

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**St. Cecilia Church**  
**October 4, 2017**

Opening Prayer

Attendees: Michael Case, Father Leo, Patty Bond, Deacon Jack, Mike McKay, Katie Worhle, Paul Kramer, Steve Brezny, Becky Hollen, Pat DeVoss

Agenda:

1. September Minutes

No comments or questions regarding the minutes; approved.

2. Old Business

No old business.

3. Reports

In addition, the following written reports were received and reviewed without further discussion: Knights of Columbus, Religious Education, Prison Ministry, School, Social Committee and Advent Giving Tree.

Youth Ministry: 7<sup>th</sup> grade class in addition to Spaghetti Dinner has requested to do a fund-raiser which does not require collection of any additional funds. Fundraiser entails collection of used shoes, given to a company who will collect and pay by the pound, refurbish, then distribute these shoes to African communities. Shoes can be in any condition and all supplies necessary for fundraiser are provided by the company. Highly recommended by our 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Blacet. The students are planning the drive after the holidays. More information can be found at funds2orgs.com. Various questions were asked about the logistics and company. Group supports the addition of the fund-raiser for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class.

Deanery: Penance locations for Advent and Lent are St. Agnes and St. Aloysius. There is no Corpus Christi location which is June 3 this liturgical year. We have a parishioner interested in participating in the cancer ministry (making prayer shawls, etc.) as requested by the bishop.

Alpha: Alpha retreat date set for October 21 at St. Joe's in Plain City. Should be able to utilize Der Dutchman for the catering. Alpha regular meetings are about 90 people on average.

Faith Life: Assistance with the Ministry Fair was greatly appreciated and has generated interest in the various groups. Following-up with those that inquired about ministries is critical in keeping momentum. Would like to know if anyone is interested in heading Lenten Reflection this year.

Communications: The ad buy for Facebook for the festival was minimal (\$45) but seemed to generate some additional interest online; unsure how this translated to attendance. The announcements for flu shots should appear in this week's bulletin. We need a minimum of 25 but we have up until the week of the event to cancel with Wal-green if there isn't enough interest.

Father's Report:

Since Christmas Eve is 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent there will not be a noon mass on Christmas Eve. Masses will be at 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. as usual then the regular Christmas Eve and Christmas Day mass schedule. Concern with getting the church decorated with the change to the mass schedule.

Father asked the Liturgy Committee and Pastoral Council in an email communication their response to move the All Souls Day to the following Sunday at 9:30. This schedule change was approved by the members of these groups.

Our parish underwent an accounting and policy audit by the diocese. The final report has not been received but several recommendations have been made such as collections counting, access to the parish office, and handling sensitive situations. Suggestion to revamp the waiting area to make it more appealing to visitors.

We have experienced an increase in requests for Baptisms and First Communion. Other local parish requirements differ from our parish which is driving more people to our door. Discussion focused on whether or not our parish should institute similar requirements (such as being a registered, active parishioner) in order to align with local parish requirements. Consensus from present group that we should institute similar policies.

The Feast of Immaculate Conception is on Friday, December 8th. Discussed whether or not there were concerns with holding the vigil mass on Friday which is also the same date of the Christmas basket assembly. Consensus from present group to proceed with vigil mass as planned.

Adopt-A-Turkey and St. Vincent collection will be on the same Sunday in October. The group felt there was no need to move the collection for St. Vincent.

4. New Business

New reporting method:

All organizations have a parish office liaison who will gather reports from the various groups and then update a shared document. Reports are submitted and reviewed prior to the meeting eliminates the requirement for all group representatives to attend. However, these groups are still invited to join the meetings as needed for discussion. After report review is complete, the at-large council members will remain to discuss remaining issues while the other attendees are dismissed.

Next Meeting – November 8 (moved due to All Saint's Day)

Closing Prayer