

**St. Mary Parish Council Meeting**  
**March 13, 2007**

The **meeting opened** at 7:05 pm by Dan Paruzynski, Chairperson.

**Gathering hymn:** *Christ Be Our Light*. **Scripture passage:** *Luke 15:1-3,11-32*, read by Julie Schultz, followed by recitation of the Parish Mission Statement.

**Share/reflect:** Councilors shared their reflections on the scripture passage.

**Welcome guest:** Phil Unti, Parish Council member, St. Matthew – Oak Creek

February **meeting minutes approved** as written.

**Youth ministry report - Justin Panhans**

The presentation given by Fr. Art was enjoyed by the students. Fr. Art Heinze spoke about *Eucharist* on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation candidates and their sponsors from three districts were hosted by St. Alphonsus.

Mike Patin (a nationally known speaker on youth ministry) will give a presentation to high school Christian Formation students on March 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Matthias Parish.

The National Catholic Youth Convention is scheduled for November in Columbus, Ohio.

A youth leadership team will be sent from St. Mary.

Justin Panhans is going to Guatemala from July 7-22, sponsored by the Archdiocese.

There is a \$1,800 cost for this two-week service trip/emergent experience through Global Youth Mission. Approximately 40 students from the Archdiocese are going to various countries, with 12 students going to Guatemala. Justin is looking for ways to fundraise and is hoping that St. Mary Parish will be able to subsidize the trip in some way.

It was suggested that St. Mary develop a policy to address requests by students who solicit funding from the parish for Archdiocesan sponsored service trips.

**Just Faith liaison report – Lorie Schoenkenig**

‘Just Faith’ is a program focused on social justice and human concerns. 12 participants from St. Mary have been meeting weekly for 30 sessions: September, 2006 – May, 2007.

Pam Lownik and Fred Matestic are co-facilitators. The program provides an opportunity to become familiar with and formed in traditions of biblical justice and Catholic social teaching- an invitation to be a people of justice and compassion.

The group has had immersion experiences at Repairers of the Breach, the Cathedral Center for Women & Children, St. Vincent de Paul, and Guest House. They have also had speakers, watched videos, read & discussed many books, and will have had two retreats (by the end of April).

Members plan to continue their journey toward social justice and compassion in all they do. A joint effort toward formation of, and membership on, a Human Concerns Comm. at St. Mary is their goal.

### **Pastor's report/Lenten report - Fr. Chuck Schramm**

Our Human Concerns efforts are coming together after much coordination and planning over the past two years. Pam Lownik agreed to facilitate the coordination of the Human Concerns Commission at St. Mary over the next 6-12 months and discern a leader.

An Archdiocesan capital campaign to support Catholic formation and education is being considered. Archbishop Dolan has hired consultants to study the feasibility of the campaign.

St. Mary will host a meeting to discuss the campaign on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Candidates selected from each parish are invited to this meeting.

Fr. Todd will be assigned as Pastor of a parish in June. Inquiries are already being made by candidates interested in the Associate Pastor position at St. Mary.

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

Budget: A special meeting was held on March 5, 2007 to discuss the proposed parish budget for 2007-08. Motion was made and seconded to accept the budget as presented at the budget meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Parish Staff meeting: There was a discussion as to whether St. Mary is *mission* driven or *staff* driven in preparing the parish budget. Discussion regarding more input from committees and increased awareness of each other's goals toward meeting our mission was "all positive and agreeable to the parish staff". This effort needs to be structured and organized into a plan. A sub-committee will develop a plan to present at the August Parish Council meeting. Dan Paruzynski, Fr. Todd, Julie Schultz, & Mary Campbell will comprise this sub-committee.

Finance: Through the first week of March donations did not pick up. We lost a Sunday when Masses were cancelled due to a snow storm. We were down \$20,000 at the end of January, and down \$35,000 at the end of February. We will need a *special appeal* in May, at which time we expect to be down \$50-60,000. Planned expenditures will still be necessary, but staffs are being asked to put discretionary expenditures 'on hold'.

### **Discernment process - Mary Campbell**

Nomination of potential Parish Council candidates will take place on the weekend of March 24-25. Discernment of candidates will take place on April 23rd. Facilitators for the discernment are Chris Warner and Tim Pilat. Chris Charapata will chair the discernment *next* year.

Councilors: Mary Campbell, Julie Schultz and Chris Charapata will be present at the discernment to answer questions. They are looking for potential candidates.

The Archdiocesan orientation for new Council members will take place on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Council Members that are returning for a remaining year or two are asked to recommit themselves to active participation and attendance for the coming year.

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

Education: Gregg Saksefski briefly reported that a memo was sent to the Lifelong Faith Formation Committee and to the school staff informing them that the Parish Council is looking at the 2003 *Dreams and Visions* document to determine what action is needed in the area of education.

**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:** April 10, 2007

**Present**

Fr. Todd Budde	Gregg Saksefski
Pam Lownik	Patty Ceille
Mary Campbell	Dan Paruzynski
Ron Gilles	Lorie Schoenkoenig
Bob Stollenwerk	Julie Schultz
Chris Charapata	Joyce Roesler
Mary Matestic	Fr. Chuck Schramm
Justin Panhans	Clem Budny

**Excused**

Paul Stewart  
Dawn Olander  
Tony Haning  
Jonathan Kozak  
Tom Kronschnabl