

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

### Immaculate Conception Church

Mattoon, IL – November 15, 2022

**In attendance:** Fr. John, Carla Will, Deacon Gene, Jan Wetzel, June Kriesel, Sheila Record, Henry Unkraut, David Skocy, Zoraida Irizarry

**Absent:** Todd Farris, Chris Logue, Ella Farris, Rosa Olvera, Hallie Niemerg, Garic Lawrence, Dick Considine, Pam Wright, Cheryl Smith, Denise Cooling

**Opening Prayer:** Father John

October 2022 Minutes Approved.

Welcome from Father John to new Parish Council member, David Skocy.

### Hospitality

#### Social Committee/June Kriesel

- Epiphany Luncheon will be organized with Social Committee via email. Parish will provide the main course and parishioners invited to bring treats/desserts. Magi will make an appearance and Fr John will read a story to kids.

#### CCW (Council of Catholic Women)/Sheila Record

- The Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, All Souls Remembrance Mass and reception was a success.
- Next ICCCW meeting is Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> in the Lower Level. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.
- Next Mattoon Deanery CCW meeting will be Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at Our Sorrowful Mother's Ministry in Vandalia. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

### Prayer

#### Spanish Language/Zoraida Irizarry

- Dates and locations of the traveling Virgin of Guadalupe statue will be published in the bulletin.
- Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the hill for the Virgin of Guadalupe will be set up after the 5:30 PM Mass. The statue will be removed at 7:30 AM, Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Monday, December 12, The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration includes 5:30 AM Prayer, 6:30 AM Rosary, 7:00 AM Bilingual Mass. Following Mass tamales and chocolate available to go.
- Los Posadas, Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM.

## **Formation**

### Fall Inquiry Class/Fr John

- Fall Inquiry Class is an abbreviated version of RCIA. Two men are attending the class. Will incorporate Catholic Social Teaching.

### PSR/Family of Faith/Carla Will

- Eight students received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and seven received First Holy Communion at the Cathedral in Springfield on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Our Parish Celebration on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, was in honor of our sacrament students.
- Three students have begun preparation for our next Confirmation and First Communion Mass at the Cathedral which is scheduled for September 20, 2023.
- As part of our "Life in Christ: Living the Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy," during this PSR year, Families of Faith will pack 200 Blessing in a Backpack sacks during Family Solidarity on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. These sacks will be distributed to ERBA Head Start students.
- Server practice with Fr. John is scheduled for February 19, 2023, during Family Solidarity. For both experienced and new servers.

### Adult Education Offerings/Carla Will

- "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass"- Winter 2023.
- "Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John" – Lent 2023.

### Cana Night

- Saturday, January 21, 2023, "Couples Paint & Sip Evening." Parish Center doors open at 5:30 PM, with the Knights hosting a Cash Bar. June Kriesel offered the Social Committee's assistance by providing appetizers for the evening. Cost is \$70/couple. Painting is from 6-8 PM. Daycare will be provided for children of IC and St. C parents who attend the evening.

### IC High School Youth Group/Pam Wright

- HSYG students raised \$1,145, in profits from their annual Butterbraids fundraiser. This money will be used for the HSYG Mission Trip to Auxier, KY, this summer.

## **Service**

### St. Vincent De Paul/Fr. John

- Thanksgiving Day collection will be for St. Vincent.

## Knights of Columbus/Fr. John

- Blood Drive is December 18<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center.

## St. Mary House / Henry Unkraut

- The Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary House Open was very well attended.
- House is ready for occupancy with only a few minor projects to finish.
- In very good shape financially, approximately \$250,000 spent in total, of which \$12,800 was for the sidewalk and fence.
- 20 volunteers have attended a Training Orientation.
- New volunteers should call the Rectory. New volunteers will train with experienced volunteers.
- Please use "Sign-Up Genius" to register as a volunteer for St. Mary House. Volunteers will cover 10 AM-1PM, 1 PM-4PM, or 4PM-7PM shifts.
- Guests of the St. Mary House will be "living in community" with each other and will share all that is in the house.
- "Birth-to-Three" administration team may be a reference source for mothers and children.
- January 29, 2023, St. Hedwig Soup Supper fundraiser in Teutopolis.
- July 30, 2023, St. Mary House Breakfast fundraiser in the Parish Center from 9 AM to 1 PM.

## **New Business**

### Parish Pictorial Directory/June Kriesel

- Everything has been submitted to Color Craft.
- Hoping to receive a proof soon.
- Hoping to have completed directories before Christmas.

## **Projects**

### Lightning Rods/Henry Unkraut

- Lightning rods – wanting to cut down on number of lightning strikes.
- IC has been waiting since the middle of summer for the 150-foot man lift required for the lightning rods.

**Next Meeting:** January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, @ 6:30 PM in Parish Center.

Prayer Assignment: Denise Cooling