

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Jackson, MO Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 17, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6pm by President Mr. Tom Krydyski. Nine in attendance with an addition of the IC School Representative Mrs. Barbie Gibbs. Mrs. Anna Bergmark led the Parish Council in an opening prayer.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Randy Tochtrop noted that the church building project is waiting for the steel for the bell tower and the main floor joists. The steel should be here around the first of October. The bells are to be set in place by mid-October. The church ordered a marble St. Joseph statue from Blessed Art, to match the St. Mary statue that they are donating to the new church. Second week of October, Tim Beussink and Fr. Randy will be making a pledge drive. We have \$3.8 million left to pay off. If we are to raise more than the goal, that money would be put into a maintenance fund for the church. Youth group is going well, with roughly 20 the weekend of the 14th. The parish ladies' group is buying all new alter clothes and donated \$10,000 for the pipe organ. SRE has started with 94-98 students. OCIA has 13 candidates, with 25 total showing up for the class.

IC School Report: Mrs. Barbie Gibbs noted that the Immaculate Conception School Board met on September 3rd. School athletics are starting. Looking to get the numbers for basketball, and thinking about starting up cheerleading. The St. Sebastian cross country and track team has started, and is doing well. The school has over 1000+ followers on social media. IC is looking to advertise the school on a digital billboard, possibly the one at 61 and Shawnee. The mouse races raised over \$6400+ for the school. The school will be conducting fire drills in October. Mr. Starke has been standing outside of church during daily mass. The school has started an IC Guardian Angel Program. The goal of the program is to increase safety of the students while they attend daily mass. The idea is for volunteers to sign up and stand outside of church as a deterrent for anyone who might wish to do harm. A signup link will be included in the church bulletin. The school will be sending a teacher from each hall to disaster training. Each hallway has a disaster bag for emergencies. School safety extended into church safety, and was discussed by the Parish Council.

Parish Picnic Update: Mrs. Anna Bergmark noted that the picnic went great, but that they ran out of hamburgers and hotdogs. Need to increase the expected number of people attending the event for next year. She brought up the idea of having a winter social opportunity in February to mirror the parish picnic. The idea included soup, plus fellowship, and games from noon to 3 pm. Fr. Randy suggested having it on Epiphany Sunday, or the Sunday before Lent, February 15th.

Small Group Goals: Decided to stay as one big group and focus on the parish winter social event with a focus of a simple plan for fellowship. The Parish Council will not be having a meeting in October or December, so planning for the event will take place at Novembers meeting, with finalization in January. Mrs. Anna Bergmark will schedule the school cafeteria to use for the event.

The meeting was called to a close by Mr. Tom Krydynski. Closing prayers were said. Next Parish Council meeting will be on November 19th.

Parish Council notes prepared in good faith by Parish Council Secretary, Brian Niedbalski