

St. Mary's Facility Use Policy

Revised November 2009

All facilities of St. Mary's Catholic Church exist to aid in fulfilling the mission of St. Mary's Church. This **Facility Use Policy** is intended as a guide to members of the parish community on the availability and use of parish facilities.

1. **Availability Policy**

Facilities use will be on first-come, first-serve, basis in the following order of priority:

- A. Church services
- B. Education
- C. Parish Ministries
- D. Parish Organizations
- E. Parishioner direct personal use
- F. Catholics from another parish direct personal use
- G. Approved Non-Parish Charitable or Community Service Organizations

Requests for use of facilities at St. Mary's Church shall be made to the Parish Center Office. Such request shall be made in writing on the request form designated by the Facility Manager. Authorization to use any part of the facility or grounds shall apply only to the person or organization to whom such authorization was granted, and may not be transferred or extended to any other person or organization without the prior express approval of the Facility Manager.

2. **Alcohol Use Policy** – Alcohol use is only permitted pursuant to St. Mary's Alcohol Use Policy, which is strictly enforced.
3. **Smoking Policy** – All facilities at St. Mary's Parish are designated as NON-SMOKING facilities. **SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN ANY BUILDING.** Further, smoking will not be permitted on the parish grounds during school operation.
4. **Fee Policy** – Moderate setup/cleanup fees will be set for facility use. A fee schedule will be available from the church office.
5. St. Mary's Facility Manager or designated representative shall at all times have the right to enter any and all areas of the facilities for any purpose whatsoever, and the entire facility, including the areas being used shall at all times be under the charge and control of St. Mary's Catholic Church.
6. St. Mary's Catholic Church, through its designated representative, shall have the right to exclude from any area or all areas any person or persons without prior notice. In addition, authorization to use any of the facilities *does not* constitute a contractual agreement by St. Mary's Catholic Church, and may be revoked at any time.
7. All persons or organizations using any part of any facility at St. Mary's are expected to return the facilities to the same condition it was in when taking occupancy. Any damage

occurring during occupancy must be immediately reported to the Facility Manager. Arrangements must be made to repair any damage caused by misuse of the facilities.

8. All persons or organizations using any part of any facility at St. Mary's are responsible for the conduct of those persons or members attending the meeting, function or event, including during any setup or cleanup periods, and shall insure that all persons comply with all laws of the United States and the State of Texas, all ordinances of the City of Longview including acquiring and paying for all permits required by such agencies, as applicable, and all rules and regulations of the Diocese of Tyler and St. Mary's Parish.
9. All equipment or materials brought onto the facility must be cleared with the Facility Manager prior to bringing such equipment or materials onto the facility. Such materials or equipment must be removed at cleanup. Any items left at the facility after cleanup without prior permission of the Facility Manager will be disposed of at the discretion of the Facility Manager. Such permission shall not obligate St. Mary's Catholic Church to care for any such equipment or materials, and St. Mary's Catholic Church assumes no responsibility whatsoever for any property placed, or left in or on the premises.
10. Use of all or any part of the facilities is restricted to the purpose for which the Facility Manager authorized use of the facility, and the facilities may not be used for any other purpose without prior approval of the Facility Manager.
11. All persons occupying or using any of the facilities shall take all necessary steps to insure the premises are kept clean and generally cared for during the use or occupancy of the facilities.
12. **Clean-up** - The facility must be returned to the same condition it was in at the time it was occupied. This will include, at a minimum, sweeping all floor surfaces, vacuuming all carpeted floors, kitchen cleanup if applicable, pursuant to the kitchen cleanup checklist, removal from the building to the trash dumpster of all trash, wipe down all surfaces or tables used, completion of the building checklist for the building being used and any special instruction provided by the Facility Manager.
13. No one may use nails, tacks, screws, wires or tape on the walls, ceilings or floors of any building without prior approval of the Facility Manager.
14. All tables and chairs must be returned to their specified locations. Room layouts will be provided.
15. Hallways and doorways shall not be obstructed or blocked, and must remain clear at all times. Safety equipment or devices shall not be tampered with or circumvented for any purpose.
16. Failure to comply with all rules, or any misuse of the facilities may result in the revocation of the privilege to use the facilities or the requirement of a security deposit prior to any future use, or the imposition of such other restrictions as the Facility Manager, in consultation with the Facility Use Committee, deems prudent to prevent any further non-compliance or misuse.

