

# Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

## Immaculate Conception Church

Mattoon, IL – September 14, 2021

**In attendance:** Fr. John, Carla Will, June Kriesel, Jan Wetzel, Chris Logue, Hallie Niemerg, Rosa Olvera

**Absent:** Chase Rich, Denise Cooling, Todd Farris, Ella Farris, Tina Smith, Cameron Bianco, Deacon Gene, Dick Considine, Garic Lawrence, Pam Wright

**Opening Prayer:** June Kriesel

August 2021 Minutes Approved.

### Hospitality

#### Social Committee

- Ice Cream Social was a great success!

19<sup>th</sup> Street Dairy Queen provided the ice cream and social committee provided brownies. Summer Strings performed on the lawn. The bags game was enjoyed by the kids.

#### Knights of Columbus

- Tootsie Roll Drive – September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Casino Night planned for Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Next Blood Drive scheduled for Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### Thursday Night at the Movies:

“PRAY: The Story of Patrick Peyton” October 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

#### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>

Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> Prayer Service was well attended.

### Formation

#### PSR / Family of Faith

Immaculate Conception and St. Columcille transitioned from traditional PSR to Whole Family Catechesis with Family of Faith on Sunday, September 12, 2021. The focus this year will be on the Sacraments. The first FOF was well attended and are hopeful for a very successful year.

## Confirmation/First Communion

Our next Confirmation/First Communion group will receive the Sacraments at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at 11:00 AM. Students are to be dressed and ready to meet with Bishop Paprocki at 10:00 AM. Hallie Niemerg offered to babysit in the Christian Formation Center for any family that may need help with childcare.

## Adult Education Offerings

- “Psalms: The School of Prayer”  
Begins Thursday, September 9, 2021, @ 9:30 AM in PC.
- “Wisdom: God’s Vision for Life”  
Begins Thursday, January 6, 2022, @ 9:30 AM in PC.
- “No Greater Love: A Walk Through Christ’s Passion”  
Begins Thursday, March 3, 2022, @ 9:30 AM in PC

## HSYG Ice Breaker

The High School Youth Group Ice Breaker potluck was well attended. Thank you to the Knights for providing hamburgers and hotdogs.

## Pro-Life Formation

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center.

- Mike Spencer, Pro-Life Speaker, will provide knowledge to high school and college students and equip them with how to discuss pro-life with their peers and friends. All Mattoon Deanery high school students invited.

## Parish Retreat

“Faith First...The Eucharist Our Source and Summit” – check upcoming bulletins for information.

Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> @ St. Columcille

Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> @ Immaculate Conception

## Spanish Language Offerings

Spanish Language Retreat

- Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – Guest speaker is Father Salvadore.

## Guadalupe Sunday

- Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - 6:00 AM – Traditional Mananites
  - 7:00 AM – The Holy Rosary
  - 8:00 AM – The Holy Mass
  - 9:00 – 10:30 AM – Mexican Breakfast
    - Basket available for Free Will Offering

## Las Posadas

- Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>
  - 6:30 PM in the Parish Center – Procession/Reenactment.

## St. Hedwig Oktoberfest

Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> - Fundraiser for the St Hedwig Houses of Charleston.

## Choices Banquet

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ Online/Zoom instead of in-person.

## New Business

- St. Mary House – Mattoon's own St. Hedwig House.
  - Will be located across from the school parking lot.

## **Projects**

### Rectory Repairs

- Plumbing leak from upstairs bathroom into the dining room. Dining room now has new ceiling with crown molding restored. Original hard wood floor has been refinished.

### Church Security

- Security cameras to be installed in church for monitoring in the rectory. Software will record for 48 hours.

### Roof Repairs/Sealing

- Will occur during the dry season. Time to tuck point again.

**August Meeting:** October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, @ 6:30 PM in Parish Center.

Prayer Assignment: Carla Will