

ST. MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL
April 6, 2009

Present: Father Charlie, Dan Humphrey, Jeanne Kelly, Dottie Knechtges, Joanne Koviak, Mike Moore and Matt St. Marie.

Excused: Joel Fritz, Stephanie Forthofer and Joe Kuebler.

Matt St. Marie called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m. Fr. Charlie led us in prayer. The agenda was reviewed.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the clustering events. Fr. Charlie stated that the Bishop will celebrate Mass at Holy Cross Church on April 26 to close the parish. Sacred Heart will most likely close in June. We have had many new registrations and Sunday collections have been increasing. We have made arrangements with LifeTouch to have a new parish pictorial directory prepared. Pictures will be taken June 22 through July 1. Information will be forthcoming.

The next discussion concerned the School. There have been 157 students registered thus far for next year. We are awaiting responses from several other families. We are hopeful to have between 175 to 180 students for next year. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the cluster campaign for marketing and advertising.

We are in the process of accepting resumes for the position of a youth minister. We are hopeful to have the position filled by July 1. There was a brief discussion concerning summer programs for children sponsored by several of the downtown Churches.

The next discussion concerned the upcoming vacancies on Parish Council. Several individuals have expressed an interest to serve. All interested parishioners may attend our May meeting. Discernment and selection of new Council members will be held at the June meeting.

There was a brief discussion concerning an issue raised by a parishioner. We also discussed the attendance of the DPC meeting on April 18.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Kelly,
Recording Secretary