17. Use of any Caterer or Concessionaire for any purpose, including but not limited to providing setup, cleanup or any other catering service in or on any part of the facility must be approved by the Facility Manager prior to such Caterer or Concessionaire's arrival on the property.
18. The Parish Safety Plan and Emergency procedures are posted in each room. Please take time to read the instructions.
19. Keys can be picked up with prior arrangement from the Facility Manager, if necessary, and must be returned to the Facility Manager by the next business day, unless prior arrangements are made with the Facility Manager.

ALCOHOL USE POLICY

The sale or use of alcohol on St. Mary's Church Property is generally prohibited. Any person or organization may apply to the parish Pastoral Council for a variance or exception to this policy. Exceptions may be made by the Pastoral Council for special occasions such as wedding receptions, the Bishop's Guild dinner or similar occasions, under such restrictions, safeguards and deposit requirements as the Pastoral Council deems necessary for the protection of the facilities or other people using the facilities. A form requesting Special Alcohol variance must be submitted in writing.

No oral variance to the Alcohol Use Policy for these premises will be valid or considered valid and failure to obtain required written permission will be considered refusal of such permission. Sale, use, or possession of alcoholic beverages on the premises without such written permission shall be cause for immediate termination of the agreement and forfeiture of any and all sums paid.

It is the responsibility of the user of the facility to assure that all laws pertaining to the serving of alcoholic beverages are followed, and that any applicable permits are secured prior to the event, and a copy given to the Facility Manager. Further, the user, upon granting of permission to have alcohol at the premises, shall assume and does assume all responsibility and liability for the actions of those persons consuming alcoholic beverages and shall indemnify and hold harmless St. Mary's Parish and the Diocese of Tyler for any and all damages directly or indirectly resulting from sale, use, or possession of alcoholic beverages at or on the premises.

Under no condition may alcohol be served to minors.

KITCHEN CHECKLIST

The kitchen is subject to inspection at any time, therefore your cooperation would be appreciated with the following rules.

(Janitor closet is in the hall, between the restrooms.)

1. Counter tops should be wiped, using soft scrub (provided).
2. Wipe cabinet fronts for splatters and spills. Grill, oven, stove top, and drip pan should be left clean.
3. Clean all sinks. Coffee grinds are to be put in the trash or disposal.
4. Any kitchen items should be washed, dried, and returned to its proper place.
5. Check that coffee pots, stove, etc have been turned off.
6. Leftovers and/or unused food should be removed from the refrigerator and kitchen.
7. Remove all trash to outside dumpster. Replace clean liners in all trash cans.
8. Floors are to be swept and mopped.
9. Any towels or aprons used must be washed, dried and returned to the kitchen the next day.
10. Electrical equipment should not be moved or unplugged (milk refrigerator, ice cream freezer, etc.)

GYM CHECKLIST

Gym Rules:

1. All Gym rules will be followed.
2. No food or drinks is allowed on the gym floor without express permission of the facility use committee.
3. Do not , under any circumstances, place tape on the gym floor.
4. Any tables used on the gym floor must have protective caps.
5. Do not touch equipment or supplies in the storage rooms without the express permission of the facility use committee. User must provide basketballs, volleyballs and other equipment.
6. Only rubber soled shoes are allowed on the gym floor.
7. No children are allowed upstairs on the walking track without an adult supervising them.
8. No children are allowed in the weight room without an adult supervising them.

Checklist:

