

**The Parish Council** met November 10th at 6 pm in Dyersville. Members present were: Father Dennis Quint, Ben Thier, Joan Recker, Janet Stelken, Larry Knipper, Mike Helle, Bob Willenborg, Joe Snyder, Theresa Kelly, Tyler Wolfe and Mark Kronlage.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved by Janet Stelken and seconded by Joan Recker.

Community Life report: 1.) The committee continues working on securing Circle General Chair volunteers. The committee has written a good job description for this position. 2.) Sunday (Nov. 13th) there will be a youth gathering for 5th through 8th grade students at the KC bowling lanes. 3.) Selection of a patron saint for the Cluster will be selected at their next meeting. The three saints that were narrowed down at their previous meeting are St. Anthony of Padua, St. Theresa of the Little Flower and St. Clare.

Finance Committee report: 1.) The committee is working on next year's budget proposals. 2.) Work is underway to develop a Planned Giving Committee. Other parishes have been visited to get ideas how they approach this topic. Tom Lucas and Tim Pins will co-chair this new committee. 3.) The DRA grant deadline is coming soon. The committee discussed possible grant ideas.

Building and Grounds Committee report: 1.) The committee is looking into air conditioning the school's computer rooms. 2.) The Parish has hired Kevin Goerdt to assist with snow removal. 3.) Helle Farm Equipment has donated the use of a skid loader for this year's snow removal. 4.) A 5 year brick tuck pointing plan for the parish buildings has been developed. Some brick sealing is also scheduled to eliminate rain water from entering the buildings.

Xavier School report: 1.) The school board is beginning budgeting discussions for next school year. 2.) The benefits of the STO program were discussed.

Other discussion items: 1.) Discussion continued on the removal of the pew dividers. Council members have heard both positive and negative comments. It was decided to have a couple of dividers removed, as samples, in various Church locations for parishioners to view. 2.) The dishwasher in Xavier Hall will be sold. It is in good condition but is no longer needed.

On a motion from Mike Helle and seconded by Joe Snyder the meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

The next meeting will be Thursday Jan.12, 2012 at 6 pm in Earlville.