

Immaculate Conception Parish, Ira Township, MI



Parish Council — February 6, 2018 Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Meeting Time: 7:17 PM

Meeting Location: Parish Hall

Member Name	Present	Absent	Position
Fr. Joe Esper parish@iccatholic.org	X		Pastor
Deacon Ken Nowicki kgnowickid@sbcglobal.net		X	Sr. Deacon
Deacon Larry Pazkowski deaconlarry@iccatholic.org	X		Deacon, Evangelization Representative
Nicole Tomaszycski nicolembeutler@hotmail.com	X		Council Member, Chairperson (Term 2, Year 1)
Kathleen Grimm kagrimm@comcast.net	X		Council Member (Term 1, Year 3)
Bob Tharrett bobfarming@yahoo.com	X		Council Member (Term 2, Year 1)
Ted Stawiasz tstawiasz@aol.com	X		Council Member, Vice Chair (Term 2, Year 1)
Pat McGrath	X		Council Member (Term 1, Year 1)
Mary Kot skippykot@yahoo.com	X		Worship Representative
Laura Somogy guardianangelspray4us@gmail.com	X		Education Committee/Evangelization Committee
JoAnn Augustine Jaugustine30@comcast.net		X	Christian Service Rep.
Long Term Planning		X	Long Term Planning Rep.

Meeting opened with a prayer at 7:18 pm.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved with no changes.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- At last month's Presbyteral Council meeting, it was mentioned that the Archdiocese currently has no priest to spare – in other words, if a pastor became unavailable for a prolonged period, the AOD wouldn't be able to replace him. This means more parish closings or clustering's are likely in the near future, and it emphasizes the continuing and urgent need to promote priestly vocations.
- We are following up on the security training program conducted here a few weeks ago; with something similar – offered through St. Clair County – will be presented to our teachers and catechists. Also, we're waiting to see what guidelines will be provided by the AOD.
- The 36th annual Rainbow Conference for Catholic teens was held two weekends ago; 16 members of Shine, our parish youth group, participated. I concelebrated the Mass with the Archbishop, and afterwards, our group had a special photograph with him.
- Catholic Schools Week was a big success, and our upper elementary students are looking forward to the Academic Olympics on Saturday February 24.
- The next day, Sunday Feb. 25, the school will be holding a pancake breakfast and an open house.
- Thank you for the Christmas gift of a gasoline card.

FINANCE COUNCIL – Minutes attached – Fr. Joe reported.



- Copy of minutes provided.
- Review of church foundation repair, and a letter of general info to parishioners.
- Catholic Foundation of MI AOD set up to facilitate parishes to create endowments. Meeting was scheduled but was snowed out. It will be rescheduled.
- FC meeting currently to set rates for school tuition.
- Regular FC meeting will be next Tuesday.
- Letter reviewed that will be published in the bulletin.
- Bid process will be reviewed and updated.
- Fr. Joe addressed that the TV's get used quite a lot in the course of meetings, studies, etc.
- Robert Tharrett stated that he will be happy to take questions to the FC to get answers.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Worship Commission – Minutes attached – Mary Kot and Fr. Joe reported.

- This past Sunday we had five older children make their First Communion at the 12 noon Mass. At a school Mass a few weeks earlier, we had two 2nd graders make a Profession of Faith; by becoming Catholic, they'll be able to make First Communion with their class in May.
- World Marriage Day will be observed this weekend, with a renewal of wedding vows for married couples at all the Masses
- Also this weekend, the Boy Scouts will be present at the 10am Mass.
- On Ash Wednesday there will be Masses at 9am and 7pm, and services at 7am and 12 noon.
- Beginning that week, on Friday Feb. 16, Eucharistic Adoration on the Fridays of Lent will last until Benediction at 6:30pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7pm.
- One of our three candidates for full communion was received into the church early due to health reasons; this special Mass took place on Saturday Jan. 27.
- The other two candidates for full communion will take part in the Rite of Election at the Cathedral on Saturday Feb. 17.
- The next Mass of Reparation will be on Monday, Feb. 19.
- We've begun the process of discussing how the Sunday Mass schedule will need to be revised if and when it's no longer possible to arrange for weekend Mass assistance.

