

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION/ACTIONS**  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 2, 2015**

The meeting opened with the Amazing Parish Prayer led by Fr. Connolly. He distributed a card with this prayer especially designed for St. Cecilia Parish by Holly Beardsley, chair of the parish Communications Committee.

Paul Kramer was welcomed as a new member to the Council for the three-year term 2015-2018. Other members of the Council and their terms are: 2013-2016 -- Steve Brezny; 2014-2017 – Patty Bond, Michael Case, Bob Davis, Mary Gibbons, Carlene Hamilton, Kyle Kowaleski, Michael Lotz, Michael McKay; and representatives Pat DeVoss (West Deanery), David Gahn (St. Vincent DePaul Society), Bob Kapala (Athletic Association), Mark O'Loughlin (Knights of Columbus), and Katie Wohrle (School Advisory Board). Fr. Leo Connolly (pastor) and Jack Malone (deacon) are ex officio members. A youth member is yet to be named.

Current officers were re-elected for 2015-2016: Chairman, Michael Case; Vice-chairman, Mary Gibbons; Secretary, Carlene Hamilton.

Dates for Parish Pastoral Council meetings were set for the first Wednesday of each month: October 7, November 4, December 2, January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 1.

Very few people attended the Continental Breakfast held after the 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Masses on June 28.

The proposed trip to Philadelphia for the Papal Mass on September 27 was cancelled because the time of the Mass required extensive travel. Instead a Parish Family Celebration is scheduled: A potluck meal will be served at 2:00 p.m. with the parish providing hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverages (the Knights of Columbus will prepare these) and people bringing side dishes and desserts; followed by games and social time; then viewing of the Papal Mass on a 7' TV screen in the Parish Center at 4:00 p.m. There will be no cost to those attending this event. Bingo and athletics have been cancelled on this day.

On July 8 there was a recognition ceremony given by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation at their training facility near the Corrections Reception Center. Tony Stout and Christine Encarnanze were among the attendees.

Requests for intercessory prayers received through the parish website included one from a person another state.

There was a good turn-out for the Parish Festival; a wrap-up meeting is scheduled for September 23. The festival Facebook page during the week of the festival received 32,000 visits and the parish's page, 3,000.

The Knights of Columbus' blood drive will be held September 10. Plans for a Breakfast for Seminarians are underway.

The Fifth Sunday collection for the works of the St. Vincent DePaul Society on August 29/30 amounted to \$2,508.08. Sign-ups for the Friends of the Poor Walk will be available in the Gathering Space on the last two weekends in September; the Walk is scheduled for October 3. During the four weekends in October, parishioners will have the opportunity to Adopt-a-Turkey. There may be need for a canned food drive for the Christmas baskets for the needy. Baskets will be assembled on Friday, December 11, and delivered on Saturday, December 12.

The West Deanery will meet on Tuesday, September 22.

The Communications Committee held signups for the parish email list on August 29/30 and was pleased with the response. Plans are to include those from other lists in the parish (e.g. school, PSR, athletics,

ministries) in this over-all list. The committee chair met with the parish staff to discuss current methods of communication (email, Facebook, newsletter, ...). She has looked at the demographics of the parish. At some time there should be a Communications Committee representative on the Parish Pastoral Council.

Michael Case will serve as funeral coordinator for the parish, meeting with families (along with the pastor and liturgical music director) to plan funerals.

A men's fellowship group, That Man Is You, will begin on Saturday, September 12. At this time 89 men have registered.

Books, CDs, DVDs, etc. are being sought for a parish library. Father suggested that periodicals, "Care Notes," and the like might be made available, also.

The EDGE middle-school group met twice over the summer: over 50 students attended a pool party in July and 30 participated in an open gym night. Several helped with the baking and decorating of cakes for the cake booth at the parish festival. Students from Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish where there is no middle-school group are beginning to join EDGE at St. Cecilia. Plans are being made for a new high school group and a mass mailing will be sent to all high-school age parishioners. A youth representative to the Parish Pastoral Council will be sought from this group. The youth ministry will hold a car wash fundraiser during the 5:00 p.m., 9:30 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. Masses on September 12 and 13. Parents Night Out will begin again in October. Often parents ask for child care during parish events; high school students earn service hours by providing child care during Parents Night Out, however, there could be a liability issue for the parish should it pay individuals for this service.

The date and type of event celebrating the Feast of St. Cecilia has not been set, but the Social Committee will be involved by sponsoring the reception. Future dates for the Sunday morning receptions are February 7 and April 17 after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses.

Contacts have been made with Catholic Social Services, Columbus Health Care, and parish staff to provide lists for the Giving Tree; a total of 500. Trees will be ready and ornaments hung on November 21/22; the final weekend for return of gifts is December 5/6. The chapel will be used for return of gifts so that the Gathering Space is less crowded and distracting during Mass times.

In follow-up to Amazing Parish, beginning in January St. Cecilia will offer ALPHA, an evangelization program which reaches out to people who are not churched, fallen away, ...

Staffing changes have been made: Kathy Maggied is now the pastoral associate and Jim Martin, PSR director.

School and PSR enrollments are down. A second atrium for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has been set up in the rectory living room. A training session for leaders of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd was held at St. Cecilia this summer and included participants from Canada. Choir, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and RCIA will begin soon. An estimated 60 percent of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion participated in the updating sessions held after the Masses August 14/15. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were commissioned during the Masses the following weekend. The school music teacher has proposed that the school choir and students from one grade sing at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on some Saturdays; EDGE will meet after that Mass.

The next regular meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be Wednesday, **October 7, 2015**.