

**ST. DAMIANS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018, 7:00PM**

1. **2017-2018 PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS:** President – Kathy Gonsalves, Vice-President – Clay Lynch, Secretary – Anita Arentsen
2. **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Deacon Glenn , Kathy Gonsalves, Bill Innes, JoAnn Koerkenmeier, Clay Lynch, Gwen Toennies & Al Varel
3. **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Fr. Anthony, Anita Arentsen , Gary Arentsen, Tina Tonnies
4. **OTHER ATTENDEES:** Sr. Ellen Orf, Arlene Korte and Virgil Jansen, Parish Trustees
5. **OPENING:** Deacon Glenn opened the meeting with a prayer.
6. **MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 12, 2017 MEETING:** The minutes from the December 12, 2017 meeting were approved by council members via email and published to the congregation.
7. **PARISH LIFE:** Terms for Parish council members Gary Arentsen, Kathy Gonsalves and Clay Lynch will expire on April 1, 2018. Clay Lynch has agreed to stay on for another three year term. Nominations will be accepted the weekends of March 3 & 4 and March 10 & 11. Voting will take place for one man and one woman the weekend of March 24 & 25, 2018.
8. **DEACON GLENN & SR. ELLEN CONCERNS:**
  - “The Path to Peace” Lenten booklets were given out after mass the weekend of February 10 & 11.
  - Blessed Art from the Holy Land will be available for purchase the weekends of March 3 & 4.
  - Come on a pilgrimage to the Villa Theresa and the St. Joseph Chapel, home to the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood in O’Fallon, MO, Saturday, April 7. Leave St. Damian at 9:30. Tour 10:30 – 12:00. Lunch in St. Charles (tbd). Call Sr. Ellen if interested.
  - As part of bridging cultures, four of the women made about 250 tamales for the Mexican Fish Fry on February 9 that was sponsored by the St. Damian and St. Bernard Ladies Sodalitys.
9. **BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:**
  - Cemetery Trees & Flag Pole – Al Varel said that Campbell Tree Service will remove the trees in the cemetery as soon as the ground is frozen. Dale Koch is making a flag pole to replace the current one in the cemetery. We will purchase a solar light to put on the flag pole. Al Varel will put new door on rectory garage.
  - Work day will be in April. Need to widen sidewalk going to rectory (on east side) to accommodate wheelchairs. Asking school to pay for concrete on west side of gym annex to rectory. Men will provide labor for these project.
10. **LITURGY:**
  - Ash Wednesday Mass and Distribution of Ashes February 14** at St. Damian, 7:45 a.m. morning Mass, evening Mass 7 p.m. at St. Bernard Joint/Mass distribution of ashes. Deacon Glenn will have a distribution of ashes with St. Bernard Faith Formation youth on Ash Wednesday morning. Hispanic service at 7:00 pm in St. Damian.
  - Lenten Schedule at 7 p.m. Mass, Way of Cross** - Thursdays, Starting February 15 in St. Bernard (Father Anthony) alternating weeks with St. Damian on February 22 (Deacon Glenn), St. Bernard on March 1 (Kevin Templin)
  - Monday Bible Study during Lent** - Fr. Anthony will be hosting in the school at St. Bernard starting February 19 at 7 pm.
  - Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Sunday, March 11 (Fourth Sunday of Lent), at 1:00 p.m. at St. Bernard. There will be Reconciliation for Faith Formation on March 19-20. Mass to be at 8:30.
  - Anointing of the Sick** - Saturday, March 10 at 4:00 Mass at St. Bernard; Sunday, March 11 at 8:30 and 10:00 masses.

**Eucharistic Adoration** during Lent - Wednesday 9-11 St. Damian; 1-2 St. Bernard.

**Minister Training** - March 15, 7:00 pm at St. Damian

**Holy Week:**

**Palm Sunday** - March 24, 4:00 Mass at St. Damian; March 25; 8:30 Mass at St. Damian; 10:00 mass at St. Bernard. Procession of Palm's beginning at the Schools.

**Holy Thursday** - March 29 - St. Damian, 7 p.m. - Apostles of Jesus by Grade 3; Foot-washing Plan -: 4 Confirmandi, 2 each First Communion, 1 Candidate, 1 sponsor, 1 each parish Council. Al Varel volunteered for St. Damian.

**Good Friday Services** - March 30 - St. Bernard: 2:00 pm, (4:30 pm service and way of the cross in Spanish to be held at the Nursery), St. Damian: 7:00 pm

**Easter Vigil** - March 31 St. Bernard—7 p.m.; Readings 1,3,5,7

**Easter Sunday** - April 1 regular Sunday schedule - 8:30, 10:00; 11:00

**St. Damian Confirmation** - April 18, 7 pm - Choir!

**First Communion** - St. Bernard, April 15, 10:00 a.m.

**First Communion** - St. Damian, May 12, 4:00 p.m.

**11. FINANCE:**

**12. HOLY NAME / ALTAR SODALITY:**

- St. Damian and St. Bernard Ladies Sodality hosted a Mexican Fish Fry on February 9.
- St. Damian Holy Name Wurskmkt is on Sunday, March 25.

**13. OLD BUSINESS:**

- Parish Council Constitution – Revise Article III, Section 2, 5, 9 & 10. This was tabled to April meeting.

**14. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Parish Council meeting date will be changed to the third Tuesday of the even months since it conflicts with the Knights of Columbus meeting which is on the second Tuesday of the month.
- Confirmation class will be planting 8-10 trees on cemetery row for a service project. Gwen Toennies is leading this project and said that Dave Varel will donate the trees. Clay Lynch will donate tree tubes for the trees.

**15. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- Welcome new Parish Council members
- Elect new officers
- Update on cemetery trees & flag pole
- Revise Parish Council Constitution – Article III, Section 2, 5, 9 & 10
- Report on Mexican Fish Fry
- Report on Wurskmkt

**16. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Sr. Ellen closed with a prayer.

**17. NEXT MEETING:** Next parish council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the parish meeting room.

Minutes taken by JoAnn Koerkenmeier

**As always, all parish council meetings are open to the public. Please inform the parish secretary (588-4323 or 979-5933) if you would like to speak to a topic or voice a concern, so it can be added to the agenda.**