

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Immaculate Conception Church

Mattoon, IL – February 8, 2022

In attendance: Fr. John, Carla Will, Deacon Gene, Cheryl Smith, June Kriesel, Denise Cooling, Garic Lawrence, Chris Logue, Henry Unkraut, Sheila Record

Absent: Todd Farris, Tina Smith, Cameron Bianco, Ella Farris, Rosa Olvera, Pam Wright, Chase Rich, Jan Wetzel, Hallie Niemerg, Dick Considine,

Opening Prayer: Deacon Gene

January 2022 Minutes Approved.

Hospitality

Social Committee/June Kriesel

- February 26 - White Elephant Bingo Event
 - Mardi Gras themed, sponsored by the Social Committee who will provide sloppy joe sandwiches, hot dogs and drinks. Sign-up sheets in church entrance, attendees requested to bring an appetizer to share and a white elephant gift.

CCW (Council of Catholic Women)/Sheila Record

- The Holy Thursday collection will be for cost of funeral dinners.
- CCW helped with the January 30th, Coles County Catholic Worker House Soup Supper.
- CCW assisted with the February 8th, Mattoon Deanery Meeting in the Parish Center.
- March 1st, Mattoon Deanery CCW Mass at 9 AM in church followed by meeting at 10 AM in Parish Center.
- March 15th, IC Parish CCW meeting at 6:30 PM in Parish Center.
- March 29 & 30, DCCW (Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) Lenten Retreat in Springfield.
- September 28, the Annual DCCW meeting will be held at Immaculate Conception.

Prayer

Spanish Language/Rosa Olvera

- In Rosas's absence Fr. John reported that Cinco de Mayo planning will begin soon.

40 Hours Devotion/Fr. John

- March 6-8th, presented by Fr Peter Chineke. Immediately following the 5 PM Mass, on Sunday, March 6th, a Meet & Greet reception (appetizers and finger sandwiches) with Fr Peter will be hosted in the Lower Level of Church by the Social Committee.

Stations of the Cross

- March 4th – Stations led by Parish Council
- March 11th – Stations led by St. Vincent de Paul Society
- March 18th – Stations led by fathers
- March 25th - Stations led by mothers
- April 1st - to be determined
- April 8th – Passion Play – directed by Julie Niemerg (Middle School & High School)

Formation

PSR/Family of Faith/Carla Will

- Family of Faith parents will tour the church with Father John on February 13th.
- Family of Faith families will witness the “Burning of Palms” on February 20th.

Adult Education Offerings/Carla Will

- “Wisdom: God’s Vision for Life”
Thursdays @ 9:30 AM in PC through March 3rd.
- “No Greater Love: A Walk Through Christ’s Passion”
Begins Thursday, March 10, 2022, @ 9:30 AM in PC.

IC High School Youth Group/Carla Will

- Participated in the March for LIFE in Springfield on Friday, January 21st.
- HSYG students assisted with the January 30th, Coles County Catholic Worker House Soup Supper.
- HSYG Swing Dance, Sunday, May 7th, in the Christian Formation Center gym.
- In lieu of a HSYG Mission Trip to Kentucky, students will work at the St. Mary House location of 2008 Champaign Ave., Mattoon. Project will be called “20-08 in 2022”

Service

St. Vincent DePaul/Cheryl Smith

- St. Vincent Society has been very generously funded which allows them to help house those in need and help families keep their power on. Separate grant for food only allows them to provide food vouchers when needed.

Fourth Commandment Project/Cheryl Smith

- Oral interviews about the history of our parish with parishioners are being recorded and transcribed for future use. Cheryl shared that this is a fun and enjoyable project listening to parishioners sharing stories and reminiscing of Immaculate Conception's past.

Knights of Columbus/Garic Lawrence

- Next Blood Drive is February 13th in the Parish Center.
- Lenten Fish Fry Schedule is in the works.
- Possible Bags Tourney in June.
- Casino Night scheduled for October 8th in Parish Center (Columbus Day Weekend). Knights will start selling raffle tickets in July with drawing on October 8th.

St. Mary House /Henry Unkraut

- Coles County Catholic Worker House Soup Supper was very successful. The Coles County Catholic Worker House Board voted to donate nearly \$13,000 to the St. Mary House building fund.
- House plan has been approved. 2 story home with 3 bedrooms and 3 ½ bathrooms. First floor will be handicap compliant. A St Mary House model has been on display in the entrance of church.
- Flooring installer has been secured. Currently researching contractors, cost of materials and sub-contractors.
- Groundbreaking scheduled for March 25th, The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord.
- Next St Mary Board meeting is February 28th.

New Business

Parish Pictorial Directory/June Kriesel

- Contract has been signed with Color Craft, based out of Alabama, for our next pictorial directory. Color Craft will be in Parish Center on July 22-24th and August 5-7th. Request for apostolate or mission statement and photos from various groups. Ashley Manning is working with June to create a QR code for a virtual tour of the church.

Projects/Henry Unkraut

- Updating light switches in church.

Next Meeting: May 10th, 2022, @ 6:30 PM in Parish Center.

Prayer Assignment: