

## Parish Council Meeting January 29, 2025

Father Jonas opened with prayer.

In attendance: Father Jonas, GiGi Hill, Chrissy Breedlove, Kelli Pridemore, Dan Hitchcock, Jessica Olenick, Sharon Clemens, Diane Wirkner, and Kevin Jordan.

Parish council minutes reviewed from October 30, 2024 - Move to motion to accept October 30, 2024 minutes by Diane Wirkner and Dan Hitchcock 2nd.

### PSR

1. Everything is going well.
2. Fat Sunday Pancake Breakfast March 2nd.
3. Lenten almsgiving project last year pregnancy resource center in Athens - This year the project will be collecting items for SVDP such as socks, dishcloths and other small items.
4. Youth Stations of the Cross will be April 13th.
5. Easter Egg Hunt will be April 20th.
6. First Communion Retreat May 3rd.
7. First Communion May 4th - 4 kids - actually 6 in the class but 2 kids are from home school families and made their communion last year.
8. Confirmation Retreat (Chrissy will encourage sponsors to attend) Saturday, May 10th which is the Saturday before Confirmation. The Retreat will consist of the Liturgy of the word and a talk by Father Jonas and maybe some Lectio.
9. Confirmation Thursday, May 15th at 7:00 pm Bishop Louse - 21 kids which includes 5th 6th 7th 8th & one 9th grader. Maybe 3 children from Amsterdam.
10. Cookies in the Narthex after confirmation.
11. Confirmation families will receive a letter which will include dates, information on choosing a saint name, etc.
12. Will be purchasing a case of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (the white small ones) for PSR.

### Youth Group/DTS

1. 8-10 kids attend meetings (which are every 2 weeks).
2. 8 kids enrolled in DTS.
3. 1 kid yet to enroll.
4. May 18th is the last meeting before summer break.
5. If anyone is interested in doing a Saint Talk, talk to Chrissy. It would need to be 10 to 15 minutes of telling the story of a Saint..
6. Steubenville Conference - July 18-20th Tom & JC Birong are going to be the chaperones. Kelli Pridemore stated that this is the same as the Carroll County Fair Week.

7. Chrissy will talk to Tom and JC to see if they would like to switch the week of the Steubenville Conference.

### RCIA/OCIA

1. Going well but hectic.
2. Nine total OCIA catechumens/candidates of different ages and backgrounds.
3. Most of the catechumens/candidates will be done at the end of March or in April.
4. Mary Lou Lairson is making her Confirmation on February 8th.
5. Two catechumens/candidates are coming in at the Easter Vigil.
6. The rest will be coming in on different dates.
7. Buying in bulk to receive a 40% discount.
8. Ascension press Catechism \$65.99 each which are the gift given by church - 15% discount for 10 copies or more.
9. Pauline Press will give a 10% discount on the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
10. Short catechism \$7.99.
11. Bibles in the past have come from Maria & Richie Kobus who had extra Bibles but they have run out so now the church will be purchasing a Catholic Bible for \$18.00 for those catechumens/candidates who don't have a Catholic Bible
12. Chrissy asked if anyone had cheaper connections to book buying to let her know.
13. Father Jonas suggested the Blessed by God prayer book but Chrissy thought that it might confuse the catechumens/candidates because it has the 1960's fasting rules, etc.

### SVDP

1. SVDP gave a donation to the Salvation Army in December.
2. SVDP helped one parishioner with rent.
3. SVDP helped one couple with a heating bill.
4. Huebner Chevrolet has a program where they collect specific clothing items and asked if SVDP and Loaves and Fishes wanted to help with the project. SVDP and Loaves and Fishes agreed to help. Give away Wednesday, January 22nd through Friday January 24th from 2:00 - 5:00 if there are any clothing items left over Gigi is not sure what Gordon Warner will do with them.
5. Last week Bethany Shields held a meeting which included a lot of different people throughout the community present such as someone from the health department, Jane Evans from the high school, Gordon Warner from Loaves and Fishes, Dr. Carl Fry who does health things at the high school, his wife Kayla who was connected with either Hanna house or Safe Harbor. The topics of the meeting held by Bethany were, classes on abstinence and healthy relationships, helping women who are pregnant, etc. The meeting was very informative. Father Jonas stated it was all faith based people who want a way to help faith based women.

