

# Immaculate Conception Parish, Ira Township, MI



## Parish Council — March 6, 2018 Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Meeting Time: 7:15 PM

Meeting Location: Parish Hall

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

Meeting opened with a prayer at 7:17 pm.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved with no changes.

### PASTOR'S REPORT:

- At yesterday's Presbyteral Council meeting, a report was given on the newly revamped CSA, which has been in effect for almost a year now. The Archdiocese of Detroit still raises more in this type of collection than any other diocese in the country (including those larger than Detroit), and last year the amount of the average gift increased – but the rate of participation continues to fall; this is a concern the AOD is continuing to address. On-line giving has increased greatly, plus the average on-line gift is higher than the average gift given in the more traditional manner. (This is important because the majority of Generation Y and Generation Z *only* give on-line.)
- The figures have been sent out to each of the BWV parishes regarding next year's school support plan. I.C. will be donating \$30,4690 and getting back \$39,509.
- In regard to a possible capital campaign to benefit Catholic education, a report was given at yesterday's Presbyteral Council meeting. As noted on the summary sheet, all the pastors have been interviewed, along with many lay leaders. There is support for some sort of capital campaign, but a strong sense that more preparation needs to be done before it occurs. The final decision as to whether to conduct such a campaign hasn't been made yet; this will likely occur this summer or fall. If a campaign takes place, two things are definitely known: there will be a direct tie-in with the New Evangelization (growing out of Synod 16 and the pastoral letter), and all parishes will have to support Catholic education in some manner.



- As announced a few weeks ago, the loose change collection for the time being will be applied to purchasing a new, industrial-strength vacuum cleaner for the church, and then a new refrigerator (which will go to the parish hall and allow the one currently there to be transferred to the maintenance garage).
- The school's open house (held Sunday February 25) was well-attended and may have resulted in several new school families next year.
- Our students did well in the annual Academic Olympics held the previous day at St. Augustine in Richmond.
- The school's Science Fair will be held on Thursday March 15.
- This past Saturday the PTC held the art auction called "Picasso's Playground" for the second time; it seems to have been successful.
- The school strategic planning process is continuing; the committee held another meeting last night.
- Confirmation interviews are taking place. This year's Confirmation class has 47 8<sup>th</sup> grade students (from school and Faith Formation); Bishop Battersby will preside at the ceremony on Friday April 20.
- As you've heard, our parish has purchased a subscription to *FORMED*; information on how to access it for free has been printed in the bulletin.
- Instead of giving out a book from Dynamic Catholic as an Easter gift this year, we are looking instead at doing something which informs our parishioners (especially the twice-a-year Catholics) about *FORMED*.

**FINANCE COUNCIL** – Bob Tharrett reporting – minutes attached.

- CSA report on goal vs pledges from the AOD.
- Report on the special tuition meeting held February 6, 2018.
- The AOD's audit of our cemetery finances has been completed; all the figures have been reconciled or confirmed to the satisfaction of the Archdiocese.
- A special meeting was held a week ago to listen to a presentation by the CEO of the Catholic Foundation, which was established a year ago to assist persons wishing to make large gifts or bequests to parishes or to other Catholic institutions. One of the things the Foundation focuses on is helping parishes establish their own endowments for various purposes. The Finance Council is considering whether it would be advantageous for us to create one or more endowments for designated purposes; this would be appealing to parishioners wanting to make a legacy gift (that is, one that won't be spent right away, but will continue to benefit the parish for years to come). The Finance Council is continuing to explore this possibility.

**COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**Worship Commission** – Fr. Joe and Mary Kot reporting – minutes attached.

- The old chasubles have been cleaned and repaired and stored in the rectory.
- The planning for Holy Week and Easter is complete. One benefit we'll have this year is that Deacon Larry will be available to assist us throughout the week (and he is planning on singing the Exsultet at the Easter Vigil).
- Deacon Larry is also assisting with the Friday evening Stations of the Cross; he and I are alternating from week to week.
- Two experiences of the Stations of the Cross have been scheduled for the school students.



- Yesterday the Lenten penance services for the Faith Formation students took place; similar services for the school students will be held this Thursday.
- The first of our Blue Water Vicariate communal penance services will be held this Thursday at St. Augustine in Richmond at 7pm; the dates, times, and locations of the other two services have been published in the bulletin and in *The Drift*.
- Our next Mass of Reparation will be on Monday March 19 – the feast of St. Joseph.

**Christian Service Commission** – JoAnn Augustine reporting – minutes attached.

- There were no funeral lunches for the previous reporting period.
- Cooking Demo was a great success – they purchased a wireless microphone for the Faith Formation program.
- The last Dinner and a Movie showed *Fireproof* – 62 people were in attendance with a total donation of \$652.
- *The Case for Christ* is the next Dinner and Movie.
- The numbers for the I.C. Seniors Club are dropping, we are working on bringing up the attendance.
- Charity poker in January made over \$4,500 and in February made over \$4,000.
- The St. Joseph Layette program had a record year! We totaled over 34 layettes.
- The next I.C. Blood drive will be May 6.
- Coffee & Donuts is schedule for April 15.

**Education** – Laura Somogy reported – minutes attached.

- A parent meeting was held to discuss Faith Formation changes for next year.
- Snow closure policy will be changed for the next program year.
- Science Fair and Book Fair will be held March 15.

**Long Term Planning** – Fr. Joe reported.

- School Security – see old business.

**Stewardship Commission** –

- The Stewardship Commission will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday morning.
- Joyful Missionary Disciples Workshop at the seminary was attended by members of our Stewardship Commission and it was determined to be a very worthwhile event.

**Parish Life** – Meeting scheduled April 11, 2018

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

- Majority of the meeting used to discuss the vicariate budget for the coming year.
- There is a Clergy Meeting scheduled for next Tuesday.



**Evangelization** – Deacon Larry reported – minutes attached.

- Lots of brainstorming ideas for future plans for the Evangelization Committee. Noting concrete at this time.
- Discussion about the is coming up in September Parish Mission with Deacon Ralph Poyo.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Our CSA target for the coming year will be \$85,174 – an increase of \$2,440 from last year, and the second-highest quota we've ever had. However, we shouldn't have any trouble meeting it, since we exceeded last year's quota (\$82,734) by almost \$40,000. (Some of that money was given instead of Christmas donations, so as to lower the overall figure used in calculating our CSA.) This year's CSA begins the weekend of May 5-6.

CSA last year the CSA was revamped to make the formula more equitable going forward. In 1982 almost 50% of all households contributed to CSA, that has now declined.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Security – Not too much new to say about the church, Clay township police will be attending our Easter Masses.

Police officers have come and given security recommendations for the school in light of the security conference the staff attended.

All of the teachers and parish staff took part in A.L.I.C.E. training (**A**lert, **L**ockdown, **I**nforn, **C**ounter, **E**vacuate) provided by St. Clair County Sheriff's office.

The school will be holding drills on more situations, more than just fire and tornado.

**OPEN FORUM:**

The plaque that was dedicated to Fr. Paul, our former pastor, has been found and hung in the school.

Cleaning bill for the vestments presented to the K of C. Hopefully will be covered by the group.

Recruitment drive for K of C.

**Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:50 pm**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 1, 2018 (No meeting in April due to Easter falling on April 1.)

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted:** Amy O'Gara

Immaculate Conception Finance Council Minutes  
February 13, 2018

1. Opening Prayer– Father Joe opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:15 p.m.
2. Attendance: Father Joe, Paul Sattler, Bill Gilmore, Theresa Austin, Bob Tharrett, Bob Clancy, Therese Wolak  
Guest: Principal Larry Ricard
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. The special tuition meeting held February 6<sup>th</sup> was briefly reviewed. After discussion on the potential negative perception of implementing a \$250.00 registration fee for preschool or calling it a “Non- Refundable Deposit”, the Finance Council concluded that the end result would be the same and would leave the final determination up to Larry. Larry will meet with preschool teacher to hear her concerns.
5. Larry related two events the school Marketing Committee has established: Baptism “Anniversary” cards are sent to all children baptized for three years, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders send cards to pre- schoolers expressing excitement for them to join the Immaculate Conception School using one of two scripts.
6. A school strategic planning process has begun and is expected to be completed by June. A pair of parents from each grade will be asked for their expectations as part of this process.
7. Jean suggested that Robb Gafa’s email published in the Spotlight directory should be the Finance Council, not his business email address.
8. Regarding current year funeral lunch reporting, Therese will reach out to JoAnn Augustine to schedule a meeting to review.
9. The Profit and Loss statement discussion of questions was tabled. Theresa requested the Finance Council receive separate statements for the Church, School and Faith Formation. Therese will try to run.
10. The Church accounts balances and the CSA status report was distributed. Bob Tharrett suggested these reports would be of interest to the Parish Council. These will be provided to the Parish Council for their next meeting.
11. Paul Sattler moved that the minutes previously emailed be accepted. Bob Tharrett seconded and motion passed.
12. Father Joe reported that Angela Maloney’s Catholic Foundation of Michigan presentation will be rescheduled for Monday, February 26, 2018 from 6 – 7 p.m.
13. Next meeting date – Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. (after Mass). Subsequent meetings will be:
  - a. Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:15 p.m.
  - b. Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:15 p.m.
  - c. Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 7:15 p.m.
14. Closing prayer at 8:45 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FROM APRIL 10, 2018 CHRISTIAN SERVICE MEETING