Christian Service Commission - No report. Laura Somogy reported

- Fireproof had 62 people in attendance - \$620 was made and was split with ½ going to St Vincent de Paul and ½ going to Shine High School Youth Group.

Education Commission/SAC – Minutes attached – Fr. Joe.

- Strategic planning has had two meetings since the orientation meeting. Last night they completed several objectives. The next meeting will be looking at the NCEA benchmarks for Catholic schools – trying to get a better handle on them in order to incorporate them into our strategic plan.

Long Term Planning – Minutes attached -- No report.



- Last meeting for the LTP committee was Jan. 16.
- LTP along with the Finance Council will look into replacing lower el doors this summer. The main entry was our Changing Lives Together final project. No money remains in CLT, so the LTP is looking to see if we have the funds to complete this project. There are issues concerning festival that will impact the project – the door must not be out of commission during the festival so timing is a critical issue.
- In the rectory basement, in an unheated corner – old vestments were stored. Mary Kot and Carole Gilmore went through all the vestments and determined which were worth saving and which were not. The recently decommissioned bathroom in the rectory has been converted to a closet/storage area, so this are will now be used to store the vestments in a better climate. The older, more traditional vestments are being kept.

Stewardship Commission – No minutes – Laura Somogy.

- Discussed the bookmarks for Christmas.
- Stewardship discussion.
- Possible Easter Egg hunt on Easter.

Parish Life – No meeting until January.

Vicariate Pastoral Council (VPC) – Fr. Joe reported.

- Ongoing discussion of Unleash the Gospel.
- Beginning the process of vicariate budget. All areas are submitting their budget request.

Evangelization – Minutes attached -- Deacon Larry and Laura Somogy.

- Divine Mercy potluck dinner after the prayer service.
- Calling inactive parishioners and welcoming them back.
- Are you “App”istolic will be held this weekend after Sunday Masses, helping folks install Catholic apps. Formed will be on one of the TV’s so people can check it out.
- Coffee House will be this Saturday – doors open at 6:30 events begin at 7 pm. Free will offering.
- September 22 – 26 – New Evangelization Mission. Deacon Ralph Poyo.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

OPEN FORUM:

St. Catherine in Algonac on Thursday night at 6:30 will host a talk on Human Trafficking and what to look for.

A sign-up sheet for Eucharistic Adoration during Lent will be put out in church so people can sign-up for a time.

Question – Is it possible to open the gym during Lenten Fish Dinners for families with small children?

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Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:12 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Amy O’Gara

Immaculate Conception Finance Council Minutes
Special Tuition Meeting
February 6, 2018

1. Opening Prayer— Robb Gafa opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:20 p.m.
2. Attendance: Gordon Birgbauer, Robb Gafa, Paul Sattler, Bill Gilmore, Jean Corbat, Theresa Austin, Bob Tharrett, Bob Clancy, Don Robinson, Therese Wolak Guest: Principal Larry Ricard Fr. Joe briefly stopped in after Parish Council meeting
3. The School Mission Statement:
 - a. Immaculate Conception School promotes (a/an) **Caring Catholic community, Home for the active mind, Respectful, responsible citizens for a global society, Individual love for life-long learning, Strong value-based academic curriculum, Trust in the Word of God**
4. Extensive discussion and questions regarding registration, tuition and how much and type of discounts currently in place, the following recommendations were made:
 - a. Begin requiring \$250.00 registration fee per preschool family, mirroring the registration process and discounts currently in place
 - b. Increase the one child tuition rate by \$100, from \$4,200 to \$4,300
 - c. Increase the Kindergarten tuition rate by \$300, from \$3,000 to \$3,300
5. Don Robinson motioned that the above recommendations be made, Bill Gilmore seconded and motion passed.
6. Next meeting date – Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. (after Mass)
7. Closing prayer at 9:40 p.m.



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WORSHIP COMMISSION

Meeting Date: March 1, 2018

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM

Meeting Location: Parish Hall

Title	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Chair	Fr. Joe Esper	X		
Vice Chair				
Secretary	Mary Kot	X		
Members	Pat Austin	X		
	Laura Somogy	X		
	Sandy Kott	X		
	Paul Sattler		X	
	Mike Mytinger	X		
	Eliana Hogarth			X
	Deacon Ken Nowicki		X	
	Deacon Larry Paczkowski		X	
	Cindy Janisse			X
	Rene Meldrum			X
	Carol Gafa			X
	Jeff Wooten			X
	Ted Staweiasz			X

Meeting opened with a prayer at: 6:35pm

Minutes approved: January 25, 2018 approved by consensus.

