

Saint Isidore Parish  
Parish Council Agenda  
-17 January 2012-  
Saint Cloud Church

1. Opening Prayer
2. Review of Minutes from last meeting
3. Committee/School minutes
4. CPES updates– Collaboration recommendation (below)  
Talking Points–
  1. Do we support the recommendation to have CPES change its status to a Pre-K through 5th grade elementary school?
  2. Do we support having Divine Savior- Holy Rosary School as our preferred Middle School for our students?
  3. Are we willing to subsidize students from our parish attending Divine Savior Middle School (subsidy to be similar/same as subsidy amount for CPES)?
  4. Do we support changing the tuition and subsidy structure of CPES such that the SCHOOL will collect all tuition and fees and the parish will only be responsible for the subsidy (still to be determined as to costs).
  5. Are we willing to set aside money for tuition assistance/scholarship for families who need assistance, especially due to the potential large increase in tuition costs (note that CPES will still have money available for tuition assistance)
5. Other items...
6. Next meeting– February 21, 2012

*The mission of the Catholic School Commission  
is to maintain quality Catholic education;  
by combining resources and preserving  
our solid traditions that honor our  
past, present and future.*



# Sharing A Vision...

Communication from the Catholic School Commission

Wednesday 21 December, 2011

Dear Parents of CPES and DS,

Yesterday evening, the Catholic School Commission approved a recommendation to submit to the Archbishop of Milwaukee and Bishop of Green Bay for the future of Catholic education in our communities. The recommendation was made after many months of prayer, compiling data, and looking at results of the recent on-line survey.

The Catholic School Commission will recommend that Divine Savior School remain a Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade school system and that CPES become a Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade school system. CPES students will then be invited to continue Catholic Education in grades 6 through 8 at Divine Savior Middle School in New Holstein as the preferred, subsidized option for a Catholic Middle School education. Divine Savior and CPES will be run as separate entities with separate financials, school boards, and staff but with a common goal to offer viable and sustainable Catholic education for many years to come. This "Sister School" relationship will offer a collaboration including but not limited to: sharing of a school calendar schedule, coordinating curriculums, tuition alignment with continued parish subsidies, and coordinating parent fundraising opportunities. We firmly believe this recommendation will help us to fulfill our mission to let the light of Faith shine through the lives of our children as, together, we build up the Kingdom of God.

CPES and Divine Savior Catholic School is committed to working together and *sharing our visions*. The option on the survey that received the second greatest percentage of support was to build a new school in the area, and combine as one school system. This is an exciting goal that the Catholic Schools Commission will explore as a future reality for our area.

May our celebration of the birth of Christ fill your hearts and homes with peace, joy and hope!

The members of the Catholic School Commission.

Based on our CPES finance meeting last night, here is what we proposed to Parish/Finance Councils for CPES tuition and Subsidy--

***Proposed Tuition for 2012-13, collected in full by the school (no student fees, etc...) would be:***

**1st child-- \$1500**

**2nd child-- \$1300**

**3rd Child (and up)-- \$1100**

Currently tuition is:

St Isidore: \$800 (1st) / \$650 (2nd) / \$500 (3rd+)

St. Mary: \$620

St John: \$300

Student Fees are: \$675 (1st) / \$550 (2nd) / \$525 (3rd+)

***The proposed Parish Subsidy for 2012-13 would be \$2500 per student***

Currently the subsidy per student (above tuition collected by the parish) is:

St Isidore is \$2300 (1st) / \$2450 (2nd) / \$2600 (3rd+)

St John is \$2800

Saint Mary is \$2480

Also, it would be up to a parish if they want to offer any sort of assistance/scholarship above the subsidy and any SCRIP credit that would be applied to tuition. Also, CPES has tuition assistance money that will be made available to families, as in the past!

Dear Current and Prospective CPES and Religious Education Families,

Believe it or not, I am writing to you already about planning for the upcoming– 2012-2013– academic year! I know its probably still hard to wrap your mind around everything that needs to be completed yet for this school year, but I have some important information I want to share with you regarding next year!

As you all likely know already, there will be some significant changes for CPES for the 2012-02013 school year. Most notably, CPES will now become a Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade school, housed completely in Saint John's school in Johnsburg. We will also be promoting Divine Savior School as our preferred choice for 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Another important change that is happening, financially speaking, for CPES is that parishes WILL NO LONGER be collecting tuition. We have agreed upon a set tuition scale for all students, regardless of parish affiliation, which you will be billed for in full by CPES (tuition and student fees will be on one bill sent to you by the school). The same will be true for Divine Savior School. What will continue is that each parish will be assessed a per student subsidy to provide a significant source of income for the operation of the school.

As part of this overall restructuring, I have decided– with consultation of both the Parish and Finance Councils– to change the structure of our method of subsidizing CPES and the Religious Education Program. Currently we have two categories for determining costs and subsidy for families– Non-Member/Non-Supporting Member and Supporting Member. For the 2012-2013 school year that will be changed to a three category system as follows, with explanation:

1. **Non-Member/Non-Supporting Member**– this category indicates that , either you do not belong to the parish or you do not financially support the parish in any way. Non-Members/Non-Supporting Members will not be subsidized for CPES of Religious Education and will be responsible for the full cost (\$3000 tuition per year for CPES and \$200 per year for Religious Education fees)
2. **Supporting Member**– this category indicates that you are a member of the parish and do provide at least some financial support for the ministry of the parish. Supporting Members, as long as they continue to financially support the parish will be subsidized for CPES and Religious Education and will be responsible for regular tuition and fees (\$1500 per for the first student at CPES and \$50 per student for Religious Education).
3. **Active Member**– this new category indicates that, not only do you financially support the parish, but that you are an active member of the parish. The pastor will determine who “fits” this category by assessing the following participation: 1) Mass attendance, and 2) involvement in parish life, festivals and fund-raisers, committees, and councils. An active member will receive a **\$200 per student** annual scholarship for CPES and/or **will NOT be assessed** any fee for Religious Education. Because you are active in the life of the parish, you significantly contribute (through your time, presence and finances) to the support of the overall ministry, including education/catechesis.