OPENED WITH A PRAYER

ATTENDANCE: LAURA, CAROL G., CAROL M., SUE HULL, CATHY F., JOANN

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2018 MEETING

SUNSHINE LADY – DEBI HAUER – CARDS SENT SINCE JAN. B-DAY (20), GET WELL (6)

MARY'S GARDEN – MARY KLEIN IS ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF ANNUALS FOR THE GARDEN. THEY CAN BE BROUGHT ON MOTHER'S DAY

ROSARY MAKERS MET AFTER MASSES ON SUNDAY – NEXT MONTH COFFEE/DONUTS THEY WILL HAVE A BAKE SALE

FUNERAL LUNCH REPORT – THREE FUNERAL LUNCHES (BALFOUR, RUDOLPH AND BOUCHER)

HANDCRAFTER'S MEET ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAYS – THEY WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS OF WHERE THEY COULD SEND THEIR GUILTS AND BLANKETS – IF ANYONE HAS ANY IDEAS

COFFEE/DONUT SUNDAY – APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> – ANNA AND YOUTH GROUP WERE AVAILABLE TO SET UP "FORMED" APP ON PARISHIONER PHONES

LITTLE WAY LADIES – BUNCO PARTY WILL BE PLANNED IN MAY, "BLUE MASS" IS SUGGESTED AND POSSIBLY HELD NEXT OCTOBER, SUGGESTION OF EPIPHANY CONCERT AND PARTY BE MERGED INTO ONE EVENT AT PARISH HALL, CROSSES, PRAYER CUBES, BRACELETS AND PINS WERE PURCHASED FOR LENTEN JOURNEY AT A COST OF \$260

DINNER AND MOVIE – MOVIE "CASE FOR CHRIST" WAS ATTENDED BY 65 PEOPLE AND \$545 WAS EARNED TO HELP WITH EXPENDITURES RELATED TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ST. JOSEPH LAYETTE PUT TOGETHER 34 LAYETTES. THEY WERE DELIVERED TO CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. RECEIVED A VERY NICE THANK YOU NOTE

NEW BUSINESS:

BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE SUNDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> IN PARISH HALL FROM 8 AM TO 1 PM

I.C. FESTIVAL MEETINGS ARE CONTINUING. WATCH BULLETIN. THANK YOU TO ALL THE LADIES THAT SHOWED UP TO STUFF ENVELOPES FOR FESTIVAL TICKETS – WE HAD APPROX. 20 LADIES

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 1 PM IN PARISH HALL

NEXT COFFEE/DONUT SUNDAY – MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> – ROSARY MAKERS BAKE SALE



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, Ira Township, MI

**Group Name:** Education Commission

**Meeting Date:** April 11, 2018

**Meeting Time:** 6:30 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
	Lori Wilkins	X		

Meeting opened with a prayer at: 6:30 p.m.

Minutes Approved: Yes

**Old Business:** The Faith Formation survey will be shut down on April 23. A decision as to times and days Faith Formation will be offered next year will be made shortly after. The results will be emailed to commission members.

**New Business:** (This part of the meeting was combined with the Parish Life commission.) The Parish Mission in September was discussed. Discussed how the Leadership team will be decided. Sign-up sheets for the various roles that will be needed were distributed.

## School Report

- As requested from the Archdiocese of Detroit, a strategic planning committee has been formed. The committee consists of 2 I.C. parishioners, 2 St. Mary parishioners, 2 school advisory members, 2 teachers, Father Joe and Mr. Ricard has been meeting every two weeks to discuss strengths and weaknesses. The committee will conclude in June and publish an executive summary to be shared with the I.C. community and the A.O.D.



## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, Ira Township, MI**

- The 6th grade visited Cleaners to help box/pack food items for the needy.

### **Youth Ministry (SHINE)**

- Youth Ministers and teens were attending the Steve Angrisano, a national speaker and musician, event along with the other Blue Water High School Youth Ministers and the Distinguished Speaker Group from St. Mary's Port Huron.
- Still looking into a new end of the school year event. A day at Comerica Park for a Tiger's game and mass downtown is a possibility.
- SHINE helped at the "APP"ostolic event on April 15th from 9 - 11:30 in the Parish Hall.

### **Faith Formation**

- The second 6 week Grief Support began April 10 with 3 in attendance.
- First Communion workshop was April 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. The focus was on "Jesus is the Bread of Life." Children will make bread and share. The children made their First Communion banners.
- There were 3 baptisms this month.
- Confirmation was celebrated April 20 with Bishop Battersby. There were 50 candidates.
- April 24 was the parent meeting for 7th grade parents and students who wish to be confirmed next year. Approximately 41 candidates are expected.
- RCIA inquiry was held April 8. Six people were interested One will begin adult confirmation and will hopefully celebrate on Pentecost Sunday.
- On May 3, St. Elizabeth convent will be selling religious articles during the day to help support their orphanage.
- May 5 is First Communion There will be 2 masses: 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. There are 30 communicants.
- May 6 is the parish May crowning immediately following the 10:00 a.m. mass.
- May 11 is the school May crowning.
- Bryant Sebastian put together an on-line survey for potential Faith Formation times for next year. The last survey did not receive enough response to be conclusive.
- Faith Formation is now signed up with REMIND 101 to help communicate with parents.
- Still looking into offering an active shooter program for catechists. A minimum of 30 people are needed for the program to take place.





## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, Ira Township, MI**

- VBS will be June 18 to June 23. This year's theme is "Splash Canyon". It is a Ligouri program. Help is needed in advertising and securing catechists.
- Deacon Larry will be conducting a book study on "Why We're Catholic" every Wednesday from May 9 to June 6.
- Discussed the evangelization resource "Kerygma 4 Kids"
- "Called and Gifted" will be offered on Saturday, June 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence Parish.

### **Divine Mercy Cenacle**

- Divine Mercy Cenacle continues to meet the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- The Divine Mercy Sunday event was greatly received.
- Our bus trip to Our Lady of Consolation will be June 13.

**Next Meeting Date:** Due to summer vacation, the commission will next meet in September.

Minutes prepared by: Diane Vigneron

## EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 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 7:09 pm.

### Attendance:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Committee Chair:	Randy Proctor			
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 Divine Mercy Sunday Pot Luck Polish Dinner will be held after the 2:30 PM service on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. We will calling inactive parishioners to invite them.
- There will be a Devine Mercy Center Tour happening on April 4, 2018. Participants have been notified of the details.
- A seminar on Divorce is now being planned by Tina and her committee. More to follow on this.
- As a group, we offered to use a portion of our budget to cover the cost of gifts for the Confirmation Class this year. At this meeting we selected a cross as the gift.
- 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 five week presentation by Fr. Trent Horn entitled: "Why We Are Catholic." This will happen in May on Wednesday evenings.
- The draft of our next year budget was sent to Gordon Birgbauer on 2/23/2018 for consideration. We are still awaiting the status of this budget after Father Joe and the Parish Council reviews it.

### **New Business:**

- The group is now considering planning a Saint Patrick's Day celebration for the 2019 calendar year. Stay tuned...
- Kathleen suggested that maybe we should look into a special parish mission designed for the younger folks in our parish.

### **Action Items:**

- Call Sheets were distributed by Laura to members at this meeting to call and invite people to the Divine Mercy event. We also need more help from other members to make all the calls necessary. Please consider volunteering to do this.
- We need to develop a mission statement for our team, and we are asked to think about this so we can formulate one at our next meeting.
- We need to plan for a possible special Pentecost coffee house event that might include a talk presented by Fr. Patrick Gonyeau.

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

- Initial budget amount was \$1968.57.
- \$148.60 was retrieved from the CD donation box and will be deposited into our account.

The meeting ended at 8:11 PM with prayer.

### **The next meeting is planned for April 17, 2018 in the Parish Hall.**

Minutes were prepared by Michael Nagrant. [mnagrant@comcast.net](mailto:mnagrant@comcast.net)

## Prayer & Intercession Team

### Immaculate Conception Parish, Ira Township, MI

**Meeting Date:** April 24, 2018  
**Meeting Time:** 7:10 pm  
**Meeting Location:** School (Teachers' Lounge)

Title	Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Member	Tina Kovalcik		X	
Member	Deacon Ken Nowicki		X	
Member	Diane Vigneron	X		
Member	John Ignatowski	X		
Member	Denise Ignatowski	X		
Member	Marylou Smith	X		
Member	Laura Somogy	X		
Member	Amy O'Gara	X		

Gathering opened with prayer at: 7:15 pm

Did not have a song for this gathering but discussed options for future gatherings.