Fr. Joe's Report:

- As mentioned last month, Mary Kot and Carole Gilmore have been working very hard sorting out, repairing, and cleaning the old vestments stored in the rectory basement. This process has been completed, and these vestments are now stored in a newly-cleaned and painted storage room upstairs in the rectory.
- Following the free trial of the on-line resource *FORMED* (which ended February 16), our parish has taken out a one-year subscription, which any parishioner can log-onto and use. (The access information has been appearing in the bulletin.)
- Each year, the gift we've been giving out for Christmas and Easter has been a book from Dynamic Catholic. However, this time for Easter we're looking at giving out something that promotes *FORMED*—perhaps an information card, a “certificate”, or something along those lines.
- Last Monday the Finance Council held a special meeting to listen to a presentation by the CEO of the Catholic Foundation on the possibility of starting a parish endowment. No decision will be made anytime soon, but this possibility is being considered.
- Because we have no catechumens this year (but only three candidates for full communion), we are not having the RCIA scrutinies during the Sundays of Lent;



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also, we're using the Cycle B readings (instead of those from Cycle A), which are especially appropriate for the catechumenate.

- As announced in the February issue of *The Drift*, and also the March issue (which comes out this weekend), we have three Blue Water Vicariate communal penance services scheduled for Lent.
- We've also scheduled the Faith Formation Lenten Penance services for next Monday, and the services for the school students next Thursday.
- Two sets of the Stations of the Cross have been scheduled for the school students.
- On Friday March 9, Fr. Stephen Pullis, the Director of the Office of Schools and Catechesis, will concelebrate the school Mass that morning, and will preach to the students.
- When the new Roman Missal came out in 2011, the parish purchased two copies: a smaller one for use at weekday Masses, and a larger one for use on the weekends. This larger one is quite heavy, and some of the altar servers have had difficulty holding or carrying it. Recently a scaled-down version of the Missal has been created: the Book of the Chair, which instead of containing all the prayers, only has those read at the presider's chair (not those needed at the altar). As soon as I saw this, I ordered one for the parish, and it's been in use for the last few weekends. It's only about half the weight of the full Missal, and so it's popular with the servers.

Reports & Updates

Music: The "brass" has been lined-up for Easter and Pentecost and the choirs are preparing their music for that glorious season.

Art & Environment: No representation. Fr. Joe asked Carole to remove the gold drape from the altar area, which she did, so the decor would be more in union with the harshness of the Lenten season.

Liturgical Ministries: Fr. Joe is trying to "plant the seed" for the altar servers to become lectors; this past weekend three of the servers did speak about the School Open House and did a fine job of it.

Sacristans: No report. No representation.

Ushers: Mike has another possible recruit as usher, a parishioner gave a verbal commitment. We will be getting an IC logo for jacket for new usher George Grobbel from a different source since there is no availability from the former one.

Altar Linens: No report.

Loving Hands: Our volunteers are a dedicated group of people and always work hard with joy to make our church shine. Thanks and much appreciation to Mike Mytinger for servicing our broken vacuum cleaner. We will be using the change collection to purchase an industrial type vacuum cleaner for the church; research needs to be done as to various types and costs.

Upcoming Liturgical Events

This will be covered under New Business.



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Old Business:

Security: We are looking into purchasing some sort of door lock that could be activated in case of emergency for the school. A training program called *ALICE* through St. Clair County was recently held for the school staff presenting additional measures of safety. During Faith Formation the front door of the school will be locked with a person at the entrance to let in late-comers. AOD has sent out a survey to the parishes to see what they are doing regarding church and school security.

New Business:

Holy Week and Easter: Same schedule as past years. Additional confessions times will be scheduled.

Palm Sunday: Blessing of palms in grotto before 10am Mass and Procession; weather permitting.

Holy Thursday: Morning Prayer 9:00am. Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm, followed by Adoration in parish hall until 12 midnight.

