

## ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES — JANUARY 8, 2017

The Parish Council meeting was opened with prayer. In attendance: Fr. Morin, Connie Eckley, Marv Dostal, Ray Casey, Bobbie Feldhaus, Bonnie Edins, Ed Cherovsky, Doug Patocka and Wendy Determan. Absent: Diane Mahrt, Pat Trede.

### FINANCIAL:

- A. ANNUAL REPORTS: BALANCE SHEET, PROFIT & LOSS, CONTRIBUTIONS: These reports were reviewed, discussed and approved.
- B. VOCATIONS APPEAL: This has been a voluntary appeal in the past; however this year an assessment will be used to raise these funds.
- C. SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PARISH COMPARISON: The Council discussed the current system of parish support for the Saunders Catholic Schools and possible implications for the future.
- D. GOOD ANGEL PURPOSE: This fund was originally started to help with emergency needs of the parish as well as for charitable needs: food, heat, gas etc. We will continue with our dollar collection for this purpose.
- E. SPECIAL COLLECTION ENVELOPES: VIA MAILING OR PLACED IN BULLETIN: We discussed which option works better. It would be possible to receive an envelope in our bi-monthly mailing and also receive one in the bulletin for special collections.

### SPIRITUAL LIFE:

- A. ACOLYTE-LECTOR INSTALLATION: More parishioners have been added to the service of ministry at the celebration of Mass.
- B. CONFESSIONS: Father Morin noted the few people taking advantage of the Sacrament of Confession in the parish and anticipates addressing this in the future.
- C. SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION: March 5, 2017. We will have Eucharistic Adoration and a pot luck meal on the same day.
- D. FUTURE DATES TO NOTE: Confirmation will be held on March 13, 2017 at 7 pm. There will be 16 people confirmed on that date. First Holy Communion will be held on April 23, 2017 for 8 children.

### PHYSICAL PLANT:

- A. WEST HYMN BOARD: The Council discussed the need for two hymn boards in the sanctuary.
- B. HALL TV: It is time to update the technology we have for our parish and CCD program. We need a DVD player and a TV with HDMI capability and will be replacing our current equipment soon.

### MISCELLANEOUS:

- A. PHOTOS FOR DIRECTORY: These are currently in the process of being taken.
- B. CENSUS UPDATE-EMAILS, REGISTERED FAMILIES: We currently have 157 families registered in the Parish, though there are known errors in the census.
- C. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS: There will be an announcement this weekend regarding elections of new Parish Council members. We have a committee in place to facilitate this process.
- D. PARISH HALL USE POLICY: Members of the Parish Council took home a copy of this and are to review it for our next meeting, as it may need some updating.

Our meeting was closed with prayer. Our next meeting will be April 9, 2017 at 10:30 am (Palm Sunday).  
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The bulletin is posted online each weekend at:

**[www.sjamescatholicchurch.com](http://www.sjamescatholicchurch.com)**

Bulletin Submissions: call the rectory or email to: [fr.mike-morin@cdolinc.net](mailto:fr.mike-morin@cdolinc.net) by noon on Friday.

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 9:00 am.

Confessions: Saturdays 4:30-5:15 / Sundays 8:15-8:45 / By appointment

Weekday Masses: Monday thru Friday 7:00 am

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# St. James Catholic Church

## January 15, 2017

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Mon. January 16 | Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| Tue. January 17 | St. Anthony              |
| Wed. January 18 | Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| Thu. January 19 | Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| Fri. January 20 | St. Fabian               |
| Sat. January 21 | St. Agnes                |

### Mass Intentions

|           |            |          |                          |
|-----------|------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Saturday  | January 14 | 5:30 pm  | People of the Parish     |
| Sunday    | January 15 | 10:00 am | †Ellie Sabata            |
| Monday    | January 16 | 7:00 am  | †Ruth Solem              |
| Tuesday   | January 17 | 7:00 am  | †Deceased Tasler Family  |
| Wednesday | January 18 | 7:00 am  | †Stan Kucera             |
| Thursday  | January 19 | 7:00 am  | †Fr. Jim O'Connor        |
| Friday    | January 20 | 7:00 am  | †Poor Souls in Purgatory |
| Saturday  | January 21 | 5:30 pm  | †Agnes Rezac             |
| Sunday    | January 22 | 9:00 am  | People of the Parish     |

Church Directory- It's not too late to submit a family photo for the directory. Please contact Lori at 402-443-9406 for details.

### Minister Assignments

#### Saturday, Jan. 21 Sunday, Jan. 22

|          |               |               |
|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Acolytes | Mike Determan | Allen Chohan  |
| Readers  | Marie Gruenes | Ed Cherovsky  |
| Servers  | Sean Determan | Bobby Hageman |
|          | Matt Determan | Vinny Hageman |

**“9 Days for Life” Novena** – The U.S. bishops annual novena 9 Days for Life takes place Saturday, January 21 – Sunday, January 29. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) !

#### Vocation Prayer of the Week

*Please pray for:*

Sr. Carmencita of the Child Jesus, Perryville, AR., Novice  
 Sr. Celine Marie, N. Barrington, IL, Novice  
 Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

#### January 7-8 Tithes

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Adults                     | \$ 5,950.00 |
| Loose                      | 203.00      |
| Second Collection          | 87.50       |
| Total:                     | \$ 6,240.50 |
| <u>Monthly Obligations</u> |             |
| St. Wenceslaus School      | \$3,116.66  |
| Bishop Neumann             | 8,247.00    |
| Total Parish Expenses:     | \$11,363.66 |

Parish Council elections are coming up in February. The first step in the process is to nominate parishioners willing to have their names placed on the ballot. On January 29, you will have an opportunity to nominate as many people as you would like to see placed on the ballot, even yourself. Candidates must be registered and active in the parish and at least 18 years old. The five people receiving the most nominations will be placed on the ballot, if they accept. Then on February 12, the election will take place. Of the five people on the ballot, the three with the most votes will win the election and serve a two year term.

A **Healing Mass** will be hosted at St. Wenceslaus Church on Sunday, January 15th, with Fr. Chris Barak as the celebrant. There are many ills in the world and the Church has powerful medicines at her disposal to heal those with physical, emotional and spiritual wounds. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information. Confessions begin at 1:00, followed by the blessing of sacramentals, Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a procession and individual blessing.

St. Wenceslaus School is hosting their Annual PANCAKE FEED on Saturday, Jan. 21, 5:30 to 8pm, and Sunday, Jan. 22nd, 8am to noon at Bishop Neumann High School, featuring Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and juice, Games, Silent Auction, Bake Sale.

ST. WENCESLAUS SCHOOL TEACHER BINGO NIGHT ~ Sunday January 29th ~4:00-6:00 pm in the St. Wenceslaus church basement. Bring your friends and family & join us for food, fun and lots of prizes to be won! All proceeds go towards the St. Wenceslaus teacher wish lists.

GALA FUNDRAISER: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual No-limit Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament, Saturday, February 4, 2017. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. play begins at 7 p.m., St. John's School Gym, Weston. You don't need to be a card shark to enjoy this fun tournament. \$25 buy-in. Cash prizes for the winners. Seating is limited to 50 players. For more information or to reserve your seat today go to [goo.gl/FoF33n](http://goo.gl/FoF33n) Contact Ben Hain ([benjaminhain@gmail.com](mailto:benjaminhain@gmail.com)) (402) 643-5559) with questions.

The next CALL TO JOY Saunders Catholic Women's Retreat will be held on February 4th, 2016 from 8:30a.m. until 12:00p.m. at Bishop Neumann High School cafeteria in Wahoo. The retreat theme: "Hungering for Jesus the Bread of Life". There will be Mass at 8:00a.m. at St. Wenceslaus Church and then breakfast at 8:30a.m. at the cafeteria followed by the retreat. Cost: Free will donation. We hope you can join us as we increase our faith and embrace Jesus as the source and summit of the Christian life in the Holy Eucharist. Babysitting is available by request- please contact: Patti Sloup 402-480-0096. For more information, please contact: Marnie Toline 402-277-5346 or Jennifer Benes 402-499-4542.

Marriage Saving – the Weekend Phase- During the weekend phase of RETROUVAILLE series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation you have time in the privacy of your room to discuss the previous presentation. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on February 24-26, 2017 call 1-888-317-5654 or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) on the web.

CATHOLIC COFFEEHOUSE The Diocesan Evangelization Office invites you and your family to Gianna's Java & Gelato, 2241 O St., Lincoln from 7 – 8:30 pm (1 hour presentation followed by 30 minutes for Q&A) Sunday evenings this fall/winter. This year's theme: "The Pilgrim Church: Rediscovering the Faith through Pilgrimage". For more information visit [www.lincolndiocese.org/coffeehouse](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/coffeehouse).

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CURSILLO teaches that conversion is not limited to one experience. Though conversion does have a starting point, it is ongoing and, thus, occurs during every minute of every day. Cursillo gives you the tools to better understand your Catholic faith and then share it with those in your everyday life. If you would like more information, about Cursillo or the 2017 Weekends, call or email John Springer, Lay Director for the Lincoln Diocese 402-826-2699;