### Ladies of Mercy

1. Polish Fest brought in around \$7,000.00 which made this year's Polish Fest the second highest.
2. The Ladies will be making a donation to North Carolina.
3. Sharon Clemens has called for a meeting and wants Father Jonas to attend.
4. Ladies of Mercy will take Father out for his birthday.
5. Not many ladies are showing up anymore for meetings or luncheons.

### Library

1. See addendum.
2. Father Jonas stated that in regards to starting an Adult Book Club, the Going with Faith Group that meets on Sunday morning is like an Adult Book Club. They are currently reading the Prayer book that was given out at Christmas by an anonymous donor.
3. Father Jonas also stated that the HomeSchool Mom Group is doing the "Well Read Mom" which is a Book Club.
4. Lastly before any Summer Reading programs are planned Jessica Olenick will check with Chrissy Breedlove to be sure there will be no conflicts in scheduling.

### Kof C

1. Cutest baby contest - Kelli Pridemore thinks that the fish fry will bring a lot of attention and money to the poster. Kelli also stated that a tally sheet will be done and made available so that everyone will know how each baby is doing as the contest goes along.
2. Fish Fry's will start March 7th.
3. Knights of Columbus will be providing the drinks and table serve for the Euchre party which will have players switching every 8 hands. All money collected will be going to the winners. No alcohol will be served.

### Adornment

1. Kevin Jordan is working on a star map so that everyone can find where their star is at.
2. Father Jonas stated that he would also like to include on the star map everyone who donated. For example those who donated for the angels, etc.
3. Father Jonas stated that this is the last thing to be done for the Adornment Project and then he will transfer the remainder of the money out of the adornment fund. Father Jonas stated that 50% will go for the New Hall and 50% to the New Rectory, which will be \$25,000.00 toward the New Rectory at least \$25,000.00 to the New Hall (if there is more than \$50,000.00 left over Father Jonas stated he will put the extra toward the New Hall)

## Father Jonas

1. The 2024 DPSC rebate, Father Jonas would like to put in the cemetery account and everyone on pastoral council was in agreement
2. Father would like to continue with the projects in the following order: cemetery, rectory and hall.
3. The Building Fund Money is doing well.
4. Designated Building Fund balances as of December 31, 2024
  - Organ Fund \$2,594.70
  - Adornment \$62,730.96
  - Narthex \$3,221.33
  - Pole Building Fund \$410.21
  - Driveway **-\$1,829.59**
  - New Rectory \$25,427.84
  - New Hall \$15,071.90
  - Hall \$6,452.48
  - Unaccounted Fund \$5,000.00
  - Total Building Funds that are designated \$119,079.83**
- Building Fund General Account Balances as of December 31, 2024:
  - Building Fund Checking \$17,206.14
  - Building Fund MMDA \$273,544.50
  - Building Fund CD 61,741.37
  - Total Building Fund Accounts \$352,492.01**
5. Father Jonas has been working on the finance counsel policy (based on another Church's Finance Council Guideline) and will have the guidelines done soon. Some of the things the Finance Council will do are quarterly statements and presenting the finances to the Parish.
6. Tom Michel relooked at the candle stand by the Mary picture in the back of the church and he will be starting to work on this project soon.
7. Father wants a big picture mindset for the new hall.
8. He would like to see our current hall used more often. For example: dance lessons, Ladies of Mercy have a social event every 2 months so that the Saturday evening and Sunday morning parishioners will get to know each other, HomeSchool moms doing bake sale fundraisers, and Euchre parties.
9. Discussion was held on whether to advertise in the paper for this Euchre party. The decision was made to not do any advertising this time but maybe for future Euchre parties.
10. Discussion was held on if alcohol should be served at the Euchre party. If alcohol was served two drink tickets per person would be insured. Decision was made that no alcohol will be served at the Euchre Party.
11. Cemetery committee's next meeting is March 15th at 9:00 am. Everything is going well. Father met with Joe Russ, Bodo, Bob Archibald and Mr. Weber. The platform is now going to be referred to as the terrace and is going to be \$65,000.00 not \$34,000.00 as previously thought. Father Jonas would like to raise money for the cemetery. Father