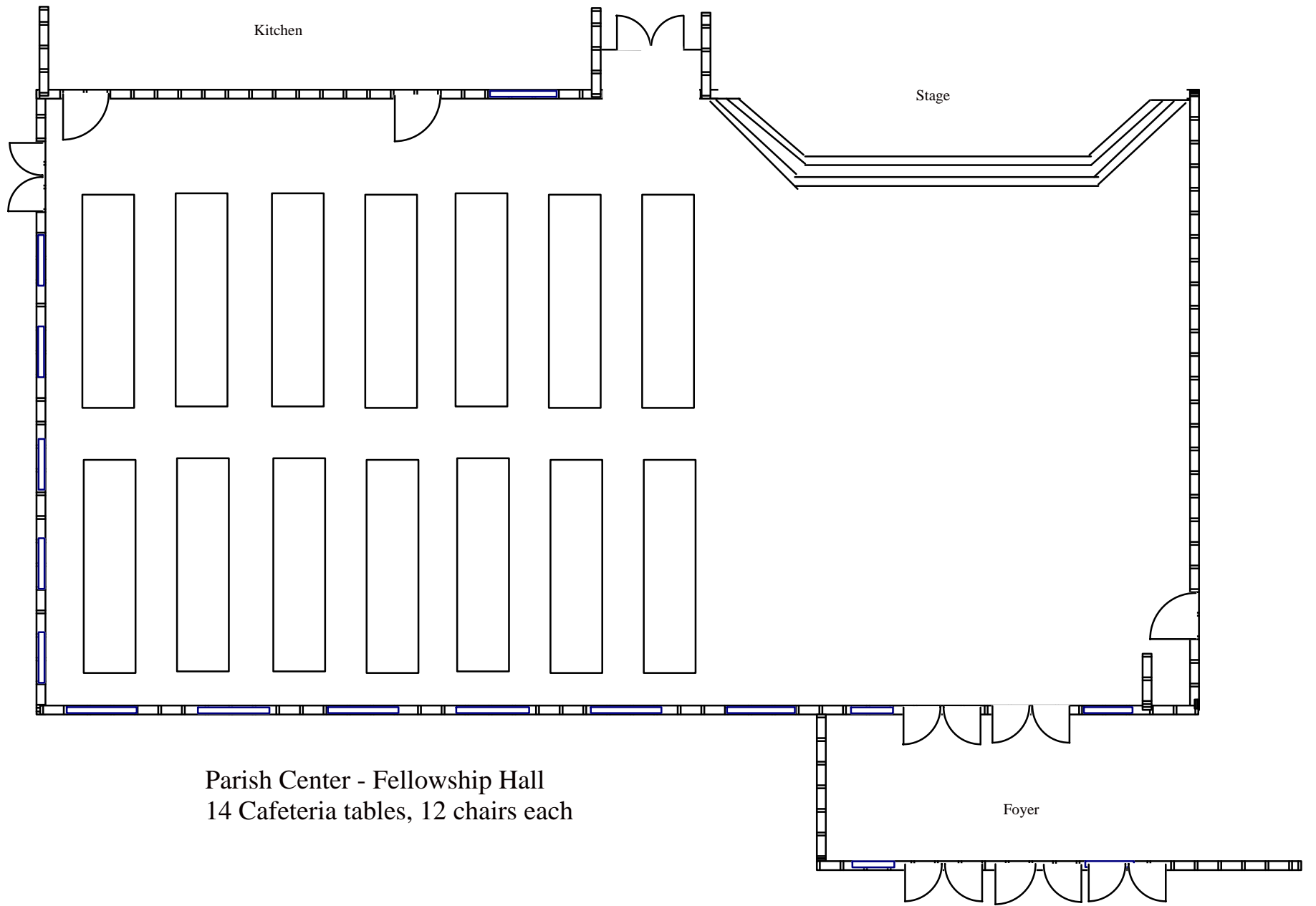
1. If the snack bar is used, wipe off the counter tops and sweep floors.
2. Flush all toilets and clear sinks of water.
3. Gym floor should be swept after use.
4. Take all trash to the dumpster and put fresh, clean lintens in the cans.
5. Turn off all air conditioner sources.
6. Turn off all lights. Remember the restrooms.
7. Secure and lock all doors.

RULES FOR USE OF THE BALL FIELDS/GROUNDS

1. All teams or groups must schedule a time and location with the Facility Manager or his designated representative.
2. Each team or group should provide their own equipment (balls, nets, etc.)
3. Notify the Facility Manager of anything that needs repair or attention, such as a damaged fence, playground equipment or anything else that could be hazardous.
4. All vehicles must be in marked spaces in the parking lots. No parking on any driveway or on the fields. No parking along the driveway beside the Parish Center Offices next to the dumpsters.

Checklist:

1. Remove all loose equipment after each use.
2. Pick up trash in the area used. Leave area clean for the next user.
3. Lock any gates, if applicable.

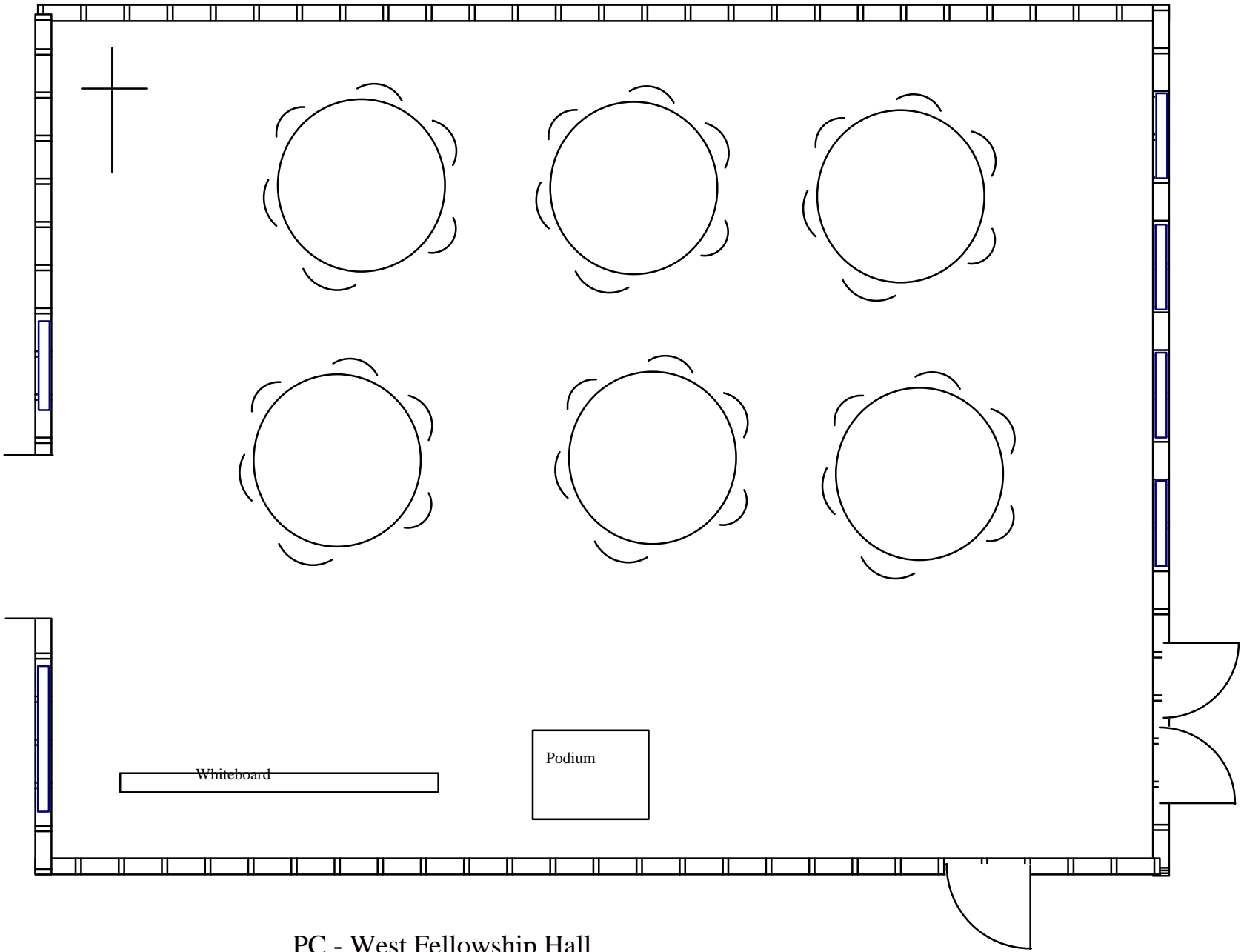


Kitchen

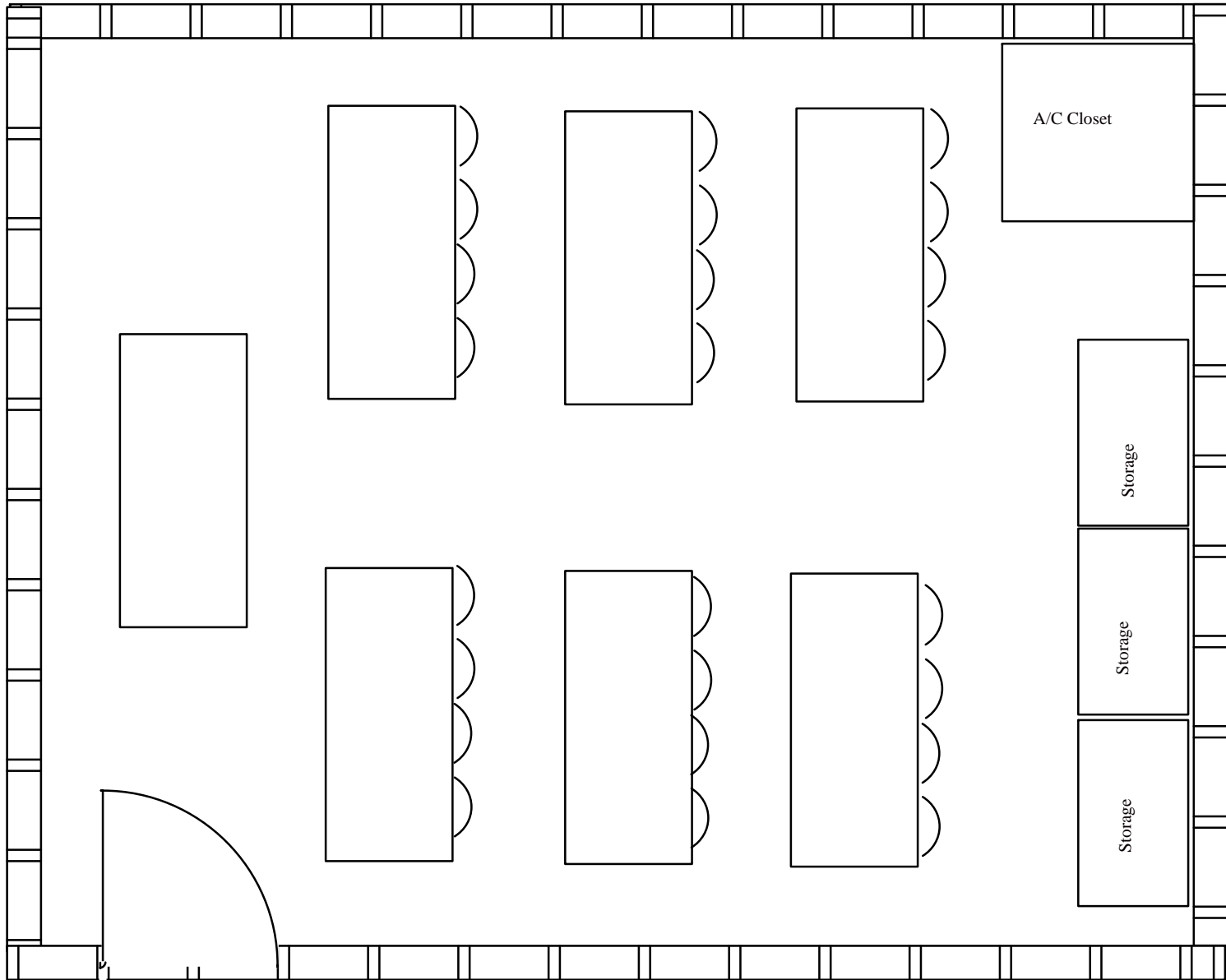
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Parish Center - Fellowship Hall
14 Cafeteria tables, 12 chairs each

