

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION/ACTIONS**  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 2, 2014**

Amendments to the constitution were reviewed and Michael Case will prepare them for discussion at the May meeting and voting at the June meeting. Sections to be amended are:

- Article II – Responsibility, B. 7 – strike reference to times of Parish Town Hall meetings and insert “as needed.”
- Article III – Voting and Membership – strike entire first paragraph in this Article as well as references to reaching decisions by consensus or formal vote throughout the constitution when they relate to advising the pastor; such terms remain when the decisions relate to such Council business as election of officers, amending constitution, etc.

Fr. Connolly will look into placing a sign on the church grounds announcing the Holy Week liturgies given the short time until Holy Week and the availability of a person or persons to make it. The signs which were used for Christmas and Fish Fries were unstable so a more sturdy material is desired.

Father responded to a suggestion that a “thermometer” be posted in the Gathering Space showing the progress of funds received for completion of physical facilities repairs and replacement.

A contract has been signed for work on the Parish Activity Center. The parish’s Facilities Management Board is looking into the condition of the parking lot and other needs.

Question has been raised about continuing the reception for neophytes after the Easter Vigil as the hour is late and there is a need for people to prepare the facilities and refreshments.

The Penance Service on March 30 was well-attended. Nine priests were available to hear the confessions at this combined service with St. Mary Magdalene, St. Aloysius, St. Agnes, and Sts. Simon and Jude parishes.

About 50 people participated in the Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes at 6:30 a.m. on Ash Wednesday and the evening Mass was well-attended.

The Diocesan contract with parochial school teachers is being arbitrated.

There is a blessing for mothers with child as well as the traditional blessing of mothers which can be used on Mothers Day.

There are no plans for a parish celebration of the canonizations of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II. Holy cards marking the occasion might be available.

The Prison Ministry had about 28 inmates attend a session recently, which is several more than usual. Tony Stout will give his detailed presentation on the Passion and Death of Jesus at the prison on the mornings and afternoons of Holy Saturday.

The West Deanery is compiling the parishes’ schedules of Holy Week for publication.

The St. Vincent dePaul Society Fifth Sunday Collection in March was “spectacular” – \$2,934.

The publication, *A Minute in the Church*, by Gus Lloyd will be distributed on Easter Sunday.

The parish’s BAA goal has been reduced. Posters have been installed in the Gathering Space and school.

The parish’s census is about 1,000 families.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be Wednesday, May 7, 2014.