



Immaculate Conception Parish Council March Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2014
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: Parish Hall

Member Name	Present	Absent	Position
Fr. Joe Esper	X		Pastor
Deacon Ken Nowicki	X		Evangelization Rep.
Nicole Tomaszynski	X		Chairperson
Bill Gilmore	X		Vice Chair
Pat McGrath	X		Council Member
Kathleen Grimm	X		Council Member, VPC Rep.
Lori Stefani		X	Council Member
Bob Tharrett		X	Council Member
Tom Dunn		X	Council Member
Ted Stawiasz	X		Council Member
Mary Kot	X		Worship Representative
Anni Adkins	X		Council Member
Pam Mertes	X		Long Term Planning Rep. (Rotational)
		X	Christian Service Rep.

Meeting opened with a prayer at 7:15 PM

Minutes of the March 4, 2014 meeting were approved with the following correction: Change the date of the I.C. Sports Night to Saturday, June 7, 2014.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- A list of parish projects accomplished over the past two years was compiled and distributed and sent to all parishioners as part of the CSA mailing.
- We are hosting the second Blue Water Vicariate Healing Mass this Friday, May 9, at 7PM. Thank you to Deacon Ken for all his hard work in organizing this liturgy.
- Our annual Red, White, and Blue Mass to honor military personnel and veterans will be held this Saturday at 4:30 PM with a special blessing following the homily.
- This coming weekend we will be observing not only Mother's Day, but also Vocations Awareness Day.
- Our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held the following Saturday, May 17, after the 4:30PM Mass.
- This segment of ChristLife: Following Christ, has two more sessions – this Thursday, and the following Thursday. The third segment, "Sharing Christ" will be offered this fall.
- As mentioned last month, I am one of the two candidates for vicar here in the Blue Water Vicariate; that election, in which all the priests of the Archdiocese will vote for all sixteen new vicars, will take place sometime this month.
- This year's Faith Formation program ended yesterday.
- Registration for next month's Vacation Bible School is underway.
- The 8th grade graduation Mass is scheduled for Monday June 2 at 6:30 PM, and the school's awards Mass (and last day of school) is Friday June 6.

- Our Sports Night Fundraiser will be held on Saturday June 7 from 6 PM to 8:30 PM. (The Pentecost Vigil will be taking place in church at the same time, but there shouldn't be any conflict with parking or anything else.)
- You may notice a TV dish on the lawn between the rectory and the church; the TV service for the rectory was just switched to a less expensive, and more reliable, company.
- The May issue of *The Drift* (the vicariate newsletter) was dedicated to promoting Catholic education, and the front page article was all about Immaculate Conception Elementary School.
- The opening for our new school principal has been posted on the archdiocesan website; so far two applications have been received, and we expect several more. The Search Committee is being formed, and dates for the interviewing of candidates have been scheduled; ideally, we'll be able to select and announce the new principal by the middle of June.
- Planning is underway for the remaining work on the church (the first of our *Changing Lives Together* goals); we hope to have the wooden floors refinished, and the outside trim and steeple repainted, by sometime in June (depending on the weather).

FINANCE COUNCIL: - No minutes provided – no representative.

Additional comments:

- See notes on parish budget under New Business.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Worship Commission –No minutes provided - Fr. Joe and Mary Kot reported.

Additional comments:

- There were seven baptisms and one reception into full communion at the Easter Vigil (a ceremony lasting 2 hours and 40 minutes); each of the three Easter Sunday Masses had standing room only.
- A service on Divine Mercy Sunday was conducted by Deacon Ken.
- 64 young people were confirmed by Bishop Cepeda this past Wednesday; 48 children made their First Communion this past Saturday.
- A May Crowning ceremony was held after the 10 AM Mass this past Sunday; the school will hold its May Crowning ceremony during this Friday's school Mass.
- Several of the children received into the Church at the Easter Vigil have expressed an interest in becoming altar servers, so a special training session for new servers may be scheduled for later this month. (The regular training sessions will take place in the fall, as usual.)
- This month's Mass of Reparation will be held on Monday May 19 (the day before this month's Worship Commission meeting).
- The Mass on Memorial Day, Monday May 26, will be at 9:00 AM.

Christian Service Commission –No meeting in April – no representative.

Education Commission – No meeting minutes provided – no representative.

Additional comments from Pam Mertes:

- SAC – The science room in the school has received significant updating including digital microscopes. In addition other school upgrades include 8th grade iPads, Spanish lessons, violin/cello instruction, security system updates, and a surprise renovation in the teachers' lounge.

Long Term Planning (LTP) – See April meeting minutes – Pam Mertes reporting.

Additional comments:

- The suggestion ventilation upgrade for the votive candle area has been installed.
- Fr. Joe's bathroom renovation in the rectory is now complete. The volunteers did a wonderful job, and are commended for their fine work.
- There will be a deep cleaning in the parish hall kitchen.
- According to MDOT, a public meeting will be held to discuss the scheduled road work on M-29. Pam spoke with Ira Township representatives; they are resolving some issues before they schedule a meeting date.

VICARIATE PASTORAL COUNCIL (VPC) – See April meeting minutes – Kathleen Grimm reporting

Additional comments:

- Laura Somogy has offered to be the second VPC representative for Immaculate Conception.
- The vicariate Healing Mass will be held at Immaculate Conception church on May 9.
- There will be a presentation by Saint Luke Productions of *Faustina- Messenger of Divine Mercy* at Holy Family Parish Life Center gym on Wednesday, May 14 at 7PM.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Changing Lives Together – No report submitted.

Additional comments:

- A letter was recently sent to the 72% of parishioners who have not responded. We have received additional pledges as a result. We are currently 92% to goal.

Evangelization – Deacon Ken reporting.

Additional comments:

- Deacon mentioned that evangelization should be at the heart of every committee and commission.
- Deacon is hoping that the ChristLife series may spark some individuals to have interest in serving on our future Evangelization Committee.

Festival Committee – No report submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CSA – Last year's CSA was very successful (considering it overlapped *Changing Lives Together*); we've exceeded our goal, and will receive a refund, of over \$2,400 (with \$3,500 in pledges still to be paid). This year's CSA goal is \$71,034. A letter has been mailed out to all parishioners, and some returns have started coming in; we're hoping and expecting to make our target for the third year in a row.
- Budget – We are still likely to finish this current fiscal year in the red, but by a smaller amount than originally expected. We had a good Easter collection, and the overall Sunday collections have been rising – to the point where, instead of being about \$11,000 below budget for the current fiscal year, we're now about \$7,000 over budget. We've still had to transfer money from our savings to pay some bills; we hope to replace at least some of that amount by June 30. The parish staff and the Finance Council have been working on the budget for 2014-2015. The initial numbers were worrisome (showing a potential deficit of \$160,000); because we're required to submit a balanced budget, we're reworking

the numbers (e.g., each department must reduce its spending by 3% or more from last year). We hope to have it ready for the Finance Council to approve at next Monday's meeting; at some point I'll discuss the overall budget in my bulletin column.

- Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center – Our parish has been asked to offer assistance to the Rehabilitation Center (see attached letter). Christian Service and the K of C may become involved, but nothing has been decided. Parish Council agrees in principle with helping, but is looking into the details.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The search committee for the school principal is being formed. We expect to be interviewing in June.

OPEN FORUM:

- A comment was made that home school parents seem to choose home schooling because they want an emphasis on values, discipline, faith formation, etc. Perhaps we could look at how to market our school to those parents.
- Deacon Ken announced the establishment of Prayer Fridays in church from 7-8 PM. We will pray for our country and its spiritual renewal.
- Deacon also discussed the IC 10%ers Association. He is challenging everyone to increase their current donation by 10%. Also, for those who are willing, to consider tithing.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:43 PM

Next Meeting: June 3, 2014 following the 6:30 PM Mass – Meeting followed by a Pot Luck Dinner.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Amy O'Gara, Recording Secretary

A few things to share....

- We now have a Middle School Youth Ministry. Their first meeting will be June 1st, 1pm to 2:30pm in the school multi-purpose room & gym. I will give more details at our May meeting. Thanks to Laura & Ray Somogy for heading this up.
- I have new commission members!!! Diane Polcyn and Margo Chilcott. And our course, Ray & Laura Somogy.
- I have spoke with Anna Vigneron and she will make a few phone calls to make sure that SHINE is represented at our next meeting
- Ray, Laura & I will be attending Theology of the Body for Teens, Middle School, this Friday at the Seminary. This will be something that the commission will need to review and comment on prior to us implementing the program in our parish.

I will connect with Mrs. Steele about having someone from School Committee attend our meeting to report out.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday April 8, 2014 –Un-Approved

<u>Attendees:</u>	Father Joe Esper Jim Haase	George Eichorn Ron Vigneron	Pam Mertes Jim Mattina	Robert Clancy Bob DeBusschere
<u>Absent:</u>	Jeff Wooten	Dennis Cyr		

Call to Order / Opening Prayer

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

Fr. Joe led the group in an opening prayer

Meeting Notes from the February 18 were reviewed by all present and approved.

Church Repair Update:

- Doors
 - Robert C. has a Bilco Style door he removed on a project but needs to check to make sure it is the right size. He will update the committee by the next meeting.
 - Replacement of the man door to the church basement on hold until size can be verified. Bob D. to follow up.
- Painting:
 - The floor project will be postponed until the spring.
 - Outside painting including the steeple to be postponed until spring.
 - George has set up a meeting with Detroit Spectrum on April 16th to discuss the remaining painting projects.
 - Jim H. looked at the approx. lift height- 72'-0" from ground with boom extended.
 - Detroit Spectrum to verify requirement should I.C. decide to provide the lift..
 - Outside doors to be refaced by Joe Whitenight & Pat Clancy when the weather is right.
- Roof Drains:
 - American Spirit will complete the balance in the spring
- Votive Candle Smoke:
 - Walls inside Votive Candle hood are getting ruined due to the candle smoke as well as the picture above the stand.
 - Ed Ross has solicited prices to use electric candles in lieu of wax. Price not available at this meeting.
 - Bob D. will look at the existing ventilation hood or update the existing along with contacting Andy Kelly to suggest better arrangement to remove the smoke.
 - Suggestions were to add a wind operated vent cap on the existing pipe or a fan inside vent pipe.

Changing Lives Together Update:

- Goal \$ 559,383.00
- Pledges/Gifts: 387 – 28% of parishioners participating
- Pledge Total: \$519,713.99
- Short of Goal \$ 39,669.01

Gymnasium Update:

- Still waiting on new drain system to see if it has stopped the wicking up the wall.
- The suggestion to core drill the wall which would be easier to see the flashing style used in the wall still in planning. Further review on this is needed.
- HVAC repairs or replacement still need to be addressed in final recommendations along with projected cost as well as evaluating the use of fans in the ceiling. Jeff Wooten working on quotes.
- Bob D. to get with Anthony Smerek to quote the fan project.
- Covers are required to put over the light switches to avoid them being accidentally turned off during gym use. Bob D. to look at adding a protecting shroud over them.
- Jim H. has contacted the National Masonry Wall Association for recommendations on repairing the walls. Waiting on reply.
- Further investigation is being done also on the use of Tnemec Industrial Coatings for the wall treatment.

Handicap Parking:

- Recommendations from the committee are to make 5 of the 6 parking spots on Church Road Handicap along with 2 additional ones by the hall.
- The Knights of Columbus has a parking lot stripping machine to freshen up the lines in the parking lots as well as change the areas to Handicap. Jim M. to look for a Handicap template for painting on the ground. Timing of this work to be discussed in future meetings.
- Discussion with in the parish has begun on adding additional wheel chair areas &/or handicap spots in church. Father would entertain trying a few new areas on an incremental basis to see if it is needed. Recommendations on areas to investigate should be sent to the committee.

School Update:

- The additional cameras around school have been completed.
- **Entry doors should be the next school building priority.**
- Cross Company had looked at the basic change to make them all operational. Waiting to review quote.
- Bob D. to look at applying heat to the east entry door slab to see if he could get it to settle back to its original location.
- Robert C. recommends removing slab and adding a frost pad under it that spot as well as by the parish office where the winter has raised the concrete. Quotes required.
- The milk cooler in the cafeteria should be moved to a permanent location. Bob D. to work with the school lunch team to find a good stop to avoid having to unplug it to use the area.

Rectory:

- Bob D. reported the bathroom is nearing completion. Should be done by weeks end (4/12/14)
- The balance of the rectory still in bad shape. Further areas in need of repair to be reviewed as they arise.

