

St. Francis Xavier
Parish Council Meeting
January 14, 2025

Members Present: Fr. Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Sandee Clark, Nancy Collett, Joey Followay, Pattie Mattingly, Keith Meyer, Lisa Reed, Paula Silliman, Michael Zygmunt

Others Present: Deacon Earl Baker

Members Absent: Ed Scott, James Underwood, Chris Williams

Meeting opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Lou Leppert directed a review of the October, 2024 minutes. After the correction of a misspelling was pointed out, Michael Zygmunt moved the minutes to be approved; Keith Meyer seconded; all in favor. Minutes were approved as revised.

Pastor's Report

Father Dale thanked everyone who made this Christmas a special liturgical season.

The Holy Year 2025 Mass at St. Francis Xavier was January 13. 64 people attended.

The Blessing of the Child in the Womb will take place after masses on the February 1-2 weekend.

The Mass Schedule through June 19, 2025 is complete and posted at this time.

Upcoming Funeral Masses:

- The funeral mass of Marvin Bertand on January 17 at St. Gabriel, presided by Fr. Dale
- The funeral mass of JW Mills on January 17 in Loretto, presided by Fr. Scott Wimsett.

Upcoming Nursing Home Masses over which Father Dale will preside:

- Sander's Ridge on January 16
- Green Meadows on February 13

Upcoming Sacrament/Holy Day Masses:

- Ash Wednesday Mass is March 5 at 7:00 pm
- First Penance will be March 8 at 2:00 pm
- First Communion Mass is April 27 at 11:00 am
- Confirmation Mass is May 15 at 7:00 pm

The next deadline for articles wishing to be published in "The Crossroads Messenger" is February 1.

The next Parish Staff meeting is March 11 at 6:45 pm.

Father Dale's other duties include:

- Priests' Personnel Board Meetings on Jan. 23, and Feb. 6, Feb. 27 at 2:00 pm
- Deanery Meetings (formerly known as Region Meetings): Jan 28 at 12pm, Feb 25 at 1:30pm
- Vacation February 17-21

- Retreat March 17-21 at St. Meinrad Archabbey Monastery in Indiana
- Priests' Support Group is Jan. 21 and February 11
- Full-time residence move to 10630 GMS Dr. between March 31-April 4
- Last day of Bellarmine Basketball Chaplain (after 20 years of service) is Feb. 15

Old Business

Nancy Collett shared that the Holiday Bazaar was very successful. It was held in the RE Building in November and included at least 8 new vendors since last year.

New Business

Parish Council Member at Large, Matt O'Connor, moved out of state, so alternate Pattie Mattingly has replaced him and will serve through the rest of that term, in 2027.

The homily from the Holy Year 2025 Mass on Jan. 13 is posted on the parish website. It will also be published in the *Crossroads Messenger*.

The Knights of Columbus will be leading a Rosary Novena online via Zoom at 9:00 pm January 16-24. This is a novena for the protection of all human life. The website for the Zoom meetings are published in the parish bulletin.

Parish Council members discussed gathering items for the upcoming silent auction. This year's basket theme will be "Kentucky Proud." Pattie Mattingly will put the basket together. Members should leave items in the Parish Office by Feb. 14.

Keith Meyer gave a Picnic 2025 update. The date will be June 7. Both bands from last year have been secured, as well as a Bounce house. The next committee meeting will be Jan. 24. Saturday mass will be held at 3:00 that day, which is a change from last year.

St. Francis Xavier Trivia Night, a fundraiser for our youth program, has been rescheduled for March 15 due to weather.

Committee Reports

Administration

No report.

Formation

Paula Silliman reported that planning for the Parish Mission is underway. The dates are March 23-25 and the theme is "Into the Desert."

Parishioner Sharon Mann is working to start a new Bible Study soon.

Liturgical ministers are currently being added after interest from our most recent Liturgical Fair.

Interactive Stations of the Cross will be held March 8.

OCIA Archdiocesan training is June 25.

Parish Life

Nancy Collett reported that the Women's Club donated coats to Appalachian area residents and holiday gifts to Green Meadows Nursing Home residents.

The Rosary Makers are working on First Communion rosaries for donation as well as Holy Spirit bookmarks.

The St. Francis Xavier Outreach Ministries helped donate \$5500 from the Giving Tree at church.

The Joy Club is planning a spring trip to Cape Cod, MA.

Stewardship

No report.

Worship

The Worship Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 21 .

The meeting closed in prayer.

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Minutes submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary