**Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

**Mattoon, IL October 13, 2020**

**In attendance:** Fr. John, Carla Will, Deacon Gene, Dick Considine, June Kriesel, Hallie Niemerg, Jan Wetzel, Tina Smith, Chris Logue, Ella Farris, Chase Rich

**Absent:** Denise Cooling, Garic Lawrence, Tiffany Gibson, Pam Wright

**Opening Prayer:** June Kriesel

**Review of September 2020 Minutes.**

**Discussion of *The Prodigal Church: Restoring Catholic Tradition in an Age of Deception,*** by Brandon McGinley, to page 46.

**Hospitality**

Social Committee: Ready to serve for upcoming events including All Souls Day. June will discuss a Couples Dinner/Dance with Social Committee.

Knights of Columbus: Casino Night scheduled for Saturday, February 13, 2021.

**Prayer**

Tolton Statue: When statue is ready, there will be a blessing in the Parish Center that will include Fr. Peter Chineke. Dr. Patrick Coulton will conduct a Tolton Presentation.

Men’s Retreat: October 24th - Mass at IC at 8 AM followed by guest speakers (Millikin University assistant basketball coach Kramer Soderberg and Andrew Sheehan of Immaculate Conception Parish) in the Parish Center, and a preview of Dr. Patrick Coulton’s Tolton Presentation. A Retreat Planning Committee will meet on Saturday, October 17th. All men are welcome!

**Formation**

PSR: Classes resume in-person on October 18th, grades K-8. Contactless temperature checks will occur and masks will be required.

RCIA: Deacon Gene has 2 people interested.

Adult Enrichment:

* ***James: Pearls for Wise Living*** – Thursdays @ 9:30 AM in PC from September 3rd through Nov 12th.
* ***Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Life*** – Thursdays @ 9:30 AM in PC from January 7 through March 11th.
* ***Romans: The Gospel of Salvation*** – Thursdays @ 9:30 AM in PC from April 8 through May 27th

Christian Formation Center: Head Start classes in-person going very well. IC replaced water heater from 1990.

Confirmation/First Communion: 64 students confirmed between August 30th through October 11th. 10 Family Masses and 3 Group Masses.

Thursday Night at the Movies: ***Fatima: The Movie*** – 45 in attendance for the movie on October 1st at 6:30 PM. A great success!

Rosary Renewal Mission: – Occurred Oct 4-7, with Fr. George Knab, OMI. A positive and good experience for our Parish and those from surrounding parishes.

HSYG: Group meets regularly on Sunday evenings in Parish Center. Students participated in the October 4th Life Chain in Sullivan – a great opportunity to be a public witness for LIFE.

**Projects**

Bells: The 3 original bells from 1894 ring on the hour. Continuing to program the Carillon system. Salve Regina plays each evening at 8 PM.

Electronic Sign: Sign Appeal in Charleston will update the current Parish Center sign, located outside the southeast corner of the building. PC will be the first in Coles County to have a sign with this pixel quality.

PC Painting: All exterior of the Parish Center has been painted, except brick.

Communion Rail: 2 sections, 10 feet in length on both sides of the altar. Those who wish to kneel while receiving the Body of Christ will be able to use the Communion Rail.

**November Meeting**

Tuesday, November 10th @ 6:30 PM in Parish Center.

Prayer Assignment: June Kriesel

***The Prodigal Church: Restoring Catholic Tradition in an Age of Deception,*** by Brandon McGinley - **please read to page 84 and prepare for discussion at the November 10th meeting.**