

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION/ACTIONS
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
November 5, 2014

The parish Facebook account is up. There were 143 "likes" to date. Parishioners can sign up for email messages from the parish. All "posts" must be approved and there are security protections.

The pictorial directory should be delivered in a week or two.

Lists of persons requesting gifts through the Giving Tree program have been compiled. Parishioners may select ornaments the weekends of November 22/23 and return the wrapped gifts the next two weekends, after which gifts will be purchased for those for whom ornaments were not selected or gifts not returned by that date. Agencies will pick up the gifts on December 15.

The income and need for volunteers at bingo was discussed, including the need for training of new workers. The PPC Chairman will talk with the Pastor about the possibility of a small group looking into the entire process.

Although no families have registered for the Completing the Sacraments program, some with children in St. Cecilia School and PSR have requested the Sacrament of Baptism for them. Parent meeting for First Communion has been held and the meeting for Confirmation sponsors is scheduled. The RCIA program is going well; meeting in the rectory seems to provide an environment conducive to stimulating participation.

The St. Cecilia athletics teams did well this year: Two of the four volleyball teams were co-champs; some of the football teams were undefeated, as were the Stallions flag football team. There will be seven basketball teams. PSR students are being encouraged to participate on the teams. Five games had to be played elsewhere this year due to field damage from the festival. The fee charged to players covers only the costs for playing; concession sales provide money for upkeep. The parish will host Parent Like a Champion on November 8; this program is required for at least one parent in every family, starting with the fourth grade. Publishing the schedules in the Sunday bulletin has been considered, but the issue is space.

The Walk for the Poor provided over \$3,000 for the works of the St. Vincent DePaul Society; St. Cecilia sponsored a large contingent of walkers.

The Faith Life Group meets monthly. There are about three or four tables of people participating in the Scripture study group on Sundays. Other events being considered include a parish mission, library, men's fellowship group.

The St. Cecilia Prison Ministry gathered with those from other parishes throughout the Diocese on October 17. The number of people in the St. Cecilia Prison Ministry is dwindling.

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Blood Drive on November 6 and Breakfast to Support Seminarians on November 16.

A schedule of Advent events in the parishes in the West Deanery will be shared among them.

The Liturgy Committee is looking into different worship aids which will combine the missalettes and the hymnals so one book can be placed in the pews, freeing the Ministers of Hospitality to greet and assist the worshippers.

The Social and Bereavement Committees provided a breakfast in the Gathering Space after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on All Souls Day. The Social Committee will host a similar event after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on the Feast of St. Cecilia November 22.

The School Advisory Board's minutes reported that a letter had been sent to parents about permission to make an exception to the school's dress code under a certain circumstance, feedback from friends on the PTO fundraiser is being sought, the changes to the electrical panel for air conditioning is being delayed due to cost, and the proposal to install a digital sign for school and parish messages will be discussed when it is formalized. Problems accessing the HomeConnect site have been resolved. Students are expected to wear uniforms instead of dress-downs on Picture Day to create a consistent look in support of the dress code as well as identifying the school as a Catholic school. Question was raised at the Parish Pastoral Council meeting as to whether there are two electronic signs under consideration: one for messages from the school and another for those pertaining to the entire parish. Mike McKay might have a contact for a vendor.

The written Youth Ministry Update reported that 35 EDGE students (middle school youth group) worked at 8 homes of parishioners to rake leaves and tidy up yards before winter. The EDGE group is having a food drive to collect boxes of cake mixes and frosting for the St. Vincent DePaul Society's Christmas food basket program and will help to assemble the baskets. The first Parents Night Out (elementary youth group) was a great success. The students learned about the story of Zacchaeus. In all, 79 students representing 33 parish families participated. Plans are also underway for the Bosco Bash to be held at St. Cecilia on January 31; Bosco Bash is the Diocese of Columbus' Middle School Youth Rally.

The next regular meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be **Wednesday, December 3, 2014**.