**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

**Mattoon, IL – May 10, 2022**

**In attendance:** Fr. John, Carla Will, Deacon Gene, Cheryl Smith, Jan Wetzel, June Kriesel, Denise Cooling, Garic Lawrence, Henry Unkraut, Sheila Record, Dick Considine,

**Absent:** Todd Farris, Tina Smith, Chris Logue, Cameron Bianco, Ella Farris, Rosa Olvera, Pam Wright, Chase Rich, Hallie Niemerg,

**Opening Prayer:** Deacon Gene

February 2022 Minutes Approved.

**Hospitality**

Social Committee/June Kriesel

* Coffee & Donuts
  + Coffee & Donuts hosted by the Social Committee after the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses on the following Sundays: June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th.

CCW (Council of Catholic Women)/Sheila Record

* Great turnout for the March 1st, Mattoon Deanery CCW Mass, meeting and luncheon in the Parish Center.
* CCW provided desserts for the Listening Session in March.
* CCW assisted Cinco de Mayo fundraiser by providing desserts, volunteers, and Silent Auction items.
* CCW will be meeting quarterly, instead of monthly, on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in February, March, August, and November. Next meeting scheduled for May 17th; all ladies of parish are invited to attend.
* CCW will provide a table for the Corpus Christi Procession following the 8 AM Mass, on Sunday, June 19th.
* Next Mattoon CCW Deanery meeting on August 4th, @ St. Mary’s in Shumway with Mass at 9:30 AM followed by meeting and lunch. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.
* September 28th, the Annual DCCW Convention will be held at Immaculate Conception with Bishop Paprocki in attendance.

**Prayer**

Spanish Language/Rosa Olvera

* In Rosa’s absence Fr. John reported that Cinco de Mayo fundraising for Sister Parish was a success. Rosa conducted an evaluation afterwards and received positive comments about the décor, food and dancing. She will change hours next year to start later and end in the afternoon.

40 Hours Devotion/Fr. John

* Planning a 40 Hours Devotion this fall.

**Formation**

PSR/Family of Faith/Carla Will

* Family of Faith ends on Sunday, May 15th, it has been a successful first year!
* VBS will be a “Family of Faith Vacation Bible School” on June 2nd and 3rd from 6-7:30 PM, with students learning about St. Anthony and St. Rose Duchesne while parents meet with Father John to discuss “The Seven Daily Habits of Holy Apostolic People.” All adults are invited to attend.

Adult Education Offerings/Carla Will

* “Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother” – Fall 2022.
* “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass”- Winter 2023.
* “Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John” – Lent 2023.

IC High School Youth Group/Carla Will

* 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.” Students will assist with fiberglass installation and painting. Adult volunteers are also welcome.

Summer Seminarians/Father John

* Deacon Bruce Scott: From St. Mary’s Parish in Paris.
* Seminarian Stefan Kaniewski: Born in Poland, Seminarian at St. Meinrad.
* Seats available on the bus to Springfield for the Priest Ordination on Saturday, May 28th.

**Service**

St. Vincent DePaul/Cheryl Smith

* St. Vincent Society helped brother Knights with desserts for Lenten Fish Fries and worked at the last one when the Knights were shorthanded.
* St. Vincent Trivia Night is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st, in the Parish Center.
* “90th Anniversary of the St. Vincent DePaul Society at Immaculate Conception” will be celebrated after all Masses the weekend of November 12th and 13th, with Wine and Cheese and cake after the evening Masses and Coffee and Donuts after the morning Masses. Archival items will be on display. All are invited!

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 telling stories and reminiscing of Immaculate Conception’s past. More interviews are planned in the near future.

Knights of Columbus/Garic Lawrence

* Next Blood Drive is June 12th in the Parish Center.
* KC Bingo in the Clubhouse the second and fourth Thursdays from 6-9 PM.
* Garic thanked St Vincent Society for their help at the Fish Fries.
* Casino Night scheduled for October 8th in Parish Center.
* Successful fundraising for aid in Ukraine and Poland.
* Requested a list of male parishioners to invite those who have not yet joined the Knights.

St. Mary House /Henry Unkraut and Father John

* An invitation to parishioners to be generous to support the St. Mary House fundraising has been mailed. Checks to be made to St. Mary House.
* Approximately $135,000 to $140,000 has been raised to date, another $100,000 is needed.
* A $25,000 cash donation has been applied to the St. Mary House account at Kull Lumber.
* Appliances donated by Mattoon Deanery CCW.
* An annual fundraising event is in the planning stages, hopefully on a Marian Feast Day.
* Foundation has been poured.
* All guests of the St. Mary House will have a contact person they will meet with regularly to review their goals.
* Approximately 20 volunteers needed per week to be “On the House”. Volunteers assigned 3 hour shifts with someone on site from 10 AM to 10 PM. All volunteers will participate in Protecting God’s Children and complete a background check.

**New Business**

Parish Pictorial Directory/June Kriesel

* Color Craft will be in Parish Center on July 22-24th and August 5-7th. Save the Date will be in the bulletin.
* Request for apostolate or mission statement and photos from various groups.

**Next Meeting***:* June 14th, 2022, @ 6:30 PM in Parish Center.

Prayer Assignment: