

# Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

November 17, 2021

President, Lindsey Gross, presided over the meeting. Members present were Father Randy Tochtrop, Justin Bader, Kathy Huck, Kim Rigdon, Lucas Green, Paul Kester, and T. J. Vandeven. Rodney Eftink and Jeff Hotop were absent due to a Cursillo planning meeting. Guests were Joey Starke representing the IC School Board and Nancy Myers representing the St. Ann's Sodality.

The opening prayer was led by Kim Rigdon.

The minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Nancy Myers reported that the St. Ann's Sodality has served many bereavement dinners recently. About 50 people attended the recent remembrance service and reception. They will be holding their Christmas party December 13. All ladies are invited. Nancy discussed the nursing home and Veterans Home ministry that Pat Hill handles. They provided cards to the Veterans Home this month. Nancy said they have placed St. Faustina's Prayer for Holy Priests prayer cards at the back of church. She invites everyone to take a card and pray the prayer.

## *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) Dec 12 – St. Mary's is hosting an event for Our Lady of Guadalupe
  - (b) January Faith & Floats, date and speaker TBD
  - (c) Possible Luke 18 retreat for 7/8th graders in Jan or Feb; we need to have commitment from high school teens to lead it
- c) Confirmation – we confirmed 35 total, with 3 teens from St. Vincent, 3 adults
- d) Next Youth Mass is December 12

2. Junior Apostles:

- a. Kaboom – we had about 20 youth attend the October Kaboom; this Saturday will be on the Holy Spirit
- b. Students4Life – packed 219 snack packs for JR2; our next event will be a babysitting night Dec 11 for the parish
- c. Mother Teresa's Little Helpers service group – last month we knitted bunnies for layettes for Birthright; this weekend is a bake sale with proceeds to go to area charities TBD
- d. Girls Discussion group for 7/8th grade girls - meets on Wednesdays after school as the girls' schedules allow.

3. Family ministry:

- a. Moms Group continues to meet Monday evenings.
- 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.

- **Building Committee** – Father Randy reported that the committee is still waiting on the final estimate figures and should have them between now and Christmas so they can be presented to the parish for consideration and feedback.
- **Immaculate Conception School** – Joey Starke reported that the teachers are meeting on a regular basis for prayer. He updated the council on their meeting and activities.
- **Pastor's Report** – Father Randy reported that the Bishop will hold a meeting with priests in regard to the work of moving from maintenance to mission on December 13. Then there will be a meeting with parish councils sometime in January and that may be a virtual meeting. Our council is in good position on the work we have done already. The Parish Council will not meet in December due to a conflict with First Reconciliation for second graders.

Lucas Green will share information with council members regarding a survey which studied why Catholics stop coming to Mass. The main reason is because they moved away from their home parish.

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm with opening prayer by T. J. Vandeven and closing prayer by Lucas Green.

Closing prayer was led by Lindsey Gross.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Rigdon  
Secretary