

# Parish Council Meeting

## January 21, 2026

1. **Opening Prayer** Fr. Wayne led us in the Hail Mary at 6:00pm
2. **In attendance:** Fr. Wayne Belschner, Dolores Johnson, Kathy Reda, Ann Stano, Maria Brown, Ricardo Gonzalez, Bill Rosa, Nancy McCormick, Deacon Kelley McCormick, Bill Killion, Christen Fitts
3. **Review and Vote on June Minutes**
  - a. Motion to act made by: Bill Killion
  - b. Second on the motion by: Christen Fitts
  - c. Vote was taken: 11-0
  - d. Motion carried ✓
4. **Parish Identity**
  - a. **Life Teen**
    - i. There is a total of 35 kids who currently attend Life Night. For Pizza & Prayer there is typically, at least eight teens who attend.
    - ii. The Passion play is coming back with one performance to take place on Good Friday at 12:10 pm.
    - iii. A spring retreat is planned from March 27<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Betania Retreat Center II in Medway.
    - iv. Praise & Worship Adoration is starting back up. The goal is to meet monthly. The first meeting will be February 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. **Pastoral**
    - i. The book club will be reading *Our Lady of Fatima*, by William Walsh. This is led by Ellen Lytle.
    - ii. During Lent a group met focusing on the writings of the Church Fathers. This group was led by Ellen Lytle.
    - iii. The Gospel study continues to meet every Tuesday morning, and is led by Ellen Lytle.
  - c. **Seniors**
    - i. The senior luncheons continue. The next luncheon will be a Mardi Gras theme and is scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. Communion calls/bringing Communion to nursing homes continues. A Communion service is held at Traditions and Charter nursing homes every Friday at 10:30.
    - iii. The *Friend to Friend* group continues to meet quarterly for note writing. People are really enjoying receiving their cards.
  - d. **Young Adults**
    - i. The *Young Adult* group starts with the 7:00 pm Mass then prays the Rosary followed by a light dinner and socializing. There's roughly 20 people who attend.
    - ii. The group has started a *WhatsApp* group chat.
  - e. **Connected in Christ**
    - i. A Game & Mardi Gras Night is planned for Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. This will take place in the Rectory.
  - f. **Men & Women's Groups continue to meet monthly**

**g. Parish Cemetery**

- i. Very pleased with the work that is being done there.

**h. Religious Education**

- i. K-6 The students meet monthly on Sunday's in Mary Hall with the parents attending a *break away time* in the Rectory.
- ii. There is an *at-home book* that the students take with them. It has been receiving good feedback.
- iii. Four additional sessions have been added for those who will receive First Holy Communion.
- iv. ROC
  - 1. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders come on Monday's twice per month for a 50-minute class. High school students attend certain Life Nights. We have a core team of eight people.
  - 2. There are roughly 60 Confirmation candidates. The candidates can choose to either complete "spiritual autobiography" or attend Life Teen Spring Retreat.
  - 3. The Confirmation Mass is April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**5. OCIA**

- i. There are currently 15 people.

**6. Rosary for all Needs**

- i. There is a steady group of people. Pizza and snacks are served and enjoyed by all. This is advertised in local churches in the area
- ii. This program meets the second Saturday of every month.

**7. New Family Activities**

- i. A Valentines party is planned for February 13<sup>th</sup> in Mary Hall. Dinner will be served with a chocolate fountain to follow.

**8. Lent**

- i. Ash Wednesday Masses
- ii. Stations of the Cross
- iii. Exodus program for both men and women
- iv. Parish Mission at Betania II from Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>
- v. Holy Mass Instruction Series
- vi. Six week program on *The Chosen* led by Monet & Deacon Kelley
- vii. Lenten HALO App. for the parish.

**9. Miscellaneous**

- a. Vespers may change to Sundays.
- b. Deacon Kelley may host *The Mass Explained* evening.
- c. Deacon Kelley is exploring the idea of watching either the *House of David* or *The Chosen* with discussion to follow.
- d. Everyone seems to like the church bells.

**10. Closing**

- a. Motion to act made by: Bill Rosa
- b. Second on the motion by: Nancy McCormick
- c. Vote was taken: 11-0
- d. Motion carried ✓

**11. Dismissal**