of the six major areas of the vision document. The following Councilors reported –

Experience of Church - Mary Matestic  
Stewardship - Lori Scheinkoenig  
Communication - Dawn Olander  
Education - Mary Campbell  
Physical Environment - Tom Kronschnabl  
Effective Management - Clem Budny

Dan asked for a written summary from each reporter. Dan will develop a full report, based on the information from the summaries, to be distributed at the January meeting. Goals and actions will then be further examined to determine what further directions will be recommended by the 2006-07 Parish Council.

**Closing prayer:** *The Our Father* was prayed, followed by the *Sign of Peace*.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:10 pm

**Minutes submitted by** Linda Jaeschke, Recording Secretary

**Next meeting:** January 9, 2007

**Present**

Fr. Todd Budde	Fr. Chuck Schramm
Pam Lownik	Patty Ceille
Clem Budny	Mary Campbell
Ron Gilles	Mary Matestic
Joyce Roesler	Lori Schoenkoenig
Chris Charapata	Dan Paruzynski
Tom Kronschnabl	Tony Haning
Dawn Olander	Julie Schultz
Ron Gilles	

**Excused**

Jonathan Kozak	Justin Panhans
Gregg Saksefski	Paul Stewart
Bob Stollenwerk	