

## 2015/2016 Dare to Dreams

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1. **Tim Slezak – Pope Francis declared this to be a “Year of Mercy.” Could we have a “Mercy” banner displayed in church?**
2. *Sharon Pagryzinski* – For the parish to have a newsletter (monthly or quarterly) that would highlight what goes on in the parish and focus on “Good News.” Conclusion: The first “Good News” bulletin insert covering the Food Pantry and Feeding the Poor (created by the Stewardship Commission) was inserted into the March 13, 2016 bulletin.
3. *Mary Dierich* – To add a third page (two-sided) to our bulletin. Julie Stewart, Business Manager, reported on 5/4/16 that a third page has been added (beginning 6/5/16). In addition, our bulletin printing contract was re-negotiated for approximately \$2K less!
4. *Kate Osterhout* – A way to communicate “community needs” so that parishioners are aware of volunteer opportunities and needs. Conclusion: New Outreach Bulletin Board & Table have been added at the Wenona Street church entrance, April 2016.
5. *Ron Stachowiak* – Could the \$30/per faith formation student be waived or refunded if certain requirements such as attendance are met? The fee could be prohibitive especially if a family has more than one child. Conclusion: At the Oct 2015 meeting Council approved reducing the fee to \$15/child for FY16/17.
6. **Charlie Lalonde – Handed out some cute Mass suggestions for parents with children and for others who may be seated near a family with children to make the Mass experience more inclusive for families that he found on the internet. This information could be put in our order of worship from time to time along with the location of restrooms.**
7. *Tim Slezak* – Shared a prayer that could be read before Christmas or Easter Masses geared toward guests or those who only attend Mass occasionally to make them feel welcome and perhaps to come more often. The entire prayer was long; however, portions of it could be used effectively. Tim gave a copy of the prayer to Fr Bert. Conclusion: A portion of this prayer was put in the Easter Sunday bulletin 3/27/16.
8. **Sharon Pagryzinski – Could we make children’s offertory time (before the regular collection) more welcoming by *inviting* children to come forward and put their offerings into a basket held by the Priest? We have very few children participate with our current children’s offertory practice even at Masses where many children are present.**
9. *Chip Matuszewski* – Witnessed a woman get the heel of her shoe stuck in one of the grates along the north side of church. Can we do anything to make the grates more visible? The grates could be painted yellow. Conclusion: The grates have been striped diagonally with yellow paint.
10. January 2016 Meeting – That the next Meijer Donation Card report will exceed \$20,000. Conclusion: The report came in just under \$20K.

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11. *Chip Matuszewski* – To have our website information updated. As of May 2016, all Council & Commission Meeting Minutes since September 2015 are available on the website and staff information has been updated.
12. ***Rick Sochacki*** – He is in the process of writing a grant to the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan for a camera and laptop in order to train some of our youth to tape the weekend Mass, edit, and upload to the website.
13. Include some of the “Good News” flyers in the Welcome Packets for new parishioners.
14. ***Mary Dierich*** – Bring back “Trinity Dinners.” This was a Holy Trinity tradition where small groups of parishioners would rotate dinners at participants’ houses with the main course provided by the host and dessert or side dishes provided by attendees. The groups could also choose to go to a restaurant. The purpose is to develop relationships among parishioners.
15. *Charlie Lalonde* – Revisit current year Dare-to-Dream suggestions. Conclusion: Reviewed at the May Parish Council Meeting.
16. ***Tim Slezak*** – Suggested an additional role for greeters: To greet people at the end of Mass as they leave.