The group agreed that each of us trying to pray at a coordinated time each day would not work for our group because of the diversity of schedules.

We reflected and discussed the readings for this coming Sunday, April 29 – (John 15: 1-8).

Open discussion on how our first month has progressed. Addressed where we saw problems and shared encouragement on progress and thoughts of the ministry thus far.

Referred to page 3 of the AOD's *Prayer and Intercession Team Manual* about praying aloud and power of the spoken word. "whoever invokes the name of Jesus is welcoming the Son of God who loved him and who gave himself up for him." Discussed silent prayer vs. how God also wants us to speak out in praise, thanksgiving and worship to Him.

We prayed over the May intercessions and committed to pray for them every day during the month of May.

We prayed the *Holy Spirit Prayer* to close the meeting.

Next gathering schedule for May 31, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall.

Notes compiled by: Amy O'Gara

## **Little Way Ladies Society Meeting Minutes**

Monday, April 16, 2018

IC Parish Hall

The meeting began with prayer at 9:30 AM

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Title	Name	Present	Absent
Committee Chair:	Carol Gawel	X	
Secretary:	Barbara Nagrant	X	
Members:	Laura Somogy	X	
	Mary Kot	X	
	Lila McClintock		X
	Cindy Janisse-Spear	X	
	Joan Abele	X	
	Sandy Kott	X	
	Eliana Hogarth		X
	Sandy Stawiasz	X	
	Tina Kovalcik (Guest)	X	

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The Divine Mercy Center Tour on April 4, 2018 was enjoyed by all that attended. Carol shared with the group that she had a very special and positive experience at this event.
- Thanks to Cindy for the delicious blueberry snack cake at today's meeting!
- Thanks to Carol for printing us copies of the Prayer of Authority.
- A special thank you goes to all the ladies who stayed over to assemble the bags for the First Communicants!
- There will be no Bunco party on May 9<sup>th</sup>, due to other educational programs being conducted on that date. Future date to be determined later, perhaps June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- We need to prepare with Deacon Larry for the Deacon Poyo mission coming up on Sept. 23-26.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A cooking demo is tentatively planned for either the first or the fourth week in October. Due to more cooking room needed, this one will be held in the cafeteria.
- Tina joined in our meeting today to help plan a "Blue Mass". We are inviting all active and retired police, firefighters, and EMS Technicians from Ira Twp., New Baltimore, Chesterfield, and Clay twp. Tina asked our group to host this event on either October 28 or November 4. Uniforms would be optional. It was suggested that Fr. Joe give the

Blessing for this event. The last time this event was held there were 15-18 honorary participants.

- We are looking for volunteers to support our Perch Festival Car Show on July 13.
- We are still looking for the right date for our Advent Tea later this year.
- There was an appeal at our meeting to have us attend the Called and Gifted Program at Saint Lawrence Catholic Church from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Cost is \$25, and this includes lunch.

**Financial Report:**

- \$226 Balance

The meeting ended at 10:40 AM with prayer.

**The next meeting will be on Monday, May 14 at 9:15 am.**

**May the Holy Spirit guide our group.**

(Respectfully submitted by Barbara Nagrant.)



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday April 24, 2018 –Un-Approved**

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

**Call to Order / Opening Prayer**

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

Ron V. led the group in an opening prayer

School Mission Statement was read by all

Meeting minutes from the March 20 was reviewed & approved with a correction

**Church Repair Update:**

- Bob D. & Ron V. plan to repair the outside brick work once the weather stays nice. Robert C. stated that acid should not be used on the limestone for cleaning.
- Jim H. will get a firm quote on the additional balcony railing to bring it up to code. The committee will also look for additional quotes.
- The committee will look further into securing the stairs to the balcony. Joe Whitnight to be contacted for suggestions.

**Gymnasium Update:**

- Bob D. reported the gym is HVAC units working correctly now.
- Changing out the LED lights in the gym – will be removed from discussion until currents units start to fail.
- Committee experimented with filling 32' of the block wall with a foam fill. Jim H. & Bob D. to coordinate. Monday April 2 is the proposed day. The test area will be monitored during the rainy season but initial inspection shows it does work at filling the block.
- The walls should be repainted this year. Wall preparation will have to be evaluated.

**Rectory:**

- Bob D. will get a price for a security system for the rectory

**Parking Lot Water Drainage:**

- Robert explained to the committee the repairs needed on the drain. There is a basin in the corner of the hall which will be used to correct the blockage. There will be some ramp rework needed. Robert C. to get quotes.

**School:**

- Main entrance slab rose slightly during the winter and has not returned to the original location. Option would be to add a drain between the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> slab to drain any standing water away or add a foundation under the entire front entrance area. TPG to look at these or any other option to correct this.
- LTP Committee will continue to look at replacing the Lower Elem. doors. Bob D. to get an updated budget from TPG.

## **LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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### **Campus Security:**

- Jeff W. has completed the installation of the sliding locks class rooms and other offices in school.
- Father Joe was commended on being proactive in getting the campus security underway by local Enforcement. The AOD has not completed their recommendation but we are ahead of the discussion.

### **Open discussion:**

- Robert C. stated the parking lot approach is in bad shape & will look into the cost to repair or replace.
- Dave Furtah will be attending the meeting as the interim Business Manager.
- Bob D. has the filemaker software & and IMac from the school to finalize the cemetery plot data base
- Joe Whitenight while cleaning up the St. Mary's Cemetery found the property markers. This find gives the property approx. 50 additional feet of usable land.
- The playground equipment by the garage was determined to be unsafe and removed.
- The committee should look into relocating the (4) picnic tables by the kitchen area to the new playground area. Further investigation is needed.

### **Parish Council Representative:**

Next Parish Council Meeting May 1, 2018

LTPC Representative: Jim Mattina

**Next Meeting:** May 29, 2018 after 6:30 Mass

**Meeting Adjourn and Closing Prayer at 8:45 pm**



Immaculate Conception Stewardship Meeting March 8, 2018  
11:15am

Present: Jacqui MacKenzie, Cindy Janisse- Spear, Eliana Hogarth, Pam Mertes, Laura Somogy

Opening Prayer: Pam

Opening statement given by Pam that Stewardship is drawing people closer to Jesus. Pam shared some of the points from the topics she attended on Monday.

Easter Egg Hunt

- Approval was given

- It was discussed in greater detail

- 1st Component: Introduction and story, instructions In the Hall

- Un-used Festival of Ministries Bags to be used by placing Easter Stickers over Festival of Ministries.

- They will be given a bag to collect there eggs in.

2nd Component: Hopefully, the Easter Egg Hunt will be outdoors.

- There will be 3 areas (Pre-school-Grotto, K-2 grassy area between Parish Hall and Rectory, 3rd-5th Playground by the Parking Lot). -3rd-5th Grade will have a special challenge of spelling Jesus' Name by finding eggs with a letter of His Name marked on them. -Kindergarten-2 will have special Noah's Ark Eggs to look for, among the regular Hunt.

3rd Component: Prizes in the Hall

- Collect plastic eggs

- Prizes will be based on the number of plastic eggs collected.

- There will be a prize table for each group (to speed process of everyone coming in at the same time, along with keeping prizes more age appropriate).

Volunteers

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Meeting concluded

Joyful Missionary Disciple: A Steward's Response, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, March 5th, 2018

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The hospitality was generous, abundantly packed cheese cube tray, veggie tray with a bowl of dip, tray of crackers, cans of pop, ice water, coffee and tea

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Laura and Eliana attended: Welcoming and Hospitality  
Our Presenter was fabulous and gave us a copy of her power point.

- The importance of hospitality in every area of parish life.
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- Hospitality moves parishioners to a sense of belonging

#### Graciousness

We went over how to win friends and influence people by Dale Carnegie

#### Smile

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#### Suggestions

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The effort placed forth at this time, to reach out to the grieving family with sincerity and love has tremendous potential to transform the occasion into an "Opening of a door", where they may have felt one just closed.

Greeters at the entrances of Churches. Set up teams of people, who are willing to do it once a month (for example, some groups to ask would be: Evangelization, Little Way, Knights of Columbus, Stewardship, Christian Service, Parish Families). The idea is different groups take a weekend once a month and welcome people at the doors of church. They also made a bag up of items for greeters to possibly have with them. In the bag was an umbrella, ice scraper, bottle of

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Ushers-safety oriented, could also be greeters but primary focus would be safety and keeping everything moving.

#### Welcoming new families

Ideas to review

Phone call new families

Follow-up letter from the Pastor

Welcome Postcard (information it might state: upcoming events, a person to call(walk with them). Maybe that person could meet them for Coffee and Donuts or at Mass once a month.

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