

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION/ACTIONS
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
October 7, 2015

The Feast of St. Cecilia falls on the Solemnity of Christ the King this year. Parish Council recommends that no celebration of St. Cecilia Day be held. The chair of the Social Committee will contact the director of liturgical music suggesting a reception following Lessons and Carols.

Fr. Connolly had submitted a written report. Jason Stewart is the parish's facilities manager, working with the Facilities Committee and contractors, forming various plans for maintenance, and overseeing the custodial and maintenance staff. Father reminded all to be sure to place any meeting or activity on the parish calendar as soon as possible after setting a date and time.

The Parish Lending Library is progressing and books, DVDs, CDs, books-on-tape are welcomed. Sunday Scripture Study continues, but might be discontinued during the Alpha program. People are needed to mentor middle-school children in the Emerald Glen area as part of St. Vincent DePaul's Bridges Out of Poverty program. Plans for a parish mission and parish retreat are on hold.

Fifteen people represented this parish in the Friends of the Poor Walk, earning \$2,200 for the St. Vincent DePaul Society. The Christmas Baskets program is on schedule.

The 2015 net profit from the Festival was \$47,700.57. The possibility of moving the festival to an earlier date has been suggested and the many factors which would affect this are being studied, including conflicts with events sponsored by other parishes and civic groups.

St. Cecilia Church will be hosting the Alpha Course to parishioners and guests beginning January 11. The Alpha Course is an opportunity for people to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. Each session involves a simple meal, a main talk via DVD, and some time to say what one thinks, ask questions, and discuss the material presented in the talk. Alpha is free (a free-will offering will be suggested) and is open to everyone, all faith traditions and to those who have none. Volunteers are needed and planning meetings are underway.

A parish Welcoming Committee has been set up. They are reviewing the current welcoming packet. Plans are that when new parishioners register, the pastor will send them a personal welcome card. Then a member of the Welcoming Committee will contact them offering to meet with the family at a convenient Mass time when they will give them a welcome packet personalized for their family needs, help them contact with people in the parish. The committee has also discussed having a "Welcome Table" in the Gathering Space.

The Athletic Association's Board of Directors are: Bob Kapala, athletic director; Chris Cheatham, assistant athletic director; Josh Dinan, treasurer; Natosha Daily, secretary; and Katie Wohrle, parish youth minister. Heather Gossett is uniform commissioner, Scott Wheaton is field commissioner. A concessions commissioner is being sought. The Board meets on the third Sunday of every month.

The first high school LifeTeen night is scheduled for November 21 with a glow-in-the-dark dodgeball tournament. Invitations will be mailed to all high-school-aged parishioners and announcement will be made to Bishop Ready and St. Charles students at school.

The Parish School of Religion began on September 13 with over 130 students registered and inquiries from four other families with intention to enroll. Instructional sessions in RCIA meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel; at this time, five adults are enrolled. There are 64 participants in the Bible Study on Mary which will run for eight weeks. Adult Confirmation preparation was cancelled because no one expressed interest.

The next regular meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be Wednesday, November 4, 2015, in the chapel.