Parish Council – Monday, November 20th, 2017 – Work Session

**Called to order** – at 6:37 by Council President, Adam Haluska, Fr. Tim led opening prayer

**Roll Call** – at 6:41 Present: Adam Haluska, June Maiers, Fr. Tim Sheedy, Jeff Geistkemper, Nick Jedlicka, Alan Wieskamp, Mark Sovers.

**Opening Prayer** – at 6:40

**Approval of October Minutes** – at 6:43 Fr Tim motion, Alan W. second

**Spiritual Journey** – at 6:43 Discussion on latest reading from Church on the Move. Discussion on evangilization...is there more that we can be doing? Starting with reaching out to those in our own parish and Solon community. Knights of Columbus are a good example of positive evangilization in our parish. Discussed sometimes having to debate with those from other Christian faiths about our own Catholic faith. Discussion on the positive impacts of the various programs/events/services that create the feeling of family and community. Also, the positive impacts of the Pope and Bishops that are currently in place. Discussion on annual outreach event (was described in the book) possibly doing something similar at St. Mary's. Outreach would benefit something outside our parish (a particular cause or groups in need). Ideas for new book were asked for, further thought

**Topics** **of** **Conversation** – at 7:10 Father Tim gave update on trip to Indianapolis. Traveled with St. Thomas Moore students for National Catholic Youth Conference. Good experience overall, about 25,000 total students and about 350 priests attended.

Thanksgiving mass at 9 AM on Thursday, November 23. Advent is just around the corner...important time to reflect and be present to those around us, it's good to slow down and really experience the season.

Communal penance service Wednesday, December 13th, 6:30 – there will be 6 priests present.

Weekend of December 2 & 3 annointing (sacrament) of sick will take place.

Christmas decorating will be Sunday, December 17th following 10:30 mass.

Discussion on possible alternate location (SHS Auditorium) for Christmas mass if there's insufficient space at the church (have recently been *over* 700 people coming Christmas Eve mass and we currently set up 800 chairs)...this would be for future consideration!

**Summary of Meeting** -

**Next Meeting (business)** – at 7:26 Monday, December 11th @ 6:30 PM

**Closing Prayer** – at 7:26

**Adjourn** – at 7:27.