

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION/ACTIONS
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
November 6, 2013

At the parish's request, Catholic Social Services has increased the number of children for whom gifts can be provided through the Giving Tree Program.

An orientation meeting for the parish pictorial directory will be held on Wednesday, November 13, at 3:00 p.m. in the parish office.

The West Deanery has not met since the last Parish Pastoral Council meeting, but parishes have been asked to share the schedules of Advent and Christmas.

The written report from Religious Education included the status of the Monday PSR classes for seventh and eighth graders: Because of the small numbers consideration is being given to combining the eighth grade class with the Sunday morning group. Six people are currently in the RCIA process – three Catechumens (unbaptized) and three Candidates (those already baptized); sponsors have been assigned and the Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming will take place on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Breaking Open the Word will begin then and continue until Holy Week. One student is being instructed in preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist and three adults will be confirmed on Saturday, November 9. Bible Studies continue and discussion has developed recently about other programs, educational opportunities might be offered for the adult population. The Director of Religious Education would like to hear suggestions from the parishioners.

The St. Vincent dePaul Society is collecting canned food from parishioners for food baskets for the poor. The food baskets will be assembled on Friday, December 13, and delivered on Saturday, December 14. Donations to assist people being released from prison and getting set up for their placement back into the general population (36 units) will be requested two weekends in December and the Coats and Candles drive will take place in January.

The "Festival Tracking Sheet" detailing income, expenses, and profits from the 2013 parish festival were distributed, showing a 2013 net profit of \$43,437.26 which was up from the \$33,255.28 in 2012.

The Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus is scheduled for Thursday, November 7; the 5:00 p.m. Mass on November 9, will be offered in memory of deceased Knights; the Breakfast to Support Seminarians will be held on November 17. The Knights changed the name of the breakfast to make the purpose clearer.

The 20th anniversary of the installation of the present church will be Thursday, January 30, 2014. Council approved marking this occasion with an evening Mass and reception; all former pastors, associate pastors, deacons will be invited.

An estimate on the cost of new pews will be sought.

The attendance count at Masses during October was distributed, showing a 40 percent decrease in 2013 from 2001.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be **Wednesday, December 4, 2013.**