

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
Finance Council Meeting
September 13, 2011**

**Members Present: Marie Dummer, Robert Heiderscheid, Larry Warzynski, Sister Bridget Donaldson, Deacon Matthew Ludick, Father John Parr
Excused: Patrick Stephens, Michael Temp**

- 1. Opening Prayer** Council members listened to and reflected upon the Scriptures to be proclaimed at Sunday Mass on the 25th Sunday of the Year
- 2. Minutes of the May meeting** were reviewed and approved. They will be distributed to parishioners on the parish website and hard copies available.
- 3. Father Parr** reflected on his understanding of the consultative roles played by the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council. While the two bodies have distinct responsibilities still the mission of the parish depends on good communication and understanding between both. The finance council members are appointed by the pastor and serve the parish by sharing their expertise and gifts that ensure the temporal well being of the parish. Father Parr asks that current members continue to serve during this time of transition. Father Parr also will make efforts to enhance the role of the parish trustees.
- 4. Council members** reviewed the current parish financial statements, as well as the status of the We Belong to Christ Campaign. The council approved withdrawal of &7,000.00 from savings to make payment of \$11,000 owed the diocese from last year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. Council members discussed the efforts to be made to ensure that this year's Appeal be more successful.

Council members also reviewed the annual Report to the Bishop which provides a profile of the parish—number of households, sacraments celebrated, income, etc.

At the next meeting the council members will prepare the financial statement to be provided to all registered parish households.

Meeting concluded with prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 18 at 4:30 PM