stated that our community is extremely generous and he will be presenting a plan to the parishioners. There is a question of should we move the power lines that run diagonally through the area designated for the cemetery because a 10 foot buffer is required around the power lines which mean there could be no graves in the 10 foot buffer area. Father is waiting to hear what the price will be to move the power line and then he will present it to the parishioners. The terrace and road would be the immediate things done in the cemetery and then sections will be put in for graves. Monuments and sycamore, oak and shade trees will also be placed so that the cemetery will be a beautiful place for people to come to their loved ones' graves.

12. Carroll county foundation and endowments which would be used for both the building of the New Hall and Rectory and also the cemetery.
13. Having endowments for end of life giving.

Diane Wirkner

Checked on grants and nothing available right now. She will check again.

Next meeting April 30th (5th wednesday) 6:30 pm



January 29, 2025

# LIBRARY UPDATE

## LOOKING BACKWARD

### Bulletin Board

- i. In November, the library bulletin board project was completed.
- ii. Topics include:
  - a. Recommendations & Reviews (Children, Teen, and Adult)
  - b. Happenings (Library Programs & Events)
  - c. Monthly Calendar
  - d. Monthly Devotions (To Boost Your Spiritual Growth)
  - e. Beyond the Library (Catholic Material for all Ages)
- iii. Bulletin board posts are updated at the start of every month.
- iv. Submission of suggestions, reviews, and recommendations are highly encouraged by using the suggestions box or emailing me at [library@olmcarrollton.org](mailto:library@olmcarrollton.org)
- v. To date, no submissions have been made.

### Storybook Explorers

- i. December 3, 2024, Session
  - a. Cancelled due to illness.
- ii. December 17, 2024, Session
  - a. Session began at new time of 6pm.
  - b. Cookies provided by Genia Lightell and Dan Spell.
  - c. "The Nights the Saints Saved Christmas" by Gracie Jagla was read.
  - d. Three wrapped prizes were won by three children by way of a drawing.
    - o A wooden Nativity scene
    - o "The Night the Saints Saved Christmas" themed stickers
    - o "The Night the Saints Saved Christmas" themed puzzle
  - e. Feedback was positive; however, attendance was low.

### Funds

- i. The library received an allocation of funds \$3,183.26, which was a share in the payout from the Algonquin Mill Fest booths.
  - ❖ Thank you to all who made this volunteer effort a success!!

## LOOKING FORWARD

### Storybook Explorers

- i. Two special sessions are currently being planned and scheduled, one during Lent and one during Easter.
- ii. All Summer sessions have yet to be planned and scheduled. More information will be provided at the next Parish Council meeting.

### Summer Reading Program

- i. The children and teen Summer Reading Program have yet to be scheduled. More details will be provided at the next Parish Council meeting.
- ii. At this time, there are no plans to include a tandem adult Summer Reading program, due to lack of funds.

### Book Club for Adults

- i. Ideas for such a group are in discussion.
- ii. Groups would begin in the Spring and Fall.
  - o Interested individuals are urged to message me with their book suggestions as well as day/time that work best.
  - o More information will be provided via the Church bulletin.

