

Immaculate Conception Parish, Ira Township, MI



Parish Council — September 4, 2018 Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Meeting Time: 7:15 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		Deacon
Deacon Larry Pazkowski deaconlarry@iccatholic.org		X	Deacon, Evangelization Representative
Laura Somogy guardianangelspray4us@gmail.com	X		Council Member, Chairperson (Term 1, Year 1)
Kathleen Grimm kagrimm@comcast.net	X		Council Member (Term 2, Year 1)
Bob Tharrett bobfarming@yahoo.com	X		Council Member (Term 2, Year 2)
Ted Stawiasz tstawiasz@aol.com	X		Council Member, Vice Chair (Term 2, Year 2)
Mary Kot skippykot@yahoo.com	X		Worship Representative
JoAnn Augustine Jaugustine30@comcast.net	X		Christian Service Rep.
Rotating representative		X	Long Term Planning Rep.
Jean Corbat	X		Finance Council Rep.

Meeting opened with a prayer at 7:15 pm.

No minutes for the June meeting and potluck dinner.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- I am no longer vicar of the Blue Water Vicariate; that role is now being filled by Father Sal Palazzolo, pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Port Huron.
- We will be hosting the first vicariate clergy meeting of the new school year on Tuesday September 11.
- Our Perch Fest was successful this past summer; we don't have final figures, but the profit should be approximately \$41,000. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered.
- My summer adult education course was "An Introduction to Catholic Apologetics;" about 45 persons attended each of the four sessions. There was also a fifth session on evangelization, conducted by Deacons Ken and Larry.
- Two dead trees were taken down over the last few weeks: a small one by the garbage dumpster, and a much larger one in-between the garage and the parish hall parking lot. The bottom ten feet of the larger one is still there; the plan is to have the chain saw artist carve that into a set of praying hands (possibly in November).
- Over the summer some upgrades occurred in the school, including new carpeting in three of the upper elementary classrooms, and new window shades in all the rooms (thanks to an anonymous donor). Also, the PTC raised funds for a new swing set, which will go next to last year's new playscape north of the gymnasium. When the swing set arrives, it will be dedicated after one of the school Masses.
- School began today, and there was a special 9 am Mass to mark the beginning of the school year. Our enrollment is 157 (127 in K-8th grade, and 30 in preschool).



- Next Monday, September 10, we will be hosting a presentation for parents called “Passing on the Faith: A Practical Look at Passing on the Faith to Future Generations.” Given by a speaker from the Archdiocese, it will be held from 6:30 – 8pm in the parish hall.
- This Thursday I will assist at the installation of the new K of C officers.
- ALICE training (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) will be held next Wednesday, September 12, from 6 – 9:15 pm in the parish hall.
- SHINE will resume meeting on Sunday September 16 at 6:30 pm. Donna Haase is now our parish youth minister (Anna and Mike Vigneron having “retired” after twelve years in this role). SHINE will be helping at the parish mission.
- Catechetical Sunday will be held September 16, with a commissioning and blessing of catechists at the 10 am Mass.
- Faith Formation begins the next day – Monday September 17.
- This year’s RCIA inquiry will be held next Sunday; the RCIA sessions begin on Sunday September 30.
- We will host a “Protecting God’s Children” workshop on the morning of Saturday September 22.

FINANCE COUNCIL – Jean Corbat Reporting – no minutes.

- The 2016 / 2017 finance report has been completed and balances. It will be published in *The Spotlight* within the next few weeks.
- The 2017 / 2018 report should be completed shortly and will also be published in *The Spotlight* a few weeks after the previous report.
- Our CSA target has been met.
- The AOD is proposing a capital campaign for Catholic education – we will be asked to be exempt from this because of our cooperative effort in the Blue Water Vicariate to support Catholic education.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Worship Commission – Fr. Joe Reporting.

- The choir is resuming its musical ministry and gearing up for a new year.
- One of our young altar servers volunteered to give her own short testimony as to why she enjoys serving, as part of an effort to recruit new servers. She will be speaking after the announcements at each Mass this Sunday.
- Training for new altar servers begins on Saturday September 29 (the first of three consecutive Saturdays).
- On Wednesday August 22 – the feast of the Queenship of Mary – a scriptural Rosary was prayed in church; approximately 70 people participated. We’ll be doing something similar this Saturday, September 8 – the feast of the Birth of Mary – with a scriptural Rosary, and Eucharistic Adoration, at 7pm.
- After the 4:30pm Mass this Saturday, and after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, I’ll be offering an informal tour of the sacristy for interested parishioners (something I did once before about five years ago). Those who come to the tour Saturday, if they’re planning on staying for the Rosary, can go over to the parish hall during the interval between the two events and get something to eat (if they RSVP by tomorrow).



- On Friday September 14 – the feast of the Triumph of the Cross – there will be a special Mass of Reparation for Sins Against God’s Children at 7 pm; I’ll be offering it in response to the recent stories highlighting the ongoing sexual abuse scandal.
- Thursday October 4 at 2 pm Fr. Joe will be blessing pets for the feast of St. Francis.
- The Michigan Chamber Chorale will be performing an Advent and Christmas concert here at I.C. once again, on Saturday December 8 at 7 pm (something they’ve done here for the last few years).

Christian Service Commission – JoAnne Augustine Reporting – no minutes.

- The Mary Garden is doing great. There are several volunteers who help as they are able.
- The Rosary Makers will be meeting this week.
- Our next Coffee & Donuts will be September 16 on Catechetical Sunday.
- The Handcrafters recently published a nice column about all that they do.
- Little Way Ladies Society held a clothing drive and raised \$502 for our St. Vincent de Paul, the remaining clothing was donated to shelters and charitable organizations.
- The last Dinner and a Movie raised \$430 toward a new projector for the parish hall. The projector has been purchased and installed and ready to go for the next Dinner and a Movie. The next Dinner and a Movie will be September 8.
- October 13th after the 4:30 pm Mass there will be an outdoor rosary and bonfire.
- Life Issues – 40 Days for Life will be from September 26 to October 4.
- The Seniors will resume meeting on October 4.
- A big thank you to the Christian Service Committee members who donated many desserts for the festival dinners.
- We will again have the Baby Bottle drive beginning September 30 with the bottles being returned by late October.
- Christian Service provided a dinner to MCREST.
- St. Vincent de Paul’s Walk for the Poor will be held September 29 on Belle Isle.
- The next Christian Service meeting will be October 9 and the next Coffee and Donuts will be October 7.

Education Commission/SAC – Laura Somogy reported.

- Divine Mercy will now be meeting every other week.
- Special bibles will be purchased for the 6th grade Faith Formation class.

Long Term Planning – Fr. Joe reported.

- The parking lot will be a major focus of LTP – it needs repair / replacement.
- LTP will also be looking at lower-el upgrades.

Stewardship Commission – no meeting – no report.

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Parish Life – No meeting – no report.

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

- Father Sal Palazzolo is the new vicar.
- The meetings will be moved to the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Evangelization – Dcn. Ken reporting.

- All evangelization work is currently focused on the Mission.
- All areas of planning for the mission are staffed and working toward a successful event.
- The prayer team will be meeting regularly until the mission to pray for the Holy Spirit to move mightily during our parish mission.

OLD BUSINESS:

- CSA – We've currently been pledged approximately \$101,000 – this is nearly \$16,000 over our target.
- We will be dedicating our 100-year-old church building with a historic marker in October. This sign will not be ready yet but in order to not disrupt scheduling, we will hold the event without it.
- Unleash the Gospel - This afternoon the priests met on Unleash the Gospel.
- A plan has been put together involving a short-term campaign involving 5 groups:
 - Level 1 – Infrequent Participant
 - Level 2 – Regular Participant
 - Level 3 – Frequent Participant
 - Level 4 – Engaged Parishioner
 - Level 5 – Leadership
- A matrix has been established with dates and target items leading to a Mission Oriented Christmas, a print magazine, and website.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The letter dated today regarding our upcoming mission has been mailed.
- All took a short time in remembering Pat McGrath.

