

ST. MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL
March 2, 2009

Present: Joel Fritz, Chairperson, Father Charlie, Stephanie Forthofer, Dan Humphrey, Jeanne Kelly, Dottie Knechtges, Joanne Koviak, Joe Kuebler, Mike Moore and Matt St. Marie.

Matt St. Marie called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. and Fr. Charlie led us in prayer. The agenda was reviewed.

Fr. Charlie discussed several items concerning Stewardship. He also indicated that we will be receiving a letter from Bishop Lennon concerning the cluster decisions. It is very important that we reach out to new parishioners and make them feel welcome. The next Welcoming Sunday will be April 5. Council members agreed to make arrangements to have a new parish pictorial directory prepared. Photography will hopefully begin this summer. Fr. Charlie discussed the weekly summer programs for children sponsored by each Church. We have had many new registrations and Mass attendance is increasing. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the upcoming vacancies on Parish Council and encouraging new parishioners to submit their names.

The next discussion concerned the School. There was a brief review of the number of registrations for next year. Marketing plans were also discussed.

Minutes of the Social Action Ministry were reviewed by Council members. There was a brief discussion concerning who might attend the Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting on April 18. Registration is due by April 1. Fr. Charlie stated that we are hoping to hire a full time youth minister by June.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2009, at 8:00 in the Parish Center Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Kelly,
Recording Secretary