Good Friday: Morning Prayer 9:00am. The actual Service will begin at 2:00pm until about 3:30pm. Then Stations of Cross until 4:00pm. This works out well to coincide with the Children's Journey which is from 1-4pm. Tenebrae at 7:00pm.

Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer 9:00am. Blessing of Easter Baskets 9:15am and 4:30pm. 12 noon RCIA ceremony. 1-1:30pm practice for altar servers. Easter Vigil at 8:00pm.

Easter Week: Divine Mercy Sunday, Service will begin at 2:30pm with Deacon Ken presiding; confessions will be heard during this time.

Monday, April 9. Annunciation Mass. The actual feast day is March 25th, but cannot be celebrated that day because it falls on Palm Sunday this year; it also cannot be celebrated during Holy Week or Easter Week either, so it is transferred to the Monday after Divine Mercy.

Respect for the Eucharist: A parishioner found a Eucharist on the ground after Mass last Sunday and it was obvious it had been in someone's mouth. The Eucharist is being handled respectfully, dissolving it in water, and we are trying to find the person who did this sacrilegious act. Fr. Joe Esper plans to speak about this at all his Masses this weekend and Fr. Joe Gagnon also will speak about this at his Mass.

Items for Future Discussion & Open Forum

Laura asked if there was anything else for the calendar for April; Confirmation April 20, Friday, 6:30pm.

Meeting Closed: Meeting closed at 7:15 pm with prayer.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 17, 2018

Next Meeting Time: 6:30 pm

Next Meeting Location: Parish Hall

Minutes prepared by: Mary Kot, Secretary

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2018 CHRISTIAN SERVICE MEETING

OPENED WITH A PRAYER

ATTENDANCE: THERESA FIELDS, SUE HULL, LAURA S., CAROL G., SHARON, JOANN

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2018 MEETING

ROSARY MAKERS – WILL MEET AFTER MASSES THIS SUNDAY

FUNERAL LUNCH REPORT – NO FUNERAL LUNCHESES

COFFEE/DONUTS THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH AFTER ALL MASSES

LITTLE WAY LADIES – LITTLE WAY LADIES – CAROL GAWEL – EPIPHANY PARTY GREAT SUCCESS, COOKING DEMO HAD 38 PEOPLE ATTEND - \$240 WAS DONATED FOR A GIFT FOR 1ST COMMUNION KIDS – SUGGESTION OF GETTING A WIRELESS MIC FOR FAITH FORMATION, THEY ARE PLANNING A VISIT TO THE DIVINE MERCY CENTER, WED., APRIL 11 AT 10:30 AM. NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 19TH

CAROL GAWEL – PURCHASED SCAPULARS FOR 1ST COMM. KIDS AS WELL AS MIC FOR FAITH FORMATION WITH MONEY FROM COOKING DEMO. VISIT TO DIVINE MERCY CENTER WILL BE APRIL 4TH NOT 11TH. NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 19TH. MAY PLAN A BUNCO NIGHT IN APRIL OR MAY.

LIFE ISSUES COMMITTEE – VISIT MADE TO BLUE WATER PREGNANCY CENTER

DINNER/MOVIE – DINNER AND A MOVIE – LAURA – MOVIE FIREPROOF WAS SHOWN – REALLY LIKED IT. ACHATZ CATERED A ROAST BEEF DINNER – 62 PEOPLE ATTENDED - \$620 WAS MADE (\$310 WENT TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AND \$310 TO SHINE) NO DINNER/MOVIE DURING LENT – SUNDAY, FEB. 25TH FOOTPRINTS OF GOD WILL BE SHOWN AFTER NOON MASS WITH SOUP/BREAD, ETC. FOR LUNCH

LAURA – ON APRIL 21ST “CASE FOR CHRIST” MOVIE WILL BE SHOWN. LUNCHESES ON TWO SUNDAYS TOTALED 34 PEOPLE EACH – MONEY COLLECTED \$330 WHICH WILL GO TO LAND OF PEACE. PLANNING AN EASTER EGG HUNT ON EASTER SUNDAY IN THE GARDEN AREA

