

**ST. MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL**  
**October 6, 2008**

**Present:** Joel Fritz, Chairperson, Father Charlie, Stephanie Forthofer, Dan Humphrey, Jeanne Kelly, Dottie Knechtges, Joe Kuebler, and Mike Moore.

**Excused:** Joanne Koviak, Matt St. Marie.

Fr. Charlie called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. and opened with prayer. The agenda was then reviewed.

There was a discussion concerning the Finance Report presented on Sunday by Tom Hoover. There was also a lengthy discussion concerning School enrollment, grant writing for additional funds, marketing in southern Lorain County and the general future of the School. Fr. Charlie stated that any repairs to the School buildings may not be initiated until after the cluster process has been completed.

The next item of business concerned the youth ministry. Fr. Charlie stated that we are in the process of getting a group of adults and youths together to assist in setting up the program until we are in the position to hire a full time youth minister. The next team meeting will be held on October 16. Please contact Fr. Charlie if you are interested in helping on the youth ministry.

Fr. Charlie gave a stewardship update. The first "Our Life is Rich" retreat was held last Saturday and approximately 14 people attended. We also discussed the importance of welcoming new parishioners. The first Sunday of each month will continue to be a Welcome Sunday with greeters and socials following each Mass. The Stewardship Committee is also working on the Alumni Gathering, the Heritage Society and memorial pavers.

The next Diocesan Pastoral Council will be held on October 18 in Wickliffe. Please contact Fr. Charlie if you will be able to attend. There was a brief discussion concerning a Parish Pastoral Council workshop on November 5.

There was a brief discussion concerning a School fundraising method suggested by a parishioner. We also discussed our monthly Diocesan assessments and the School Endowment Fund.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 3, 2008, at 8:00 in the Parish Center Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Kelly,  
Recording Secretary