

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION/ACTIONS  
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
March 2, 2016**

Pastor's Comments

The parish is facing a cash flow issue and the Finance Committee is looking at the budget as well as resolutions, including the possibility of use of credit/debit cards for some parish events, such as SCRIP, festival, bingo. Some parish staff members have chosen to reduce their hours on the payroll.

Stations of the Cross have been donated by a parishioner and installed in the main worship space; those currently in the Saint Cecilia Room will remain there. The hymn boards will be moved.

One person from the parish completed the sacraments of initiation at the Cathedral. Three others will be baptized, confirmed, and receive the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. A baby was baptized at the noon Mass a few weeks ago which received several positive comments from parishioners. This procedure will be continued as parents request it.

There have been a lot of favorable responses to the Alpha experience. About 150 people attended the retreat.

Pope Francis has requested that parishes/dioceses hold Eucharistic Adoration, "24 Hours with the Lord," during this Year of Mercy. The West Deanery will observe this at St. Cecilia parish on March 4 and 5.

The first issue of the re-designed "News from the Pews" has been published.

The parish has received two grants from the Catholic Foundation. One will support the increase of the employment of the Parish Youth Minister from part-time to full-time and expand some of the programs. The other will provide funds for participation in "Divine Renovation," similar to that provided for the Amazing Parish program last year.

Organization Reports

The Bishop's Annual Appeal program is starting.

An eighth grade student who has not completed the Sacraments of Initiation is participating in the seventh grade PSR classes.

The revision of the parish website is progressing.

Emails have been sent to chairs of the events at the parish festival as to their involvement at the 2016 festival. A planning meeting is scheduled for April 18, 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Rooms A; dates of future meetings (April 18, May 23, June 20, July 25) can be published via email, Facebook, ... The contract with the ride company is expected to be renewed.

There were 563 patrons at the fish fry on February 25. The KC-sponsored blood drive is scheduled for March 3.

The regular meeting of the West Deanery falls during Holy Week so a different date will be set.

On Sunday, February 7, the Social Committee provided breakfast items and drinks for parishioners in the Gathering Space after the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses. There was a variety of doughnuts, bagels, sugar-free items, cookies, fruit, coffee, and orange and apple juices. The next Sunday morning social gathering will be held on April 14 after the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses.

Feedback on the new format of "News from the Pews" has been very positive. Some minor issues to work through include the shading of a couple of text boxes. The next edition will come out prior to Pentecost in mid-May; the submission deadline for news will be in late April. The weekly bulletin re-design should be launched in mid-March. The copies of the weekly bulletin and the newsletter are provided free of charge to the parish; the advertisements on the back of the bulletin are sold by Dee

Printing and finance the cost of printing both pieces. Dee Printing provides the graphic design work free of charge. The Communications Committee is continuing to increase use of the parish email list and might offer sign-ups again after the Masses.

Basketball season is over, with the fourth grade boys finishing 4<sup>th</sup>; the fifth grade girls, 2<sup>nd</sup>; and the eighth grade boys, 4<sup>th</sup> in their tournaments. The second annual Men's Adult Basketball game was held on February 27 with about 100 people attending. Team Boyden defended their title from last year. There were 8 teams participating; proceeds went to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. The Athletic Association brought back the Athletic Dance on February 13 with children in Grades 6, 7, and 8 from St. Cecilia, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Mary Magdalene, and Trinity schools and PSR programs. Spring sports sign-ups for baseball, softball, and track are complete. Coaches and commissioners have been named. Six kids from St. Cecilia will participate in OLPH track. The Western Irish Football Board will meet in March; work has begun with the four feeder schools to set up presentations to the players. A new St. Cecilia commissioner is needed and sign-ups for coaches have begun.

The Edge middle-school group will hold its annual "lock-in" on March 19. The group will attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass together and then go to the gym for a carnival-theme program. The next Parents Night Out is scheduled for Saturday, March 5; the students will learn about St. Patrick. The high school Life Teen group met over a couple of different days to make fleece blankets for the children and their families staying at The Ronald McDonald House at Nationwide Children's Hospital. They will deliver the blankets on Sunday, March 6, and remain at the Ronald McDonald House for the afternoon to bake cookies, brownies, and cupcakes for the families staying there.

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

Father suggested that the Parish Pastoral Council give thought to changing the meetings from monthly to bimonthly. Communication between meetings could be done electronically.

The next regular meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be Wednesday, **April 6, 2016**, in Meeting Room A.