OPEN FORUM:

- A question came up about the status of the Byzantine Rite priest who was assaulted in the sacristy of his church. No further information was known.
- A request came in about having the doors unlocked on Sunday during festival for people to visit and see the church. This is certainly a possibility.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:20 pm

Next Meeting: October 2, 2018

Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Amy O'Gara

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WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2018

Present: Fr. Joe Esper, Pat Austin, Laura Somogy, Ted Stawiasz, Sandy Kott, Eliana Hogarth, Cindy Janisse, Mary Kot. Absent: Dcn. Ken Nowicki, Dcn. Larry Paczkowski, Rene Meldrum, Mike Mytinger, Jeff Wooten, Paul Sattler. Excused: Carole Gafa.

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:30 pm.

Minutes of May 17, 2018 approved by consensus.

Fr. Joe's Report

- As of July 1, I am no longer vicar of the Blue Water Vicariate; Fr. Sal Palazzolo of Holy Trinity Parish in Port Huron) is now filling this role.
- The Archdiocese has been considering a \$220 million capital campaign to benefit Catholic education (schools, faith formation programs, adult education, and continuing studies for priests). Because of our school support program, the Blue Water Vicariate is requesting to be exempt from the campaign, if it happens. The Archbishop will make a final decision whether or not to proceed this October.
- My adult education class this summer, "An Introduction to Catholic Apologetics", was fairly-well attended, with about 45 persons for each of the four sessions. A fifth and final session, conducted largely by Deacon Ken and Deacon Larry, addressed the topic of evangelization.
- Our parish CSA was again successful; we surpassed our target of \$85,099 by roughly \$15,000. (When we got off to a slow start, I had the up-to-date figures included in the weekend Mass announcements in hopes of creating momentum.)
- About five years ago I offered a tour of the church sanctuary and sacristy after two of the weekend Masses; I repeated this after the 4:30pm and 12 noon Masses this past weekend. About 15-20 persons took part each time.
- Last month we acquired three fans for the church sanctuary; it can become warm and uncomfortable because the air conditioning doesn't circulate there. The fans have been a considerable help.
- We have a new youth minister—Donna Haase—following the "retirement" of Mike and Anna Vigneron after twelve years of filling this position. SHINE will meet for the first time this coming Sunday evening.
- A special Rosary was offered in church on August 22 (the feast of the Queenship of Mary) and on this past Saturday, September 8 (the feast of the Birth of Mary). About 70 people attended August 22, and about 20 on September 8.
- School began on Tuesday, September 4, with a special 9am Mass; the students will be attending Mass on most Fridays, starting tomorrow.
- Tomorrow, Friday September 14—the feast of the Triumph of the Cross--there will be a special 7pm "Mass of Reparation for Sins Against God's Children". This is in response to the many recent stories regarding the clergy sex abuse scandals. Other parishes have been or are also holding special Masses or holy hours.

- Catechetical Sunday is always the third Sunday of September, so we will be observing it this Sunday, September 16; our religion teachers and faith formation catechists will be formally commissioned at the 10am Mass.
- This month's Mass of Reparation will be next Monday, September 17, at 7pm.
- Altar server training will begin Saturday September 29 at 9:30am in church (the first of three consecutive weeks). This past Sunday one of our servers gave her own testimonial in hopes of inspiring more young people to consider serving.
- The annual blessing of pets for the feast of St. Francis of Assisi will be held on Thursday October 4 at 2pm.
- Author and alleged visionary John Leary will once again be speaking here at I.C. following the noon Mass on Sunday October 7. At 4pm that day, we will be participating in the Coast-to-Coast Rosary. If weather allows, we'll process outside church while praying the Rosary (or remain inside if it's raining).
- The following Sunday, October 14, Archbishop Vigneron will be here at 2:30pm as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our church building. The Michigan Historical Marker will not be completed in time (as originally planned), but we will still have a dedication ceremony of the new flagpole and memorial paving brick plaza.
- Confirmation enrollment will be at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday October 21.
- I will be away the weekend of October 27-28; a priest from Cross Catholic Outreach will be here to cover the Masses and speak on behalf of that organization.
- The large tree taken down (next to the parish garage, and by the playground) will be carved into "praying hands" by the Chainsaw Artist, probably in November.
- The next project the Dinner & Movie Committee is raising money for is to have more of the Saints' Hymnals printed—possibly as many as 200. October money will go to SHINE.