M-29 Road Work:

- Bob D. will contact outside consultants to inspect the rectory foundation prior to & after the road work to determine the long term effect.
- During road work in 2001 the rectory & church had massive amount of dust in the buildings. Ways to minimize this should be discussed at further meetings.
- Pam M. had contacted MDOT to get information on the road expansion. She provided the Road Commission George's contact numbers if they need information on the parish concerns.

Parish council Representative:

- Pam M. will represent the LPTC at the parish council meeting May 6.

Open discussion:

- Wall with the pastor picture should be updated. Fr. Joe believes he has a picture of himself of the right size available to be frames. Jim M. to look into this item.
- Hall kitchen should have a deep cleaning to remove the odor & soiled areas from the fish fry preparation. George E. has used a company at his parish & will look at getting a quote.
- George E. distributed a list of projects initiated or accomplished since 2012 for review. Any additional items should be sent to him.
- Finance council meeting April 28.

Next Meeting: May 27 @ 7:15. Location: Parish Hall.

Meeting Adjourn and Closing Prayer at 9:00

Blue Water Vicariate Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

April 9, 2014

Attendance:

Cardinal Mooney – Ruth Cunnings

Holy Family –

Holy Trinity – Marsha Hicks, Lucy
Sebastian,

Immaculate Conception – Kathleen
Grimm

Our Lady On the River – Mary-Margaret
Tiano, Roberta (Bobbie) Ivan, Sandy
McNeely (visitor)

St. Augustine – Gerard Szczerbinski,

St. Christopher – Carol Kliemann (visitor),

St. Edward on the Lake

St. Mary, St. Clair – Tim Zobl, Kathy Stocki

St. Mary, Port Huron – Tony Paladino,

Karen Gamalski, Deacon Tim

Maxwell(visitor)

St. Mary, QOC – Larry Mavis

APC – Kym Nummer

Christian Service – Marlene Brown

D R E – Pat Isacson

Principal –

Youth Ministry –

AOD Facilitator - Deacon. Bill Kolarik

Vicar – Fr. Joe Horn

Vicar Secretary – Catherine Wullaert

AOD Regional Coordinator of

Evangelization - Kathleen Lindemann

Visitors: Joseph Nofs,

Excused: Randy Husaynu, Mary Paquette

Meeting started at 7:14 PM

Opened with prayer

Review / Approval: Minutes approved by consensus

Pat Isacson

Presented the Bible School

- Started 4 years ago
- 386 students currently enrolled
- 16 classes 13 locations
- Top Notch – education
- Intensive study focus on scripture and works on applying on everyday life
- Classes will be offered starting in the Fall of 2014 at Holy Family
- 1 Day of week
- 2 hours of homework
- All instructors have Master's degree
- \$550 a year plus book
- There are scholarships
- Credits can apply from Seminary (at an increase fee and additional tests) applies for college credit
- There are going to be a series of information nights at Holy Family
- This study covers the entire bible
- There is small group and you stay with that group throughout
- Her personal input

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- Can't say enough about the classes
- Has learned so much
- Has enhanced her walk with God much closer

Requested by the Vicariate:

- Clarity of the cost factors, especially in regards to applying this as a college credit through Sacred Heart Ministry
- Information as to if the college credits can they be applied to graduate level or only to an undergraduate level

Vicar's Report

- Presbyteral Council spent much time on the closed buildings
 - Looked at various properties
- How do we deal with funding in regards to Charter Schools
 - Monies were used to buy Power School
 - There are some bumps in the road with it but it is a work in progress.
- Ownership Committee
 - How are we going to sell this to all the Pastor
 - It looks like it will be a regional restructure of the Catholic School
 - Support for schools will be obtained from a percentage of the Parishes income. First year 1%, second year 2%.... and will be capped at 5%.
- There is no decision yet made regarding Holy Cross School
 - There has been a decision to help the school.
 - Holy Cross is looking at various fundraisers opportunities to sustain the school
 - It is being looked at as if Holy Cross closes how will that affect Cardinal Mooney
 - More positive publication regarding Holy Cross needs to be put out there
 - This will likely help assist with sparking peoples interests to help
 - More information needs to be communicated to those of the parishes of the Vicariate so that it can be promoted throughout the Vicariate
 - Need to request a Principal representative to attend the Vicariate Council
 - The Vicariate can draw up something regarding their concerns to request assistance from the Archbishop
 - The May **Drift**, (vicariate newsletter) issue, is being dedicated to the schools of the Vicariate so that they can promote Catholic Schools
 - Looking at doing this twice a year

DRE

- Presented budge for DRE's to the Vicariate for approval
- DRE's visited what Parishes are doing the Christ Life series
 - Many parishes in the Vicariate are running the program
 - The feedback is that the programs are successful and well attended
 - There is a lot of good reviews regarding the program.
- Matthew Kelly
 - There is a new Confirmation Program that is available for free
 - Thus far there has not been discussion regarding a review on the Confirmation program among the DRE's

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- It is suggested to order the Confirmation program, even if you do not want to use it entirely
 - Incorporate the parts of the Matthew Kelly Confirmation program that works with your current Confirmation program
- WIND
 - For 7th – 12th grade youth
 - Being hosted at St. Mary's in Port Huron
 - November 8th
- DRE meetings are being well attended
 - Next meeting is May 15 @ St. Stephens
- The DRE's were discussing and planning a Vicariate Event about discernment
 - Postponed until more information can be put together with sound plans to be presented to the Vicariate Council.

APC

- Report submitted:

APC Meeting Report
Submitted by Kym Nummer
Meeting Date March 10th 2014

The Archbishop opened his remarks with gratitude to the fullness of the Cathedral for the rite of accepting those who wish to join the Catholic Church this past weekend.

New Evangelization/ new Pentecost:

This is a 5 year plan to change the culture of our Diocese. Every work, every deed should be done to further the Mission of the Church which is creating Disciples.

- The Year of Prayer has started: Ash Wednesday and will go to Easter 2015
- The second year will be a Year of Formation: directed to all groups, The AoD, the parish, the priest, Eucharistic ministers, families teaching them what evangelization is.
- The third year the a Synod will be held to gather all the information that the Holy Spirit has provided to those in prayer and formation and a plan will be developed.
- The 4th and 5th years will be for follow up and implementation of the plan.

Catholic Social Charities: Next week the Archbishop will be sending out a communication about the shift in change from Catholic Social Charities to **Catholic Charities**. The shift will include direct services like adoption, marriage counseling, foster care as well as providing support for Christian Services in Parishes, and lastly to connect information and resources within the AoD.

After the Archbishop's report the APC discussed the **Implementation of the Pastoral Priorities by**

Region: Currently there is no link between APC and VPC. They are working at assigning a staff person for each mission priority and each region, as well as the regional coordinators and Bishops. A software program, Smartsheet will make tracking each region and vicariate easier is hoped to be demoed in June.

Survey of the Faithful: All 41,200 surveys results have been updated, all Parishes were represented. A survey report will go out next month, and each Parish will be sent a report.

Some overall results:

- Things your Parish does well:
 1. Evangelization-Adult Faith Formation
 2. Prayers for healing reconciliation
 3. Maintaining Catholic Schools
- Things that rated poor:
 1. Reaching out to inactive/non Catholics
 2. Engaging youth and young adults
- Parishioners are looking for:
 1. Quality worship-91%
 2. Church teachings-71%
 3. Convenient Mass Schedules-71%

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- Communication received by:
 1. Bulletin
 2. Vicariate Newsletter
 3. AOD Social media and Website

Christian Service

Marlene Brown

- Christian Service is requesting a budget from the Vicariate for Christian Service
 - Christian Service was instructed to submit a budget for approval
- Christian service is looking to support and for support to further the assistance that has been offered those who have =e Sacred Heart Rehab Center with hygiene packages
 - Many of the parishes that have been approached regarding assisting have some issues and questions regarding if the Vicariate is behind this ministry
 - The cost of the packet is \$1500 per month
 - Looking to the Vicariate and Vicariate parishes to support this ministry
 - 300 patients are released from Sacred Heart each month
 - Seeking funding, packaging, storage.....
- Seeking a letter from the Vicar addressing all the Parish Priest of the Vicariate expressing the Vicariate Council's support in this ministry to Sacred Heart Rehab
 - Requested if this letter could also be addressed and sent to all the Parish Council Chairpersons so that they can discuss at their parish council meetings
 - It was recommended that this letter also be sent to the Knight of Columbus councils of the Vicariate

Evangelization –

- Working on reviewing the Together in Faith Mission Priorities for the Vicariate
 - Reviewing the Goals and Objectives
 - Are they being met
 - Is there a need to change them
 - Looking at possible new goals
- May 9th is the next Vicariate Healing Mass which will be held at Immaculate Conception
 - Intercessory prayer
 - Mass at 7 pm with Anointing of the Sick
 - Praise and Worship
 - Confessions being offered starting at 6:30
 - Exposition after Mass

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Principle - no one present; no report submitted
Appears there is no representative at this time.
Council needs to seek representative.

Youth Ministry No one present – Randy Husaynu excused from meeting

Right to Life – no one present: no report submitted

Jail Ministry

Budget submitted

4 replacement ministers have been cleared for ministry

Female population is being seen and ministered to

No Priest have been cleared for the Female population-working on getting another priest on board to visit the prison

This will be brought up at the next Clergy meeting

Looking at the associate pastors as well

AOD Representative:

Evangelization - Kathleen Lindemann

- June 12 AOD is sponsoring a Rebuilt Conference
 - 9 am Mass and the program will run from 10 am – 3 pm
 - Cost is not known yet
 - St. Paul Albanian Church in Rochester
 - Flyer is currently under construction and should be out soon
- Sept 12 -13 there will be A Christ Life Training;
 - Dave Nodaer is being brought in to do training at SS. Cyril & Methodius to train facilitators for the Christ Life program
- May 29 – June 1st, there is a men's retreat @ St. Mary's retreat house in
- Deacon Bill and Kathleen are putting together a workshop for Evangelization which would be for the entire parish
 - This will be an interactive workshop
 - This workshop will be during the week in the evening for 2 hours and run for 3 weeks
 - It will start with a meal
- Looked at the Together in Faith Goals and Objectives
 - Adopt a format link specific strategies and meeting goal with action plans
- Healing Mass
 - Last one in November
 - Next one May 9th at I.C.

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- Highly recommended to attend
- Obtained a publicist
 - Joseph Nofs and his team has offered their services
 - Looking at having this on the Evangelization budge
 - This needs to be submitted to the Vicariate in their budget request

Together In Faith: Deacon Bill Kolarik

- There is been a lot of work on addressing many issues of the Catholic Schools and they have been and are being analyzed. Work is being done to strength the Catholic Schools
 - Schools have to be able to sustain itself
 - Catholic Schools issues are complex issue and there are many variables involve
- Working on reviewing the goals of the Mission Priorities with the Evangelization group

New Business:

- Gerard is asking the Vicariate to look for someone to take the Chairperson for the Vicariate Council for next year since his term will be up in June
 - Council Member terms will be up for various members
 - Those whose terms will be up were asked to take this back to their own Parish Councils and seek representatives for the Blue Water Vicariate Council
 - In June there will be elections to vote in Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
 -

OPEN FORUM

"Training Leadership ort Emergency celebrations"

April 30th @

Held at St. Augustine's

Sign up online on the AOD website

Faustina: Message of Divine Mercy

May 14 @ 7 pm,

Held at Holy Family Parish

Free Will offering: Call if you are coming so enough seats can be set up

"How to share your Faith" presented by Terry Barber

April 27th 1pm – 3 pm

St Christopher Church

Divine Mercy Celebrations

April 27th 2 pm – 4 pm

St. Mary's in St. Clair

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April 27th 3pm – 5 pm
Holy Family Parish

Catholic Legacy of Michigan

- Last coorespondance regarding the Catholic commercials was September 20, 2013
- Have not seen the commercials yet
- Fr. Joe and Lucy Sebastian are going to contact them for the status

Next Meeting: May 14th 5:30 PM @ Holy Family

Due to the “Faustina: Message of Divine Mercy” being on the same day as the next meeting the Vicariate Council agreed to meet at 5:30 pm to review and work on the Vicariate’s mission priorities, goals and objectives.

Hospitality: St. Christopher

**Will not be responsible for hospitality at the next meeting.
Pizza will be provided by the Vicariate**

Meeting closed with prayer at 9:20 pm

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St. Clair County Jail Ministry up-date (April 2014):

1. Ray and Mary Smogy have retired from the jail ministry after 30 years of faithful service.
2. To date we have 4 replacement ministers cleared for service within the facility
 - a. John Kowalski- Emmit
 - b. Gisela Koknor – St. Mary PH
 - c. Robert Weaver- St. Mary PH
 - d. Monika Weaver – St. Mary PH
3. The female population is now being seen by the lay ministers and the deacons. This follows the services with the male inmates.

Action items:

1. Approval of a line item in the Vicariate budget for this ministry (suggested budget below)

Proposed Budge requirements for Vicariate Jail Ministry- St. Clair County Jail				
Item Description	Description	Price/ unit	Qt	Total
Bibles - Eng	New American Bible (NABRE) Autom # 41126ROV	\$3.99	80	\$319.20
Bibles- Spanish	Dios Habla Hoy (Good News) Autom # NS 51	\$8.95	40	\$358.00
Seasonal Missalettes	Celebremos/ Let Us Celebrate 1yr subscription WLP # 006504	\$4.92	50	\$246.00
Newsprint	Michigan Catholic 1 yr subscription	\$24.00	15	\$360.00
Subtotal:				\$1,283.20
one time start up	Roman Missal Chapel Ed LTP # 978-1-56854-990-3	\$120.00	1	\$120.00
Total:				\$2,686.40
Submitted on April 9 th to the Blue Water Vicariate				

From Pat Isacson 4-14-14:

Regarding the Credits for the Bible School

The full year was 4 credits total...must be that it covers two semesters which makes sense seeing that it runs the whole year. This year the Seminary is running at about \$397 a credit hour so times that by 4 and that is about \$1,588.00 a year.

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Christian Service Proposed Vicariate Budget 2014-2015

Blue Water Vicariate Christian Service

Income: **\$0.00**

Expenses:

300 hygiene packets for Sacred Heart Rehabilitation per month which includes: towel, wash cloth, toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, shampoo/body wash, comb, deodorant, Ziploc bag, and women's hygiene products in ½ the packets.

300 packets at approximately \$4.70 each = **\$1410.00**

If each parish takes one month there are two months not covered.

To cover two months not assigned to a specific parish **\$2820.00**

Total Request: **\$2820.00**

Dear Parish Council Members,

Peace be with you.

Deacon Dennis Crimmins from Holy Trinity approached me late last October to begin a ministry at Sacred Heart Rehabilitation (drug and alcohol addiction) in Richmond Township. Deacon Dennis serves through providing Scripture Services at Sacred Heart. He wanted to provide the individuals with a hygiene packet when they left the facility. Three quarter of the clients are homeless. Sacred Heart finds a shelter for these individuals when they leave the program. Sacred Heart receives clients from all over the state and they are placed wherever a shelter can be found. These homeless individuals carry all their belongings in a single bag. Fr. Joe Horn, pastor at Holy Family in Memphis and Vicar of the Blue Water Vicariate, is in strong support of this project. He spoke about this ministry with the priests at their February Vicariate meeting and the idea has been presented to the Blue Water Vicariate. All are in support of this cause. Fr. Joe and the Vicariate decided that each church should secure the funds and provide the packets for one month. Each church would be asked to do this once every ten months. Holy Family has already supplied the packets for one month. 300 packets are needed monthly. Each packet includes:

1. Hand towel
2. Wash cloth
3. Toothpaste
4. Toothbrush
5. Floss
6. Shampoo/body soap
7. Deodorant
8. Comb
9. Ziploc bag
10. Prayer card
11. The women's packets included 10 tampons

The cost is approximately \$1400.00

Some ideas to raise funds are:

1. To ask your Knights of Columbus Councils or other organizations for a donation
2. Get Religious Education Classes to sponsor some type of giving
3. Catholic School children could pay an amount to not wear their uniform
4. Take up a special collection
5. Sponsor a spaghetti dinner or breakfast
6. Car wash

At a recent Christian Service meeting a sample packet and information regarding where the supplies were purchased was given to the CS coordinators.

I personally feel this project is something that God has called us to do. I hope you will be in support of this endeavor and do all you can to see it succeed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me @ (586)727-1696 or via email @loren_marlene@yahoo.com.

God Bless,

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