SENIOR GROUP – MARY SPILAK – NUMBERS ARE DROPPING FOR THIS EVENT. NEED MORE ADVERTISING IN LOCAL PAPERS AS WELL AS ANNOUNCEMENT IN CHURCH – MARY HAS WONDERFUL PRIZES – ONLY \$2 PER PERSON, COFFEE/TEA AND SNACKS SERVED

CHARITY POKER REPORT – JANUARY POKER MADE A PROFIT OF OVER \$4,000 FOR CSA. FEB. 19-22ND AGAIN MADE A PROFIT OVER \$4,000 FOR CSA

ST. JOSEPH LAYETTE COLLECTIONS DUE THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH – SORTING ON MONDAY, MARCH 5TH AT 9 AM IN PARISH HALL

NEW BUSINESS:

I.C. SCHOOL IS HAVING A FUNDRAISER SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD – PICASSO’S PLAYGROUND – THEY HAD THIS LAST YEAR AND WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL - PROFIT GOES TO THE PLAYGROUND

BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE SUNDAY, MAY 6TH – PAM FOOTE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THIS EVENT

I.C. FESTIVAL CHAIRPEOPLE HAVE STARTED MEETING. THIS WILL BE ELLEN VERNIER'S LAST YEAR SO THE WORD IS OUT THAT WE NEED PEOPLE TO STEP UP AND VOLUNTEER. FIND A PARTNER AND TEAM UP

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH

NEXT COFFEE/DONUT SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 20, 2018

(Meetings are held in the Parish Hall after the 6:30 PM mass from September thru June on the third Tuesday of the month.)

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:05 pm.

Attendance:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Committee Chair:	Randy Proctor	X		
Secretary:	Michael Nagrant	X		
Evangelization Liaison:	Deacon Ken Nowicki		X	
Evangelization Liaison:	Deacon Larry Paczkowski	X		
Members:	Kathleen Grimm	X		
	Tina Kovalcik		X	
	Barbara Nagrant	X		
	Amy O"Gara		X	
	John O'Gara	X		
	Jim Polcyn	X		
	Diane Polcyn	X		
	Tammie Thelen		X	
	Laura Somogy	X		
	Herman Hook		X	
	Carol Gawel	X		
	Eliana Hogarth		X	
	Guest			

Previous meeting minutes: We reviewed and accepted the minutes.

Old Business:

- The Devine Mercy Sunday Pot Luck Polish Dinner after the 3PM service on Sunday, April 8th is now confirmed. We will need to formulate a process to call inactive parishioners and invite them as well as asking them for prayer requests.
- There will also be a Devine Mercy Center Tour happening on April 4, 2018. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss this opportunity. Details will follow in another mailing.
- There is a drive to collect \$13 per person for any folks who would like to donate toward hygienic packets that the Sacred Heart Rehab Center in Richmond provide to those in need. Please consider donating to this fund. Details are in the "Spotlight".
- A seminar on Divorce is now being planned by Tina and her committee. More to follow on this.

- The last Dinner and a Movie "Fireproof" was very successful and donations received were approximately \$620. These proceeds will be split between the SHINE youth group and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Thanks, Laura and Ray for the great job in organizing these events!
- The Little Way Ladies Society's Cooking Demonstration was also a great success. Everyone attending had a great time, and hinted that they would like to see another one of these soon. Donations yielded \$240 after covering the cost of the event, with Chef Mark and his wife Camille donating some of their earnings back to the LWLS, reducing the overall cost! We thank them for a wonderful time, and please support "Little Camille's" in downtown New Baltimore whenever you have the craving for some delicious food! We also send out a special "Thank you" to Carol and the group for organizing this evening! The proceeds are going to help cover the cost of Mass books and Scapulars for our First Communicants as well as a microphone for the Faith Formation group.
- The "Are you App-ostolic?" event was also a good experience. Many of our parishioners took the opportunity to load Catholic apps onto their devices, and they appreciated the help. Thanks Alex, Laura, and the SHINE group for all the work they put into making this happen!
- The Fish Fry Dinners for lent will be starting on Friday, Feb 23rd and will occur weekly thru March 23rd. A sign-up sheet for staffing the evangelization table is out. Please sign up for this wonderful opportunity to spread the "Good News"!
- As a group, we offered to use a portion of our budget to cover the cost of gifts for the Confirmation Class this year. Carol will work with Tina to make this happen.