Reports & Updates

Music: Adult choir resuming practice this week; Handbells in October. Received e-mail from Our Lady of the River inviting our choirs to participate again in a program Sunday, November 4th. Also, Michigan Chamber of Chorale has asked to again perform here at I.C. on Saturday, December 8th at 7pm.

Art & Environment: Ministry members were unable to attend this meeting but relayed the message that they would be removing the summer flower arrangements and white tulles very soon, replacing with Fall bouquets and appointments.

Liturgical Ministries: Tina tried to have a training session for Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion and Lecturers this summer. Altar Servers will have training this Fall.

Sacristans: Some of the windows in the church are not being closed tightly and this issue should be addressed to sacristans and ushers.

Ushers: No report; no representation.

Altar Linens: No report.

Loving Hands: Great group of volunteers. Our new Dyson vacuum has a malfunction problem; Mike Mytinger handling problem with Dyson; Mary will follow-up.

Upcoming Liturgical Events:

Thursday, November 1st, **All Saints Day**, Masses at 9am and 7pm.

Friday, November 2nd, **All Souls Day**. Regular Mass at 8:30am and a special Memorial Mass with candle lighting ceremony at 7pm.

Saturday, December 8, **Immaculate Conception**. Masses for this feast day will be on Friday (Vigil) December 7 at 7pm, and Saturday December 8 at 9am. This Mass on Saturday does **NOT** cover the obligation of Sunday Mass.

Thursday, November 22, **Thanksgiving**, Mass at 9am.

Old Business

None

New Business

Parish Mission: Deacon Ralph Poyo of the New Evangelization Ministries will speak at all Masses weekend of September 22-23. Mission begins evening of the 23rd through the 26th. Hospitality after each session with Deacon Poyo's books and CDs set-up and available in the parish hall. Reconciliation will not be a vital part of the mission although Fr. Joe will be available if anyone wants to go to confession. Deacon's talks will be on the parish website the week after his talks.

Unleash the Gospel: On Tuesday September 4th Archbishop Vigneron presented to all priests a "Roadmap" for the archdiocese to Unleash the Gospel. Fr. Joe outlined the timeline.

There are five levels of engagement:

1. Infrequent participant: The CEOs. Christmas and Easter Only, the twice a yearers.
2. Regular participant: On average of twice a month Mass attendees.
3. Frequent participant: Weekly attendees.
4. Engaged parishioner: Persons involved in parish (like us on Worship Commission).
5. Leadership: Clergy, Lay leaders, parish staff, etc.

November 3 and 4 is the "Unleash the Gospel Weekend"; Archbishop Vigneron will deliver a short homily at all Masses after which volunteers will ask the audience to watch a two minute video on their Smart phones. There will be papers in the church for those without Smart phones.

On Friday, November 16th the detailed plan will be presented.

The strategy will be started in January 2019.

Open Forum

Request for Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday evening. Deacon Ken will try to be available on the Tuesdays he is here (not in Florida).

Next meeting: Thursday, November 8, 2018, 6:30 pm.

Meeting closed at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Kot, Secretary



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday May 29, 2018 –Un-Approved Rev 1

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

Call to Order / Opening Prayer

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm

Father Joe led the group in an opening prayer

The New Business Manager was introduced to the Committee

School Mission Statement was read by all

Meeting minutes from the April 24 was reviewed & approved with a correction

Church Repair Update:

- Bob D. & Ron V. will set up a date on repair the outside brick work once the weather stays nice.
- Jeff W. suggested fundraising ideas on the additional balcony railing to bring it up to code. There is 2 Girl Scouts looking into this as a senior scout project. Committee will get firm quote.

Gymnasium Update:

- The foam filled experimented of the block wall seems to be successful. The area will need to be monitored for the next few months. The Foam filled area has a moisture reading of 14-18% where the balance of the area is 16-25%. The 14% range is normally what is expected.
- The walls should be repainted this year. Wall preparation will have to be evaluated.

Rectory:

- No update

Parking Lot Water Drainage:

- Robert C. **walked** the group through 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 ramp rework needed. Robert C. to get quotes.
- Repair dates to keep in mind:
 - Last Day of School June 8
 - Vacation Bible School Starts June 18
 - Festival July 13-15

School:

- Main entrance slab has not returned to the original location. Option would be to add radiant heaters to the underside of the overhang which can be turned on during the winter days to keep the area from freezing.
- LTP Committee will continue to look at options to fix this issue in future meeting. This should be done before School restarts.

LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Campus Security:

- The committee will look further into securing the stairs up to the balcony. Dennis C. passed out gate options (Attached)

Open discussion:

- Robert C. passed out parking lot repair / replacement quote for budget review. This is a project which will be looked at over the next few years. (Quotes attached)
- St. Mary's Cemetery property markers approx. 50 additional feet of usable land will have to be cleared of trees. Bob D. passed out a quote for budged purpose. Additional quotes to follow. (Quote Attached)
- Jeff W. walked the committee thru the planned location of the new flag pole as part of Reese's Eagle Scout project.

Parish Council Representative:

Next Parish Council Meeting June 5, 2018
LTPC Representative: Jim Mattina

Next Meeting: September 18, 2018 after 6:30 Mass

Meeting Adjourn and Closing Prayer at 8:15 pm

Stewardship
Immaculate Conception
9-10-18

Attendance: Anni Adkins, Pam Mertes, Daisy Paluch, Laura Somogy
Excused: Ray Somogy, Nicole Tomaszynski, Cindy Janisse, Eliana Hogarth
Prayer led at 2:37pm by Laura

Old Business:

- Easter Egg Hunt was added to the Parish Calendar and approved at their calendar meeting.
- Bookmarks will be replaced as needed in the hymnals on Monday, September 24th

New Business:

Stewardship Folders for Children:

- Our Stewardship Commission will create folders on Stewardship, which will be appropriate for children in Pre-school through 2nd grade at Immaculate Conception School, and present them to Mr. Ricard. These will be similar to those that are in the Children's Activity Bags for use during Mass
- New, larger identification tags will be made for our children's activity bags, with clearer instructions as to where the bags should be placed after being used

Festival of Ministry Review:

- Stewardship will prepare a survey that will be sent to chair people of our various ministries, asking them to critique our last Festival of Ministries event. This information will be used to help prepare for another event, should we deem it to be of benefit to our parish
- Follow up is critical after the event, and we realize that we need to improve that process
- We have discussed the importance of having a Strengthfinder workshop before another ministry fair event was presented at our parish. Tina is in the planning process for a Strengthfinder event
- More bulletin articles featuring various parish ministries would be welcomed

Reviewed Documents on Stewardship Commission

- Our responsibilities of the Stewardship Commission
- Help parishioners to acknowledge their gifts and utilize them.
- Collaborates with other committees to promote a personal testimony and personal invitation for others to join them.
- Creates plans to ensure all parishioners, new and current, feel they are a valuable part of the parish.
- Discussion of the importance of Lay Witnesses. Like Ms. Gottler giving her testimony about being an Altar Server.
- Discussed ways on how we can thank those who are sharing their gifts, such as praying for them and send a card saying how we see Jesus in what they are doing and that we are praying for them for fresh graces and blessings on their service

Stewardship Offertory Envelopes for Children

- Information is being compiled, and will be presented to Tina, our Director of Faith Formation, for her consideration

Video Program by LPI

- LPI has a video that we would like to use for a discussion piece at our Stewardship meeting on October 11th. It is called *The Challenge, The Choice, The Vision*, and is based on the US Bishops' Pastoral Letter, Stewardship: A Disciple's Response. It features 3 segments with small group discussion questions. This will be considered with Father's permission.

