

# Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

## Immaculate Conception Church

Mattoon, IL – May 16, 2023

**In attendance:** Fr. John, Deacon Gene, Deacon Bruce, Carla Will, Jan Wetzel, Henry Unkraut, Rosa Olvera, Zoraida Irizarry, Denise Cooling, Sheila Record, Garic Lawrence

**Absent:** Hallie Niemerg, Chris Logue, Todd Farris, Ella Farris, Dick Considine, David Skocy, June Kriesel, Pam Wright

**In Memorium:** Dick Considine

**Resigning from Pastoral Council:** Todd Farris and Denise Cooling

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### Hospitality

Welcome back to Deacon Bruce Scott who will be spending the summer at IC and St. C. Deacon Bruce is ready to learn how to manage a parish.

### Social Committee/Father John via notes from Mary Knepple

- Hosting receptions for Alex McCullough in the KC Clubhouse following the 4 PM Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, Mass and in between the 8 AM and 10:30 AM, Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, Masses.
- Coffee & Donuts in the KC Clubhouse:
  - June date to be announced.
  - July 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - August 6<sup>th</sup>
- Social Committee will host the Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Future CCW meetings will occur in February, May, August and November. The February and November meetings will be during the day and the May and August meetings will be in the evening. This is to accommodate ladies who may not be able to attend CCW meetings during the day.
- Sheila thanked parishioners for their generous support of their Funeral Dinner Ministry via the Holy Thursday collection.
- Congratulations to senior Laney Wright on being selected by the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Committee as a winner of the SDCCW Excellence in Leadership Scholarship. There were 64 applicants and Laney was 1 of 4 awarded. She will be recognized at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Award Women of Distinction Mass and Luncheon on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

- Congratulations to Pat Sheehan on being selected as our 2023 Women of Distinction. She will be recognized at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Award Women of Distinction Mass and Luncheon on June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Rosa Olvera and ladies of the CCW will coordinate the Corpus Christi altars on June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- CCW will assist the Knights for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast/St Mary House Fundraiser on July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Next CCW meeting is Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Lower Level.
- Mattoon Deanery CCW meetings is Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at St. Mary's in Paris.
- Diocesan CCW 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention is Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at Sacred Heart Griffin West Campus with Mass at St. Agnes Church, Springfield.

## Prayer

### Eucharistic Congress/Father John

- Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 4 PM at the BOS Center in Downtown Springfield. No evening Masses in any parish. Hope is many will attend the Eucharistic Congress in Springfield. Contact the Parish Office for tickets.

### Spanish Language/Rosa Olvera

- May 28<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation of the Hispanic Group at Springfield Cathedral
- June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, a camping trip is planned in Shelbyville.
- December 4<sup>th</sup> will begin the traditional Novena to the Virgin of Guadalupe by praying the Holy Rosary for nine days in different homes.
- December 12<sup>th</sup>, celebration of the anniversary of the Virgin of Guadalupe.
  - December 12<sup>th</sup> Program:
    - 5:30 AM – Las Mananitas (morning songs to the Virgin)
    - 6:30 AM – The Holy Rosary
    - 7:00 AM – The Holy Mass (bilingual)
    - 8:00 AM – Mexican Breakfast including menudo, tamales, champurrado (hot chocolate). All are welcome.
- December 20<sup>th</sup>, Las Posadas from 6-8 PM. Game for children, pinatas and traditional Christmas food. All are welcome.

## Formation

### Inquiry Class/Fr John

- Inquiry Class returns on July 18th.

### PSR/Family of Faith/Carla Will

- Family of Faith's last meeting for the 2022/2023 school year is Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Families will enjoy Coffee & Donuts and assemble 1200 goody bags to be distributed during the Independence Day Parade.
- Family Skate Night: Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 5-8 PM, at the Silver Star Skate Center. All parishioners of IC and St. C are invited.
- VBS: Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, and Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. Adults meet with Father John while children meet with catechists to learn about the lives of Saint Peter the Apostle and Saint Joan of Arc. Thank you to Deacon Bruce Scott for making an appearance as Saint Peter and to Joann Curtis as Joan of Arc.
- Michael Mette Family will cantor at the Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM Mass. Potluck to follow in KC Clubhouse with Concert in the Parish Center after the Potluck.

### Adult Education Offerings/Carla Will

- "Matthew: The King & His Kingdom" – Thursday evening class with Father John at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. 24-week series that will break for summer and resume classes in the fall.
- Fall 2023: "What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Church" – 9:30 AM, beginning Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Winter 2024: "Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant" – 9:30 AM, Thursday mornings.
- Winter/Spring 2024: "Pillar I: The Creed" – 6:30 PM, Thursday evenings.
- Lent 2024: "OREMUS: A Guide to Catholic Prayer" – 9:30 AM, Thursday mornings.
- Fall 2024: "Pillar II: The Sacraments" – 6:30 PM, Thursday evenings.

### IC High School Youth Group

- High School Senior Graduation Mass scheduled for 10:30 AM, Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- HSYG Mission Trip to Auxier, KY, is June 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. Four adults and 11 students registered to attend. Will be working with Immaculate Conception Parish on LaGrange, KY.

### **Service**

#### St. Vincent DePaul/Joann Curtis

- Welcome to Joann Curtis as the new representative for St. V.
- St. V. meets in the Lower Level of Church with clients every 2 weeks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.
- They receive 3 to 4 calls per week.
- St. V. monthly meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evening each month. New members are welcome.

- Financially in great shape. Many thanks to the Sparks and Kirts families for their generous support.
- St. Vincent Trivia Night is scheduled for Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center.

#### Fourth Commandment Project/Father John

- Cheryl Smith and Bridget Upton have visited with and conducted interviews with a number of senior members of the parish.
- Denise suggested occasional bulletin inserts of the interviews which may inspire additional senior members to be interviewed.

#### Knights of Columbus/Garic Lawrence

- Blood Drive on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Knights are happy to share the Clubhouse as a resource for the parish while Mass is in the Parish Center. Please contact Mark Welton or Dan Lawrence to reserve the Clubhouse.
- Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, will be the Gun Raffle during Bingo. Bingo meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:30 PM. Popcorn and open bar.
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Mattoon Chapter, Mass and Dinner on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Report from Matt Piescinski that Mattoon Knights are at goal for Tootsie Roll Drive, Vocations, Disaster Relief Fund and Pro-Life Fund. Many thanks to Marguerite Bennett for being a great contributor to the Knight's Pro-Life Fund.
- Father John suggested various parish groups assist at Bingo.
- Garic thanked the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their generous supply of desserts for the Lenten Fish Fries.

#### St. Mary House / Father John

- House currently has 2 mothers and 6 children in residence.
- Another family will join when a good match is found for the current residents.
- Always open to more "On the House" volunteers.

#### **Other Business**

##### Projects/Henry Unkraut

- Church:
  - Diocesan approval of drawings and insurance. Acquired a building permit from city. Artisan Contractor insurance in place.
  - Painters arrived and began unloading scaffolding. Scaffolding will be set-up over the next two weeks.

- Five painters scheduled to be onsite working 6:00 AM to 6:30 PM Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays and ½ day on Thursdays.
- Blasting of beams to remove old paint, expected to happen on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Blasting and painting should take 2 months or less. Then 2 weeks for scaffolding to be removed.
- Wood graining on beams will be made with primer, base color and graining to match actual oak wall.
- The vestibule wall has been framed, red oak covering.
- Glass doors have been ordered, expected in June.
- Thermal glass for windows.
- Lightning rods – waiting for 150-foot man lift required for the lightning rods.
- Rectory issues with 100-year-old plumbing.

#### Parish Facility Assessment/Father John

- Greg Fleck, Diocesan Director of Property, Buildings and Cemeteries recently conducted an audit of the buildings and noted 5 issues:
  - Slate Roof of Church
  - Church Interior needs painting – already in the works
  - Northeast steps of church in need of repair
  - Termite issues with Parish Center window
  - Parish Center gutters need replaced.

#### Parish Viability Study & Diocesan Wide Centennial Campaign/Father John

- This is a plan over the next 5 years to have every parish initiate our own capital campaign. The purpose of this campaign is to eliminate any parish debt (we have none), work on deferred maintenance (ongoing), building demolition or construction (none anticipated) , and endowing aspects of parish mission.
- To this end a parish facility assessment has been completed looking at the condition of our structures, etc. with recommendations for us to look at and consider.
- Each parish is also asked to complete a parish vitality study. Constructive discussion is important. It would involve looking at based on who we are how should the parish be best helping fulfill our mission in living out the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy and the precepts of the Church. How do we need to prioritize our mission and our outreach. Much more than brick and mortar concerns, how do we get bring Christ to souls and souls to Heaven.
- The hope would be by Jan. 1, 2025, our parish will have our campaign ready to begin.

**Next Meeting:** August 15th, 2023, @ 7:00 PM\* in Parish Center. Please note, the meeting begins at 7:00 PM, following the 5:30 PM Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Prayer Assignment: