

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION/ACTIONS
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
June 3, 2015

On Sunday, May 31, the social committee served parishioners a variety of breakfast items after the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses. There were 35 people after the 7:30 a.m. Mass and approximately 105 people attended after the 9:30 Mass.

Communication in the parish needs to be improved. It was suggested that persons be available at the Masses on June 27/28 to assist parishioners in signing-up to receive email about parish activity. Parish groups could post information on the parish website and Facebook page as could individuals; all messages submitted will be reviewed for content before being posted. The Parish Festival website will be set up to encourage interest in the event as well as volunteer sign-up. A rummage sale may take place to raise funds to purchase incidentals in advance of the Festival.

The Knights of Columbus were named a Star Council which recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance, and service program activities and its membership flyer received first place at the state meeting.

The EDGE middle school group held its final regular meeting for the school year on Saturday, May 9; nearly 50 students attended in all. Plans are in the works for a high school youth group to begin meeting over the summer. Adult volunteers are needed to help with this group as well. The final Parents Night Out for the school year was held on Friday, May 15, with nearly 60 students attending this movie night. The response to this new program was very positive. The fee for Vacation Bible School was reduced to \$15 (from \$30), but enrollment is lower than previous years.

The school advisory board met on May 6. There have been very few comments or concerns from school parents regarding meeting the volunteer hour requirements. Student enrollment for the upcoming school year was discussed. The principal asked for recommendations on how we can stress to parents the importance of how to educate on faith in order to keep families from leaving and increase awareness of the value of a Catholic education. The Boy Scouts held an informational meeting on May 18 for students in Grades 1-3 who are interested in joining.

The softball and baseball season has finished. The fourth and fifth grade girls reserve softball and the fourth and fifth grade boys baseball teams made the championship games. Both the seventh and eighth grade boys baseball teams lost in the first round of their playoffs.

Videos of The Amazing Parish Conference sessions are now available online. The link will be sent by email to Parish Pastoral Council and others as a first step to exploring the future for St. Cecilia parish. '

Bob Kapala is the new athletic director for the parish.

Plans to participate in the Papal Mass in September are ongoing; Washington D.C might be an alternative to Philadelphia.

Space for Level 3 of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is needed.

The parish will host the Bosco Bash again and may be the site for the Honors Choir. St. Cecilia School children sang at the State House this spring.

A garden memorial to June Bergman is being designed.