### Amazon Wish List

- i. Spreadsheets have been created which include only books for children and teens
  - o Interest lies within the children and teen categories amongst Parishioners.
- ii. Currently, I am waiting to work with Fr. Jonas on this specific project.



**# 71 Our Lady of Mercy**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**October through December 2024**

|   | Oct - Dec 24      |
|---|-------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                                 |                   |
| 4011 · Collection - Adult                     | 31,022.00         |
| 4013 · Collection - Loose                     | 5,750.39          |
| 4014 · Collection - Votive Lights Etc         |                   |
| 4014-1 · Incense                              | 300.00            |
| 4014 · Collection - Votive Lights Etc - Other | 1,127.61          |
|   | 1,427.61          |
| Total 4014 · Collection - Votive Lights Etc   | 1,427.61          |
| 4015 · Collection-Immaculate HeartFund        | 5.00              |
| 4029 · Collection - Christmas Decorat.        | 275.00            |
| 4031 · Collection - Religious Reading         | 400.00            |
| 4037 · Collection - Foreign Missions          | 162.00            |
| 4040 · Collection - Christmas                 | 2,697.00          |
| 4045 · Collection - All Saints                | 536.00            |
| 4046 · Collection - Immaculate Concept        | 235.00            |
| 4051 · Campaign for Human Development         | 182.00            |
| 4059 · PSR Activities IN                      |                   |
| 4059-1 · PSR Collection                       | 3,140.47          |
| 4059 · PSR Activities IN - Other              | 2,500.00          |
|   | 5,640.47          |
| Total 4059 · PSR Activities IN                | 5,640.47          |
| 4060 · More Life Activities IN                |                   |
| 4060-1 · More Life Donations                  | 3,140.48          |
|   | 3,140.48          |
| Total 4060 · More Life Activities IN          | 3,140.48          |
| 4062 · Collection - Building Fund             |                   |
| 4062-2 · Adornment                            | 3.00              |
| 4062-7 · New Rectory                          | 1,050.00          |
| 4062 · Collection - Building Fund - Other     | 169,231.93        |
|   | 170,284.93        |
| Total 4062 · Collection - Building Fund       | 170,284.93        |
| 4064 · Bazaars/Festivals                      | 11,664.71         |
| 4070 · Other Income                           | 16.00             |
| 4072 · Interest                               | 2,154.41          |
| 4073 · Rental Income                          | 200.00            |
| 4103 · Payment Stoppage Of Check              | 1,239.00          |
| 4116 · Collection - St Vincent DePaul         | 2,117.00          |
| 4129 · Collection - Religi. Retirement        | 282.00            |
| 4137 · Library Books/Reference Income         | 3,217.16          |
| 4138 · Natural Family Planning Income         | 400.00            |
| 4286 · Adult Education/Formation Incom        | 3,000.00          |
| 4400 · Mass Stipends                          | 415.14            |
| 4401 · All Souls Day Collection               | 242.00            |
| 4709 · Diocese of Steubenville Gas/Oil        | 2,790.54          |
| 4724 · Reimbursement Payroll from SM          | 3,604.00          |
| 4732 · Reimbursement - Other                  |                   |
| 4732-1 · Fees reimbursement                   | 1.00              |
| 4732 · Reimbursement - Other - Other          | 3,454.88          |
|   | 3,455.88          |
| Total 4732 · Reimbursement - Other            | 3,455.88          |
| <b>Total Income</b>                           | <b>256,555.72</b> |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>                           | <b>256,555.72</b> |

