

**SUMMARY**  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 6, 2016**

Old Business

Beginning in September 2016 Parish Pastoral Council meetings will be held bimonthly (in odd-numbered months) with routine reports sent by email to all Council members monthly. No change in the constitution is needed. **Meetings through fiscal year 2017 are May 4, June 1, September 7, November 9 (second Wednesday to avoid conflict with All Souls Day), January 4, March 1, May 3.**

New Business

None

Organization Reports

The Faith Life Committee is planning a Ministry Fair as an outgrowth of Alpha. The date is to be determined, but it is expected to be held after Masses in the Gathering Space; to provide more space the possibility of celebrating Mass in the Parish Center was mentioned. Other plans include Marriage Encounter, Walking with Purpose (a program for women similar to That Man Is You), an eight-week book study to begin May 9, and the Parish mission scheduled for September 11 to 13.

Fr. Trapp presided at Mass at the prison on Easter Sunday. There is a continuing need at the prison for materials in Spanish.

The Fourth Degree Knights will participate in the Confirmation Mass on April 10. Some of the men participating in That Man Is You will continue with the fall session; additional members are encouraged.

Confirmation and First Communion Masses as well as retreats and practices are scheduled. The PSR director will meet with parents of seventh grade students in preparation for 2017 Confirmation.

The West Deanery did not meet in March; the next meeting is scheduled for April 26. St. Mary Magdalene Parish will host the Corpus Christi celebration on May 29.

Five people had started the RCIA program last fall: One man who had been baptized in another Christian tradition made his Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church; a woman who had been baptized Catholic but not catechized was brought in to full communion at the Cathedral, and three teen-agers received all the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil in St. Cecilia Church.

Those staff members who attended the Amazing Parish Conference in Denver continue to meet and Fr. Connolly, Kathy Maggied, and Katie Wohrle will participate in the Divine Renovation Conference. Over 200 people came to the Alpha program and have indicated interest in continuing in community gathering and faith sharing. Suggested programs include book study, Bible study, That Man Is You, Walking with Purpose.

The Welcoming Committee is planning a welcoming center in the Gathering Space where people can meet face-to-face to register in the parish, get information on parish events, etc.

A long-term bereavement ministry is being planned for this fall.

Sixty-two middle-school-age children from St. Cecilia and Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishes as well as their friends attended the EDGE lock-in. The EDGE Service Day will be held on April 16 to help parishioners who have requested clean-up of their yards. There are about 70 children involved in Parents Night Out each month. The high school youth group is building, with six to 10 coming regularly. They made blankets and cookies for the Ronald McDonald House patients and their families. An Alpha program for youth is being planned.

The Website revision is coming along nicely. The written report included the menu system, Email changes, and the transition process.

The written report from the Communications Team stated the production schedule for News from the Pews for 2016: Issue 2, deadline for submissions, April 25; with printed version and Email Blast on May 13; Issue 3, Submissions due August 1, for printed version and Email Blast on August 19; and Issue 4, submissions due October 31, and printed version and Email blast on November 18. The publication should be a true reflection of the parish and our parishioners, with information on parish groups as well as individuals. It is hoped that the new format for the weekly bulletin will be launched in mid-April.

Spring sports practice is underway and teams will begin their season the week of April 11. The Athletic Association held its annual field day with players and parents and cleaned up the softball and baseball diamonds and around the fence lines, set up the bases, and then provided a cook-out for all those who helped on a cold day. Bishop Ready Baseball team had a clinic for the boy's baseball teams on that day. The Association is getting quotes on new fencing around the baseball and softball diamonds as certain areas are starting to curl up. The Columbus Diocese will hold its annual Catholic Family Night at the Clipper's baseball game on May 24 when they will announce the athletic association of the year. All parents of third grade students in the school or PSR whose child will be in fourth grade next year, who might be thinking of playing a sport in the next school year must take a class known as Parent Like a Champion. This class will be offered on April 11. Athletics is looking to improve its web site and communications and will add a communications commissioner. Western Irish Football has begun to work with the four feeder schools to set up presentation days to the players about the 2016 season. They are also looking for a new St. Cecilia commissioner and have begun opening signups for coaches for the 2016 season.

#### Pastor's Comments

In his written report Fr. Connolly proposed bimonthly meetings of the Parish Pastoral Council and suggested a subcommittee be formed to look at the present constitution in light of the lived experience of how we have actually been operating. He did not anticipate the level of participation in the Alpha Program: The response/reaction has been most positive and Father prays that this will precipitate a sense of renewal in the parish community. The parish has received two grants from the Catholic Foundation: One is a four-year grant which will allow us to move our youth minister from part-time to full time; the other will help cover the cost of sending a few people to the Divine Renovation Conference in June 2016. We have been blessed by now having Stations of the Cross in the church, made possible by an anonymous donation. There have been favorable reactions to the two Baptisms at noon Masses.

The next regular meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be Wednesday, **May 4, 2016**, in Meeting Room A.