

Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

October 20, 2021

President, Lindsey Gross, presided over the meeting. Members present were Father Randy Tochtrop, Deacon Walt Biri, Deacon Al Stoverink, Justin Bader, Kathy Huck, Kim Rigdon, Rodney Eftink, Lucas Green, Paul Kester, T. J. Vandeven, and Jeff Hotop. Guests were Joey Starke representing the IC School Board and Cathy Boyd representing the St. Ann's Sodality.

The opening prayer was led by Kathy Huck.

The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Cathy Boyd gave an overview of the St. Ann's Sodality activities over the past month. They will hold the Parish Remembrance Service November 8, 2021 at 6:30 followed by a reception. Deacon Walt Biri extended his appreciation to St. Ann's Sodality for hosting bereavement dinners, since this is such an important ministry.

Some updates were given on the ministry groups in the parish that were not entered on the spreadsheet yet.

Discussion was held regarding the reports that the Bishop wants completed by mid November. They are Assessment of Current Parish Evangelization Efforts and The Parish Pastoral Plan. We worked to complete the forms and Lindsey Gross will type the form up and email it to the council members for any input and changes. We are focusing on being a more welcoming parish. Some discussion was held in regard to the need for more social events. Some events have been postponed due to COVID. Discussion was held on possible ways to incorporate intentional discipleship and prayer in the activities of the parish ministry groups including the Parish Council. The ministry groups need to pray for each member.

Updates on Parish Groups:

□ Youth & Family Ministry

1. Youth Spirit:

a) No active high school youth ministry at this time.

b) Area youth events:

(a) October 17 Holy Hayride had 50 area teens in attendance (none from IC)

(b) Oct 23 Leopold Oktoberfest (IC Kaboom night)

(c) Nov 6 Skate Night at Willow Grove in Chaffee

(d) Nov 12 Faith & Floats with Fr. Glenn in Advance. I'm hoping to take the IC Church bus.

c) Confirmation – two sessions left; Confirmation is November 4 at 7:00pm.

d) Next Youth Mass is November 14

2. Junior Apostles:

a. Kaboom – we had about 20 youth attend the September Kaboom; October 23 Kaboom will focus on saints as we approach All Saints Day

b. Students4Life – handed out “Roses for Life” after all Masses on Respect Life Sunday Oct 2/3; next event will be packing Snack Packs (we'll be asking the parish and school for donations soon) and a pro-life movie night

- c. Mother Teresa's Little Helpers service group – we had five 6th grader girls show up for our first meeting; we took a field trip to the Shrine in Perryville yesterday; planned events include: knitting for Birthright, bake sale, Christmas caroling at nursing homes, hot chocolate giveaway in January, valentines, possibly planting flowers on IC School grounds in spring
 - d. Girls Discussion group for 7/8th grade girls - meets on Wednesdays after school as the girls' schedules allow.
 - e. Other upcoming events:
 - a. Skate Night Nov 6
 - b. Faith & Floats Nov 12
3. Family ministry:
- a. Moms Group continues to meet Monday evenings. We've had two new moms join us!
 - b. No other events planned at this time.
4. Other:
- a. We continue to learn how to use our new database and app.
 - b. I am available for Spiritual Direction to anyone in our parish or surrounding area who is willing and interested in growing closer to God.
- **Music Ministry** – Kathy Huck reported the information she gathered regarding this ministry.
 - **Building Committee** – Deacon Al Stoverink reported that they should soon be receiving preliminary estimates for building completely new and building incorporating the old church building. This will then be submitted to the parish for consideration.
 - **Immaculate Conception School** – Joey Starke reported that the school board is working to to involve Pre-K more with the rest of the school. The marketing committee is working to make logos more parish-wide. The school board discussed the concept of growing in holiness and will discuss it more at the next meeting.
 - **Pastor's Report** – Father Randy asked Deacon Al Stoverink to report on the new parish app. Kelly Mansfield completed the migration of the old system to the new last week. They are meeting each Thursday to work out a couple of bugs in the system. They have been working on the new app for seven months now. Many parishioners have signed up on the app, but there are still many more that need to sign up. Father Randy wants to complete the reports for the Bishop within the next two weeks.

We shared prayer requests and will continue to pray for each other.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm with opening prayer by Kim Rigdon and closing prayer by Lindsey Gross.

Closing prayer was led by Justin Bader.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kim Rigdon
 Secretary