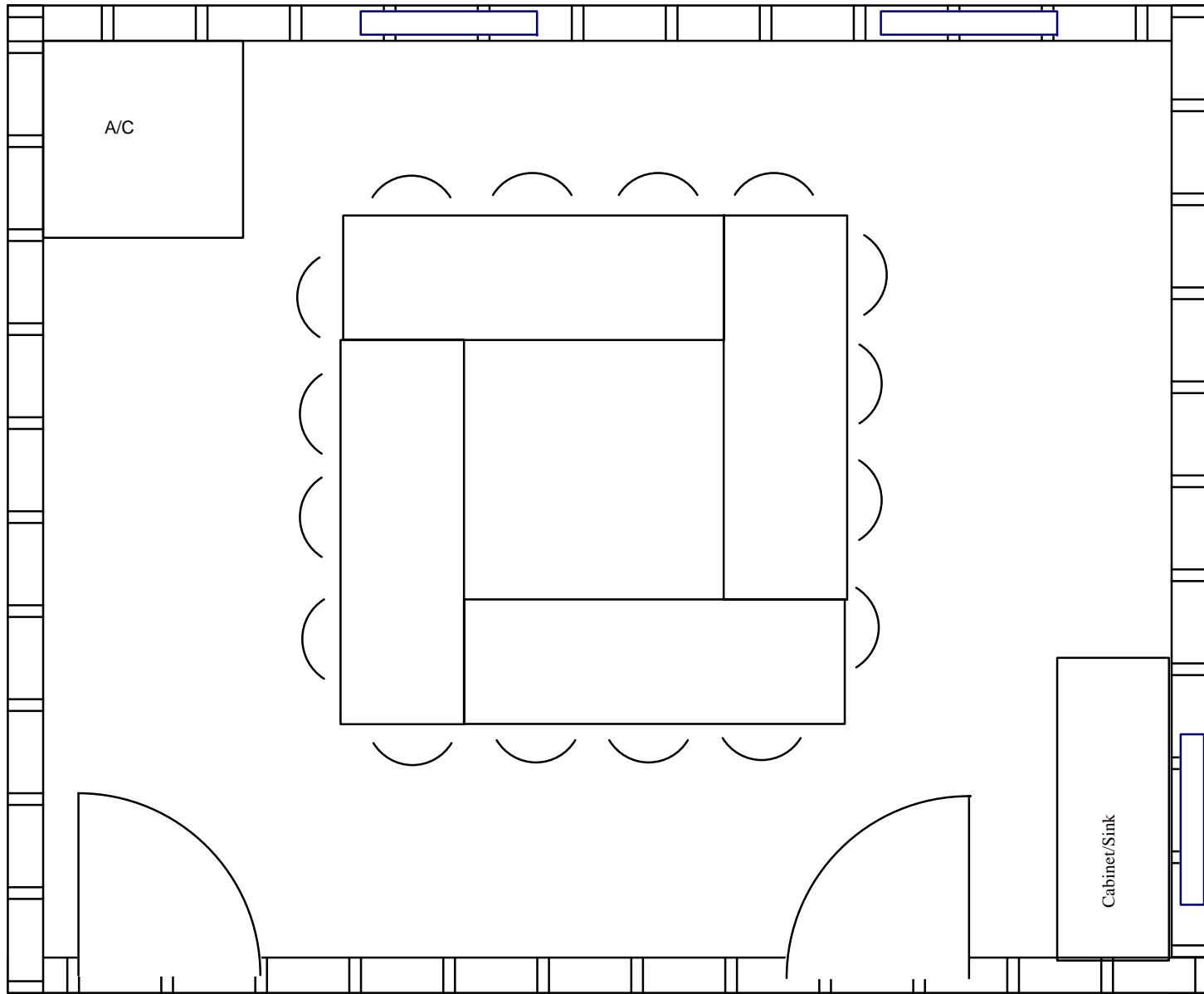
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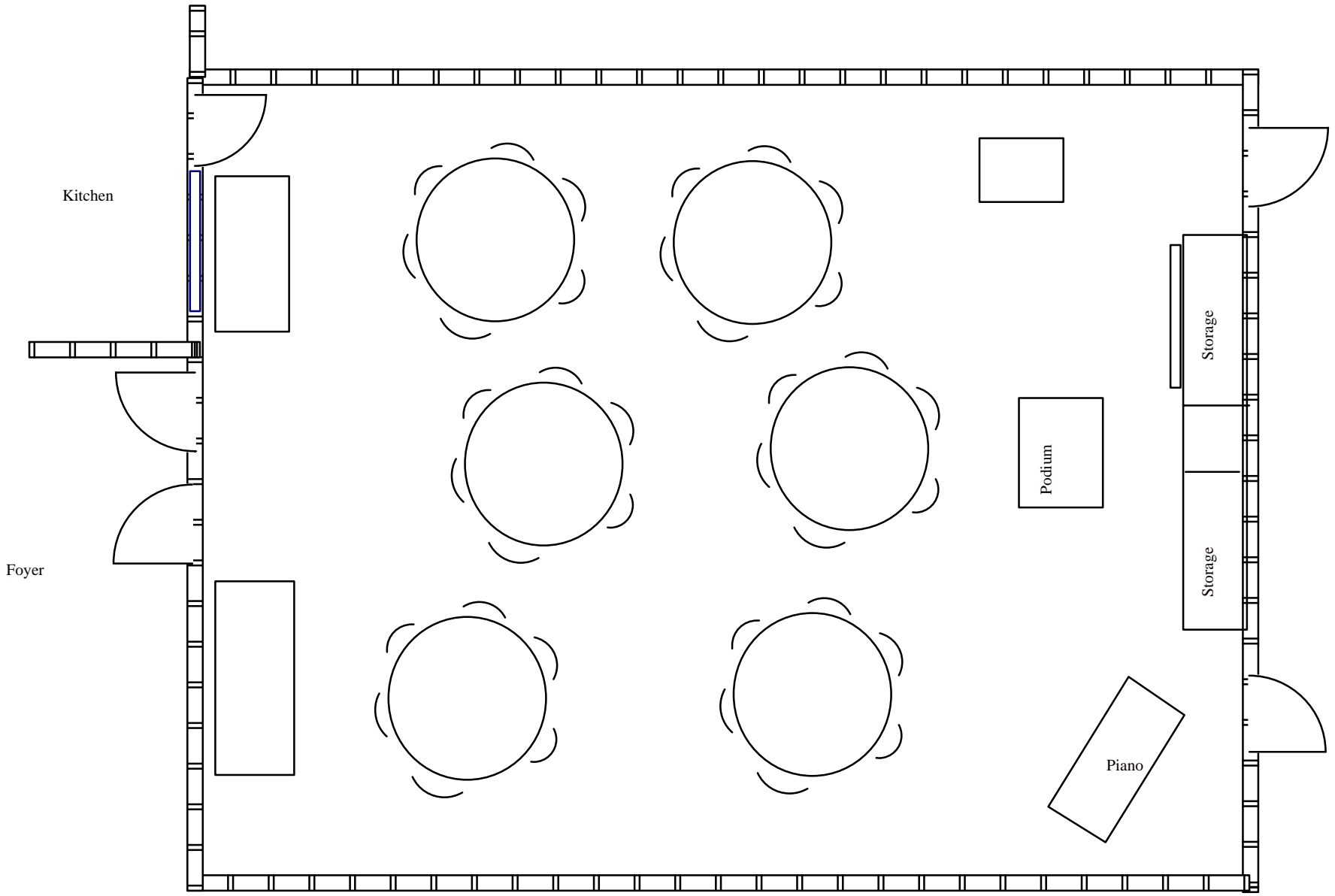
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PC - Room 302

