

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION/ACTIONS**  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 2, 2015**

The former Day Chapel has been referred to by a number of different names, and ideas for a permanent name were requested. Only one came forth, "St. Cecilia Room" with her statue on the base where the tabernacle had set. A statue could not be placed on that spot as it is the site of the Monstrance during Eucharistic Adoration each month. If Eucharistic Adoration were held in the main worship space it would be disrupted when weddings or funerals are scheduled on those dates. There was mention that the chapel provided a more intimate connection between the Eucharist and the adorer. Question was raised as to whether lighting, temperature control, etc. in the larger space would increase costs. Council members are to raise this issue with others and bring their responses to Council at its January meeting.

According to the November 5 report from the Diocese on the parish's Bishop's Annual Appeal, 317 St. Cecilia parishioners had pledged \$87,440, about \$10,000 short of goal. There had been 1,139 households solicited.

The Amazing Parish prayer cards have been attached to the hymnals in the church.

Fourteen attended the November 28 session held by the Prison Ministry, a lower attendance than usual.

The 2016 parish festival will be held on August 12 and 13. Planning meetings are scheduled for Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

The St. Cecilia volleyball teams have done well this year: the eighth grade team won the championship; the fourth grade team was undefeated; sixth grade had three losses. Basketball practice has started, with eight teams (four boys, four girls); bowling teams are being organized; monthly meetings of the Athletic Association are being held. The Diocese is making some changes for athletic directors and coaches and considering adding sports (e.g., cross-country, field hockey). The trophy case is full; the Association is looking in to resolutions, such as securing another cabinet, removing some of the trophies and placing plaques or banners on the walls acknowledging the achievement of those teams.

The revised website should be ready for review in a week or so. Dee Printing is working on potential layout changes for the weekly bulletin. They will provide the Communications Committee with newsletter samples as a replacement for "News from the Pews."

The next Blood Drive will be held in January. The Knights have sponsored a "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard at Hall and Galloway Roads.

The Coat and Candle drive is scheduled for January 9 and 10. The Fifth Sunday collection on November 28 and 29 amounted to \$2,672.

There are now over 200 items in the parish lending library, mostly books, but 49 CDs, and 3 DVDs are included. Items are being borrowed and the status of the shelves indicates that people are visiting it.

The first Life Teen night occurred on November 21 with 17 students attending the glow-in-the-dark dodgeball tournament. Several more students have communicated that they plan to attend on December 28. The youth ministry program collected nearly 100 cake mixes and frostings for the St. Vincent DePaul food baskets. All were donated by the parents and families of the students involved in the youth ministry program.

The text of the message on capital needs of the parish given by Kerry Ellis, chair of the Finance Committee, at the Masses a few weeks ago is available.

The parish needs a "visioning process" – dare to dream about our church. The Parish Pastoral Council should have a major role in this and address this with serious dialogue in the next few months.