

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION/ACTIONS
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 2013

The Parish Pastoral Council approved placing a sign at the corner of the church's property welcoming people to the Christmas liturgies as well as looking into a permanent sign listing Mass and other events.

A committee is needed to plan the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the current church building.

Pictures for the parish directory will be taken February 11-15 and February 25-March 1, 2014. Advertising and signups will commence in early January. Participants can sign up after Mass, via the phone, or online. The online information will be published on the parish's website and in the bulletin. A proof will be available 15 days after the last photo session and the directories will be shipped 30 days after the proof is approved. Volunteers are needed: Callers to contact individuals who did not respond to the scheduling; one or two people after each Mass to sign up parishioners for photo sessions; and one or two people in two-hour slots on the days of the shoots to check in those arriving for photo session. A "Parish Directory Update" form to secure contact information from parishioners will be available on the parish website and in "News from the Pews."

Thirteen gift requests on the Giving Tree were not selected by parishioners. Gifts will be purchased on December 13 for those people as well as for any one whose gift has not been returned.

Child care during the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays has been resumed. Sacramental preparation meetings are scheduled during the next few months.

The St. Vincent dePaul Society has cancelled its plans to collect items for the New Horizons program.

The Knights of Columbus Blood Drive will be held on January 16. "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboards will be displayed throughout the city and are sponsored by several Councils of the Knights.

Four parishes in the West Deanery will hold a combined Penance Service on December 15 at St. Mary Magdalene Church. This practice may continue in future years because the declining number of priests makes fewer available. The pastors were providing information to the Diocese for a response to the Vatican request.

Bishop Ready High School students are being recruited for several projects in the parish which could satisfy service hours. The fundraiser for the Filipinos affected by the typhoon will be included.

The written report from the School Advisory Board included field trips by the third grade students to COSI and the sixth graders to the OSU Geological Museum. The fourth grade is working on a service project with the Ronald McDonald House. SPICE Spirit Wear is on display at the Parent/teacher Conferences and in the Gathering Space. The principal is surveying parents via School Speak to enable a better understanding of how the parents feel about the school; to date, response has been about 93 percent. The school children were placed on a Level One Lock Down during a recent shooting/home invasion close to the school and parents were kept apprised of the situation via School Speak.

The Parish Pastoral Feast went well, but the attendance was small. Many compliments on our hospitality during the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service were received. The Sacrificial Giving, Time, Talent, and Treasure Form as well as the financial report have been sent to all parishioners. Bob Evans donated seven Farmhouse Feasts for Thanksgiving which were distributed to families in need. Father urged all to read Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, "Evangelii Gaudium" ("The Joy of the Gospel") which can be accessed on line. He also distributed copies of his letters to the Bishop Ready community and the school and PSR parents about the many opportunities for service during the next few weeks; his column for the December 7/8 bulletin was provided also and addressed these same topics.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be Wednesday, January 8, 2014.