

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Immaculate Conception Church

Mattoon, IL – August 9, 2022

In attendance: Fr. John, Carla Will, Deacon Gene, Jan Wetzel, June Kriesel, Sheila Record, Pam Wright, Cheryl Smith, Denise Cooling,

Absent: Todd Farris, Tina Smith, Chris Logue, Cameron Bianco, Ella Farris, Rosa Olvera, Chase Rich, Hallie Niemerg, Garic Lawrence, Dick Considine, Henry Unkraut,

Opening Prayer: Deacon Gene

June 2022 Minutes Approved.

Hospitality

Social Committee/June Kriesel

- Coffee & Donuts
 - Last Coffee & Donuts hosted by the Social Committee after the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses will be Sunday, August 14th.
- Ice Cream Social
 - Sunday, August 14th @ 6:30 PM. Social Committee will supply cake and assist with clean up. Thank you to Mark & Moni Sheehan for providing the ice cream.

CCW (Council of Catholic Women)/Sheila Record

- CCW partnered with Spanish Ministry on July 31st to host a 5th Sunday Breakfast in the Parish Center. An outstanding success with \$14,000 in donations! A big thank you to the St. Vincent de Paul Society members for donating fruit for the breakfast. A great team effort by many parish groups.
- The next Mattoon CCW meeting will be Tuesday, August 16th at 6:30 PM. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.
- Next Mattoon Deanery CCW meeting will be Wednesday, November 9th, in Villa Grove. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.
- September 28th, the Annual DCCW Convention will be held here at Immaculate Conception with Bishop Paprocki. Registration at 8:00 AM, Mass @ 11:00 AM. Event hosted by Mattoon Deanery CCW.

Remembrance for Mr. Del Willison

- An open house to celebrate the life of Del Willison will be in the Parish Center on Thursday, August 11th, from 4-7 PM. Many knew Del as a teacher, mentor and friend and were impacted within his nearly 60 years of teaching and mentoring in the Mattoon School District.

Prayer

Spanish Language/Rosa Olvera

- In Rosa's absence Fr. John reported that that Bilingual First Saturday Masses will continue and Rosa is now planning for the December 12th Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Labor Day Cemetery Mass

- 8 AM Mass at Calvary Cemetery on Monday, September 5th.

40 Hours Devotion/Fr. John

- October 2nd through Oct 4th with Fr. Seth Brown.
- Sunday, October 2nd will begin after the 5 PM Mass with a Living Rosary followed by Exposition. Social Committee will provide refreshments in the Lower Level the last evening, Tuesday, October 4th.

Formation

Fall Inquiry Class/Fr John

- Fall Inquiry Class is an abbreviated version of RCIA. Fr. John requested parish council members to reach out to people who regularly come to Mass, often with their spouse, to attend the Fall Inquiry Class.

PSR/Family of Faith/Carla Will

- Family of Faith resumes on Sunday, September 11^h, and we are looking forward to a second successful year.
- 18 committed families have registered for Family of Faith.

Lytle Pool Night

- Saturday, August 13th, from 8-10 PM. All parishioners are invited to this free event.

Adult Education Offerings/Carla Will

- “Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother” – Begins September 8, 2022.
- “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass”- Winter 2023.
- “Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John” – Lent 2023.

Cana Night

- Discussion to have a January or February Cana Night for couples with babysitting available. Fr John will discuss with Family of Faith parents what topic they would like discussed at the dinner. Catered meal followed by dance. Social Committee will coordinate the evening.

IC High School Youth Group/Carla Will

- HSYG students walked in the Independence Day & Bagelfest Parades.
- HSYG assisted with the St. Mary House Breakfast Fundraiser.
- HSYG students helped install installation in the St. Mary House.
- Pro-Life Education Opportunity for IC and area youth, Saturday, October 22nd, from 9 AM to Noon in the PC.
- Feb 18 & 19, 2023, IC will host a National Evangelical Youth Retreat. Middle School students on Saturday, February 18th, and High School Students on Sunday, February 19th.

Service

CHOICES Dinner/Fr. John

- CHOICES Dinner will be Saturday, September 24th at the Walkway in Mattoon.
- Denise Cooling shared that “Tables of Eight” will attend the dinner.

St. Vincent De Paul/Cheryl Smith

- St. V provided fruit for the St. Mary House Breakfast.
- Joann Reinhart-Curtis has spruced up the St Vincent De Paul pamphlet.
- Monies are available to assist the St. Mary House, including donating groceries.
- St V. has been helping families with rent to prevent evictions.
- October 1st is the St. V Trivia Night in the Parish Center.
- Christmas Food Baskets will be offered December 17th at the Parish Center.
- “90th Jubilee of Immaculate Conception’s St. Vincent de Paul Society,” November 12th and 13th In Lower Level. Coffee & Donuts after the 8 AM and 10:30 AM, and Wine & Cheese after the 4 PM & 5 PM, to celebrate the history of St. Vincent at IC.

Fourth Commandment Project/Cheryl Smith

- 8 parishioners have been interviewed and those interviews have been transcribed for future use.

Knights of Columbus/Fr. John

- Blood Drive is August 21st in PC.

St. Mary House / Father John

- St. Mary House board meeting was held Monday, August 8th. Discussed fine-tuning policies and expectations for the guests.
- Volunteers needed for "On the House."
- Sunday, August 28th St. Mary "On the House" Orientation at 6:30 PM.
- Online Registry coming for those who wish to donate household items, please contact Melissa Burton-Sanders, Terry Coulton or Lyssa Skocy with questions.
- A big thank you to the parish for \$14,000 in donations from the St. Mary House Breakfast fundraiser...more than \$200,000 has been received in 10 months, not including the \$25,000 match-pledge from a parishioner.
- Two annual fundraisers: Soup Supper & Summer Breakfast.
- Minimal costs to upkeep the house once finished, utilities and minimal groceries.
- Goal is to have mothers and children move into the St. Mary House on September 8th.

New Business

Parish Pictorial Directory/June Kriesel

- Color Craft photographer took photos of the inside and outside of IC Church for the directory.
- Please send group photos for the directory to June at signatjune01@yahoo.com
- Color Craft will send copy to June to proofread the spelling of names before printing directory.
- Hope to have the new directories by Thanksgiving.

Projects

Lightning Rods/Fr John

- Lightning rods will be installed this fall, this has been a project on the to-do list for a while.

Next Meeting: September 13th, 2022, @ 6:30 PM in Parish Center.

Prayer Assignment: June Kriesel