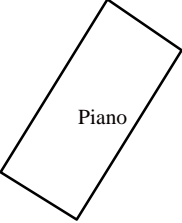
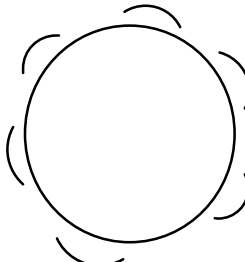
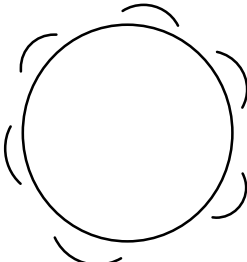
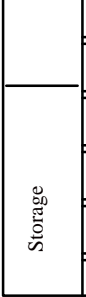
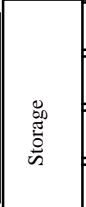
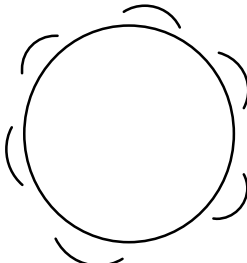
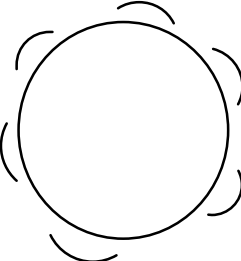
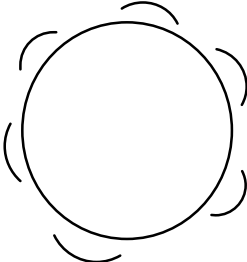
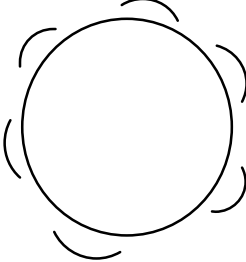


PC - Room 304



Kitchen

Foyer



Parish Hall