New Business:

- There will be a major Parish Retreat next year hosted by Deacon Ralph Poyo. The scheduled dates for this event is Sept 22-26, 2018. Here is the agenda planned:
 - Day one (Sunday Evening). "Are you in or just playing?"
 - Day two. "Are we committed to truth or lies?"
 - Day three. "The transforming life of the Holy Spirit"
 - Day four. "Becoming an authentic disciple of Jesus Christ.:"
- Deacon Larry is planning for a presentation entitled: "How to Read the Bible." This will happen sometime after the Parish Mission.
- Following that event, Randy also suggested a 6-8 week bible study which covers the big picture of the bible entitled: "Timeline: Adam to Jesus"
- The draft of our next year budget was sent to Gordon Birgbauer on 2/23/2018 for consideration. We are awaiting the status of this budget after Father Joe and the Parish Council reviews it.
- The group is now considering planning a Saint Patrick's Day celebration for the 2019 calendar year. Stay tuned...
- Randy brought in some St. Michael Chaplets for the group, and these will also be available at our table during the Fish Fry events.
- We will have our table present for the School Open House on Sunday February 25, 2018.
- Kathleen suggested that maybe we should look into a special parish mission designed for the younger folks in our parish.

- We also discussed a powerful You Tube video series called "Lizzie's Answers" that Father Tomek called to our attention. Lizzie is a very spirited 23 year old girl that is converting to Catholicism, and she has a fresh and exciting way of talking about her journey. Please share this with the young people in your life. It might make a difference! Here is the internet link:
 - <https://churchpop.com/2018/02/19/major-protestant-youtube-star-announces-her-conversion-to-catholicism/>
 - More of her videos are also located at: <http://lizziesanswers.com/>

Action Items:

- **Deacon Larry and Deacon Ken** were in discussion about creating a lead evangelization team that will facilitate the calling of inactive Parish members to inform them of the Devine Mercy Sunday events, as well as our upcoming parish retreat. Deacon Larry will report out on this at the next meeting so we can begin planning for these events.
- **Mike** will send out sign up sheets for the Fish Fry table coverage, the school open house, and the Devine Mercy Center Tour.

Financial Report for Account #5340 (Evangelization Committee Budget):

- Initial budget amount was \$5920
- Balance available after funding the Formed program, replacement SPSE materials and lighthouse media CDs is now \$1968.57.

The meeting ended at 8:17 PM with prayer.

The next meeting is planned for March 20, 2018 in the Parish Hall.

Minutes were prepared by Michael Nagrant. mnagrant@comcast.net



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Group Name: Education Commission

Meeting Date: February 13, 2018

Meeting Time: 7:15 p.m.

Meeting Location: I.C. Parish Hall

Title	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Chair	Tina Kovalcik	X		
Vice Chair				
Secretary	Diane Vigneron	X		
Member	Pat Phelan		X	
	Diane Polcyn	X		
	Laura Somogy	X		
	Larry Ricard		X	
	Bryant Sebastian		X	
	Anna Vigneron		X	
	Claire Toupin			X

Meeting opened with a prayer at: 7:15 p.m.

Minutes approved: Yes

Old Business: Faith Formation times: Discussed the pros and cons of changing the current day and times for Faith Formation next year to best meet the needs of the families. Enrollment is dropping and there are many conflicts with sports schedules for the 7th and 8th grade students. A parent meeting will be held on February 26 to get parent input. Surveys will be given to parents. Parents will state preferences. Further discussion to take place once parent feedback is received.

New Business: Discussion regarding the cancellation of Faith Formation due to inclement weather. Currently Faith Formation is cancelled if Anchor Bay closes school. This year Anchor Bay closed school early and by late afternoon the roads were fine. It was voted to automatically NOT cancel Faith Formation if Anchor Bay closes school due to inclement weather. Parents will be notified by noon if Faith Formation is to be cancelled. This policy will go into effect immediately. A letter will be mailed home to parents stating this change.

Parish Mission: Education Commission's involvement in the planning of the September mission will be determined once the Evangelization Committee decides what help is needed from the Education Commission and Parish Life.



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Bible Study: Commission members are asked to review the offerings on FORMED for the next Bible Study.

Finance Report: None

School Report:

- Met with Finance Council to discuss tuition rates. Finance Council proposed to aid school with grants and marketing. Discussion to take place at the next Finance Council meeting.
- Open House is February 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Organizations have been invited to aid in relationship bonding of Parish and community outside of the school: DLS, Austin, CMC H.S., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, I.C. Parish Life, Au Lac K of C. Discussion followed on whether Evangelization and Faith Formation, Divine Mercy Canticle, the Little Way Ladies and the Dinner and a Movie group should also be represented.
- March is Reading Month. Jonathon Rand, author of the Michigan Chillers series, will present to school during the second week.
- Book Fair is the second week of March
- Science Fair is Thursday, March 15

Faith Formation:

- Two students made a Profession of Faith in January
- One adult came into Full Communion in January
- Rite of Election for RCIA candidates is February 17th at the Cathedral. Their retreat is March 24.
- The 7th grade retreat had to be rescheduled to March 17th due to inclement weather.
- Bible Study on Mary has 56 people registered. Forty-four are attending weekly and the others are studying online.
- The Grief Support group offered on Tuesday afternoons has 6 attendees.
- A one year subscription to FORMED has been purchased and is available to all parishioners. Amy has set up the URL which is www.iccatholic.formed.org. From there each person will set up their own login and account. The discounted price was \$1604.00
- The Baptism preparation program is being revised. We will now use FORMED's REBORN baptism prep program. The program has gotten good reviews from attendees.
- Our Lenten series "A Lent to Remember" will begin on March 7 and will run four consecutive Wednesday's until March 28. The series is on FORMED.
- Second graders celebrated First Reconciliation on February 1.
- A parent meeting for the second graders who wish to celebrate their First Holy Communion will be Feb. 27. First Communion pictures are March 17.
- Lenten Penance - Faith Formation students will celebrate on March 5 and IC School students will celebrate March 8.
- Department Heads will attend a mandatory security training on Feb. 26.



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Youth Ministry (SHINE)

- **Rainbow** - 16 teens attended as well as a handful of college alumni helping out with CYO. Good discussions were held about the conference and speakers at the regular meeting on Feb. 11. All teens that attended felt it was worth going and they each got something different out of it.
- **"APP"ostolic Event** on Feb. 11 went very smoothly. A lot of compliments were received about the teens being very helpful with the app installations. It would be good to offer this event again later in the year for those who missed out. It was good to have the teens visible and helping with the congregation.
- **Subiaco Retreat** is March 9 - 11. Seven spots have been reserved. We are going as a collaborative retreat with 6 other youth groups, so spots are limited. Seniors and juniors were given first opportunity to attend. Funds that were donated from the Dinner and a Movie group will help the teens pay for the cost of the retreat.
- **Steve Angrisano** will be coming in April. The Blue Water High School Youth Ministers along with Distinguished Speaker Group from St. Mary's Port Huron is sponsoring him for one night. The event will be open to teens and to the public. Steve is an amazing national speaker and musician. There will be a flyer on him and the event in the bulletin soon.
- **SHINE** is looking at a new end-of-the-school year fun event this year. Rather than do Cedar Point, we plan to do a day at the ballpark, utilizing the new Jimmy Johns Field. We are looking to see if any other youth groups in our Vicariate are interested in joining in. This is still in the planning process.

Divine Mercy Centicle

- **February 18th** lunch and movie about St. Anthony of Padua following the noon mass. The movie is on **FORMED**.
- **February 25th** lunch and movie "Footprints of God: Mary the Mother of God" following the noon mass.
- **March 11th** lunch and movie "Conversion Story of Donald Calloway" following the noon mass.
- Still looking for a date for the bus trip to Our Lady of Consolation in Ohio. Sometime during the Easter Season is a possibility.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 12 (combining with Parish Life)

Next Meeting Time: 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting Location: IC Parish Hall

Minutes prepared by: Diane Vigneron



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LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday February 27, 2018 –Un-Approved - Rev 1

Attendees: ☐ Father Joe Esper ☐ Jim Haase Ron Vigneron ☐ Jim Mattina
☐ Bob DeBusschere ☐ Jeff Wooten ☐ Dennis Cyr Robert Clancy
☐ Gordon Birgbauer

Call to Order / Opening Prayer

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

Jim Mattina led the group in an opening prayer

School Mission Statement was read by all

Meeting minutes from the January 16, 2018 was reviewed & approved as written

Church Repair Update:

- Interior & Exterior wall repair:
 - Bob D. reported the repair to the inside wall completed.
 - The exterior work will have to be done by an outside contractor. This work should be finished in the spring. Bob D. to contact Hosbeke for a price

Gymnasium Update:

- Bob D. reported that (1) HVAC unit needed the thermostat replaced.
- Committee recommended trying a section of wall to foam fill brick cavities. Jim H. to contact the vendor to try this option on the 32ft of the south west wall.