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Oct - Dec 24

| Expense                                |          |
|--|----------|
| 5041 · Postage                         | 73.00    |
| 5042 · Maintenance & Repair Equipment  | 219.23   |
| 5046 · Special Programs                | 4,283.62 |
| 5051 · Campain for Human Development   | 160.00   |
| 5061 · Gas & Oil                       | 30.00    |
| 5062 · Insurance - Diocese             | 3,772.71 |
| 5080 · Travel                          | 26.00    |
| 5082 · Fees                            | 312.46   |
| 5086 · Paycor Fees                     | 131.72   |
| 5100 · Library Books/Reference         | 78.20    |
| 5122 · Website Expense                 | 43.17    |
| 5141 · Assessments                     | 2,643.27 |
| 5145 · Copier & Maintenance            | 290.29   |
| 5150 · Lay FICA Tax Employee's Share   | 2,483.66 |
| 5158 · Bank Service Charge             | 24.40    |
| 5159 · Gifts & Donations               | 400.00   |
| 5201 · Clergy - Salaries - Pastor      | 6,345.00 |
| 5202 · Salaries - DRE                  | 1,226.52 |
| 5203 · Clergy - Extra Services         | 100.00   |
| 5204 · Clergy - Retirement             | 100.00   |
| 5206 · Clergy - Hospitalization        | 1,811.22 |
| 5208 · Salaries - Choir/Organist       | 1,439.52 |
| 5211 · Salaries - Secretary/Bookkeeper | 4,774.32 |
| 5212 · Salaries - Janitorial - Church  | 780.33   |
| 5213 · Salaries - Janitorial - Hall    | 203.65   |
| 5220 · Rectory & Household             | 1.13     |
| 5225 · Food                            | 77.24    |
| 5230 · Office                          | 16.50    |
| 5231 · Telephone                       | 1,166.80 |
| 5241 · FICA (Social Security)          | 751.86   |
| 5254 · Office Supplies                 | 114.48   |
| 5255 · Service Contracts               | 136.50   |
| 5269 · Collection St Vincent DePaul    | 4,250.33 |
| 5280 · Altar Sanctuary & Liturgical    | 968.07   |
| 5281 · Books - Liturgical, Choir       | 25.24    |
| 5282 · Church Envelopes                | 467.57   |
| 5284 · Wine/Host/Palms/Etc.            | 55.41    |
| 5286 · Adult Education & Formation     | 343.93   |
| 5311 · Heat                            | 1,177.43 |
| 5312 · Light & Power                   | 3,746.15 |
| 5313 · Water & Sewer                   | 336.31   |
| 5314 · Rubbish Pick-Up                 | 262.28   |
| 5315 · Supplies - Cleaning             | 514.60   |
| 5319 · Exterminating                   | 150.00   |
| 5320 · Ordinary Maintenance            | 325.00   |
| 5321 · Security                        | 178.44   |
| 5327 · Maintenance Service             | 2,150.00 |
| 5331 · Insurance Expense               | 835.00   |
| 5370 · Land & Building                 |          |
| 5370-2 · Adornment                     | 9,271.81 |
| 5370 · Land & Building - Other         | 503.26   |
| Total 5370 · Land & Building           | 9,775.07 |
| 5374 · Hall                            | 70.00    |
| 5376 · Cemetery                        | 24.50    |
| 5397 · Miscellaneous Reimbursement     | 3,200.47 |
| 5419 · Ladies of Mercy Expense         | 274.24   |
| 5420 · All Souls Day Expense           | 198.00   |
| 5429 · Immaculate Heart Fund           | 145.00   |
| 5437 · Collection Foreign Missions     | 135.00   |
| 5445 · More Life Activities OUT        | 384.45   |

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Accrual Basis

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|  | Oct - Dec 24      |
|--|-------------------|
| 5446 · PSR Activities OUT              |                   |
| 5446-1 · PSR - Educational Material    | 412.34            |
| 5446-2 · PSR - Expense                 | 2,224.26          |
| 5446 · PSR Activities OUT - Other      | 96.77             |
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| Total 5446 · PSR Activities OUT        | 2,733.37          |
| 5448 · Collection Christmas Decoration | 343.00            |
| 5465 · Natural Family Planning Expense | 125.00            |
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| Total Expense                          | 67,210.66         |
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| Net Income                             | <b>189,345.06</b> |
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