

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION/ACTIONS  
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
November 4, 2015**

Deacon Jack Malone asked members of the Parish Pastoral Council to invite those people who seldom or ever attend Mass as well as the unchurched to attend parish functions.

Holly Beardsley, chair of the Communications Committee, said the committee is evaluating the communications vehicles currently used and has done a study of the demographics of the parish. She has a meeting scheduled with Dee Printing which prints the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter to look at ways to freshen these two publications as well as improve the content. Thought is being given to moving the newsletter from a monthly to a bimonthly or quarterly publication to reduce postage costs. The parish website is being revamped. There are 440 participants signed up to receive emails from the parish. Long-term plans include social media and electronic distribution of communications. Members of the Communications Committee at present are: Julie Beattie, Holly Beardsley, Steve Brezny, Carlene Hamilton, and Caitlin Williams.

The prison ministry has had some requests for information on the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

The 2016 parish festival will be held August 12 and 13 and planning meetings might be moved from Wednesdays to another day in the week.

The West Deanery meeting is scheduled for November 24. Bishop Campbell will speak on "Love Is Our Mission" at Bishop Ready High School, on Tuesday, November 10, covering issues and topics discussed at the September World Meeting of Families.

The blood drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus has a good record with typically 30-40 pints of blood collected. The next Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, November 5. The KC Breakfast to Support Seminarians will be held Sunday, November 8.

The parish lending library has been established. Some books have been borrowed and the condition of the shelves indicates there may be other people browsing. Books, CDs, and DVDs are available.

The Social Committee will hold a reception following Lessons and Carols on December 15.

Lists from Catholic Social Services, a local nursing facility, and the parish are being received for the Giving Tree. To safeguard privacy, the names of individuals will not be listed on some ornaments.

The EDGE middle-school group was unable to take part in their annual fall service day due to rain. They are working on setting up another service opportunity to volunteer at the Holy Family Soup Kitchen next month. Nearly 60 students attended the glow-in-the-dark dodgeball tournament. A campfire and hot dog roast will follow the 5:00 p.m. Mass on November 7. Parents Night Out has met only once this year; the next scheduled night is November 20. There are 65 children registered for the PNO program. The first high school Life Teen group is scheduled to meet November 21. Over 200 invitations were mailed to all high-school-age parishioners and former school and PSR students. A glow-in-the-dark dodgeball tournament will kick off this youth group. Two high school students from the parish will attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis the weekend of November 19-21. They will be traveling with the youth group from St. Patrick Parish in London.

The next regular meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be Wednesday, **December 2, 2015**, in Meeting Room A.