Parking Lot Water Drainage:

- Robert C. reported most if not all of this work will be done north of our main entrance off church road. We may want to look at doing some possible re-working of that entire area at that time,

Rectory:

- Bob D. looked at siding around the building but piece in questions was missing before it could be secured.

Church Security:

- Second training session on Church Security was held at Ira Township office
- The result was to look at adding a way to secure the classrooms in the event of a compromised security situation. One recommendation was to add a cleat the adjacent wall & train student on how to use it. Bob D. & Jeff W. was going to look into other options.

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Open discussion:

- LTPC will need to do some serious pothole patching after snow melt and temps moderate.
- Robert C. would be willing to supply the cold patch delivered to IC. Bob D. will schedule when.
- LTPC will be looking at repaving our parking lots. In Robert C. estimation we may get another year or two out of them if we monitor the potholes and patch them promptly.
- Robert C. has assisted in getting the campus parcels combined into one property code.
- **Bob D. & Jim H. commented on a safety issue with the Church balcony rail. By code, the top rail should be extended to a height of 42" A.F.F (Above Finished Floor). Jim H. volunteered to look at a decorative option as to not take away from the beauty of the church interior.**

Parish Council Representative:

Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday March 6, 2018 after 6:30 Mass

LTPC Representative: Robert Clancy

Next Meeting: March 20, 2018 after 6:30 Mass

Meeting Adjourn and Closing Prayer at 8:19 pm

Immaculate Conception Stewardship Un-approved Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2018

Present: Eliana Hogarth, Cindy Janisse-Spear, Pam Mertes, Laura Somogy, Ray Somogy, Nicole Tomaszycski
Excused: Anni Adkins, Daisy Paluch

Meeting began with Prayer at 11:20am.

Current Business

- Easter Egg Hunt was discussed as to date and time (4-1-18)
- We discussed why we would want to have an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter
- Laura to fill out Building usage form. She has already mentioned it to Tina and at the last Parish Council Meeting.
- The event would take place at 9:15am and over by 9:50am.
- Components would be: Short Story of how Jesus' death and resurrection connect symbolically to the Easter Egg and hunting for them. No more than 5 Minutes.
- Directions on where to find the appropriate egg Hunt. Tiny tots-grotto and pre-schoolers-grotto, K-2nd playground that is closest to church lot, 3rd-5th school playground. Returning to the Hall, they will collect their prizes and Easter Craft to take with them.
- We would like to invite our Evangelization team to have a SPSE table set up with at least some medals, cds, etc. for any adults that may be interested.
- Budget for the whole event would be no more than \$100.00
- Pam and Nicole will work on prizes and an appropriate craft
- Our primary goal would be to reach out to families with this welcoming and faith filled activity.

Bookmarks were discussed.

- We decided to keep pulling out any Christmas ones that are found and recycle them.
- We thought we wouldn't do an Easter Book mark this year.

Kids Bags

- Children are enjoying them. Parents appreciate the thoughtfulness.
- It has been noticed that there have been times that all have been "checked out" during the 10am Mass
- They do need more frequent cleaning out though. Rotate items and possibly disinfect.

Time, Talent and Treasure

- Pam to ask Father about doing either a Tri-fold or insert over a span of 3 weeks, focusing on Time, Talent and Treasure.
- Each component would have a description, ways to get involved in the Parish and possibly a personal testimony.
- Each insert could be on a different color paper.

Joyful Missionary Disciples: A Steward's Response Workshop-March 6th

- Pam and Laura are registered to attend. Eliana also possibly attending.

Next meeting set for March 8th at 11:15am in the Parish Hall.