**St. Mary Parish Council Minutes**

**March 4, 2025**

**Attendance:**

Cindy Criteser, Barb Smith, Kathie Carpenti, Albert Damitio, Noelia Contreras, Jennifer Osborne, Jakob Boertje, Lynn Boertje, Shelley Westley, Veronica Waugh, Talana Butler, and Fr. Sean Bonner.

The meeting was opened with prayer at 6:04p

The minutes From February were approved. Motion to approve by Kathie C. with a second by Cindy C.

**Building/Business Update:**

* Bell Tower:
  + Hoping peak with cross completed by cruise
  + Insurance adjuster still following up to get pricing
    - Albert on top of it
* Microsoft 365 being implemented in parish
  + AOD paying for the first year of use
* Plumbing being looked at in school, to be ready for students using the school in Fall 2025
  + Some leaks were found
  + Proper repairs needed
* School
  + Contract sign date scheduled for Friday March 7th
  + 5 year lease with renewal option after 5 years
* Fish Fry
  + Prep is ongoing
  + Lots of Volunteers
  + First Fish Fry is March 7th
* Blood Drive has been moved to October

**Family of Parishes:**

* Photo Directory
  + Barb has created a Photo Team
    - Contract has been signed with Photographer
  + Meeting is March 12th St Thomas the Apostle
  + Dates for Photos are as follows in June:
    - St Richard June 3rd & 4th
    - St Thomas the Apostle June 5th thru 7th
    - St Mary of Wayne June 17th Thru 21st
    - St Mary Cause of Our Joy June 24th thru 28th
  + Those who get their picture taken get a complimentary 8x10 and a Directory
  + A form will be put out in bulletin
    - Online and Paper registration is available
* Upcoming meeting April 25th 6:30p

**Ministry Reports:**

* Hispanic report reviewed
* Faith Formation Reviewed
* Youth Reviewed
* Hospitality nothing new to share currently

**OUTREACH NEEDS:**

* Canned Carrots
* Hamburger Helper
* Canned Fruit
* Boxed Potatoes
* Sloppy Joe Mix
* Toiletry Items
* Canned Chili
* Dry Cereal
* Peanut Butter
* Jelly
* Canned Pork and Beans
* Soup – Any Kind

**OPEN FLOOR:**

* Stations of the Cross and Bake Sale at the Fish Fry
  + Parish Council April 4th
* Poker Night is officially scheduled with Krazy Kopz
  + Thursday November 13th Thru Sunday November 16th
    - Thursday Nov 13th and Friday November 14th
      * 10a to 6p
    - Saturday November 15th and Sunday November 16th
      * 6:30p to 2am
  + Thursday December 18th Thru Sunday December 21st
    - Thursday December 18th and Friday December 19th
      * 6:30p to 2am
    - Saturday December 20th and Sunday December 21st
      * 10a to 6p
* Memorial Tree – Needs New Name
  + Lynn handling and will be meeting with Father to discuss price tiering for new incarnation of the Tree
* Jubilee
  + Trip is planned to the Blessed Solanas Casey Center on May 29th
  + Organized by St Thomas the Apostle
  + $50.00 per person covers
    - Transportation
    - Tour & Lunch at ON the Rise Bakery
    - Bus leaves from St Thomas the Apostle at 9:30a
* Blood Of Christ
  + Moving toward having at Mass again
  + Intinction possible
    - However, only Priest or Deacon can do this
  + A note needed in bulletin asking for more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
  + training needs to be scheduled
* Too much Talking before mass!
  + We need a sign posted at entrances reminding people of whose house this is and the reverence that needs to be applied
    - “You are entering the Lord’s house this is a Quiet Zone Shhhhh”
* We need to advertise better for World Marriage Day
  + Event was put together super well but not well attended
* Enhanced fitness doing WONDERFUL
* Volunteer Dinner
  + Saturday May 17th
  + Albert Needs Volunteers
  + Helen Volunteered to put together a list of volunteer names
* Archbishop Wiesenberger coming to St Mary April 6th 2p Mass
  + Blessing New Altar
  + Reception After
* No second Tunic Program being implemented by AOD (Leaving behind things we do not need)
  + South Region
    - July to Dec
    - Decisions have to be made
    - There will be roll out phases

**Upcoming Events:**

* Friday Fish Frys 4-7p
* Easter Egg Hunt – April 19th 10am
* Trivia Night April 26th
  + Sign-Up Online to attend
* Volunteer Dinner Saturday May 17th 5pm
* Cruisin St Mary July 12th 10a to 8p
* Enhanced Fitness classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am Activity Center

Motion to adjourn by Helen with a second by Jenn O

Closed with Prayer 8:06p

**Next Meeting April 1, 2025 6pm**