Coffee and Donuts with a featured Ministry once a month

- Discussed the importance of the 'Personal Invitation' and with Father's approval, we will be having a coffee and donut Sunday once a month (in addition to Christian Service coffee/donut Sunday), with a different ministry group invited to participate at each event. The intent is to spread awareness of our different ministries, and provide hospitality to our parishioners. Our various ministries would be invited to participate, with no out-of-pocket expense to their ministry.
- Would like to try this for the rest of the school year to see how successful it is
- Letter will be written, inviting the groups to take advantage of this opportunity, which will also include being featured as the "Ministry of the Month" in the weekend announcement
- Focus will be on spreading the faith through service and a hospitable smile
- The Stewardship Commission would supply the Donuts, Coffee, etc. and set up.
- Various other details were discussed.

Meeting ended about 4:30pm with prayer

Next meeting: October 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 18, 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 7:14 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		
	Carol Gawel		X	
	Barbara Nagrant	X		
	Amy O"Gara*		X	
	John O'Gara	X		
	Jim Polcyn		X	
	Diane Polcyn	X		
	Tammie Thelen	X		
	Laura Somogy*		X	
	Eliana Hogarth	X		
	Tina Kovalcik		X	

(*On temporary leave.)

Previous meeting minutes: We reviewed and accepted the minutes.

Old Business:

- A seminar on Divorce is now being planned by Tina and her committee. More to follow on this.
- The group is now considering planning a Saint Patrick's Day celebration for the 2019 calendar year. Stay tuned...
- We will restart our teaching segment at the start of each meeting to enhance our understanding of evangelization. The "Formed" website will be used for the study material. Please be ready to discuss Section 1 and Section 2 at the Oct. meeting. (Search for the articles entitled "Lectio: Evangelization" by Mary Healy.)

- There appears to be plans for 140 new homes in Ira Township. As this develops, we may consider a flyer distribution to see if we can reach them as new parishioner candidates.
- We started to develop a mission statement for our team, and we are asked to think more about this so we can discuss this more in future meetings.

New Business:

- A request was made to obtain some St. Michael pocket tokens for participants in the Blue Mass scheduled for November 4, 2018 at 10:00 AM, but they are currently out of stock. Perhaps use St. Michael medals instead?
- The Bonfire is now set for October 13, 2018 after the 4:30 PM Mass.
- Deacon Larry will be conducting a book study series on Edward Sri's *Into His Likeness* on Wednesday evenings (and perhaps a daytime session too?) beginning October 10 for four weeks.
- John O'Gara shared an interesting story about a woman who was seriously ill, with no source that could be determined by her doctors. Amy and her friend presented a petition to Blessed Solanus Casey for her recovery, and within an hour or two, she was notified that the illness had disappeared! This case is now being considered as evidence toward his sainthood!
- A request was made to obtain permission to host a "Night Fever" event at our church during our next Perch Festival. Deacon Larry was going to find out more about how to obtain this authorization.
- We need a representative from our group to attend the Monthly Vicariate Evangelization Meeting at Holy Family in Memphis every fourth Tuesday at 5:30 PM. We have decided that we will use a "Round Robin" approach to fulfilling this responsibility, as it would be difficult for any one of us to commit to doing it every month. At our monthly meetings, we will decide who will attend the next month's Vicariate Meeting.
- Mike Nagrant will place an order to replenish the CD rack in the back of our Church this month.
- Mike and Barbara will be gone during the month of October, so Tammie Thelen has agreed to take notes at this meeting. Thanks, Tammie!

Financial Report for Evangelization Committee Budget:

- Our 2018/2019 budget is still pending and was not approved as initially thought. Bill Pantalone is working on this now.

The meeting ended at 8:07 PM with prayer.

The next meeting is planned for October 16, 2018 in the Parish Hall.

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

Greetings Fellow I.C. Ministry Members and I.C. Staff,

As members of our parish Stewardship Commission, we are responsible, in part, for the ongoing education and commitment of parishioners to the Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure.

In the past, we have held a *Festival of Ministry* event with the goal in mind to help our parishioners grow spiritually, by finding a place to serve.

The Purpose of the event was:

- To **celebrate** the life of the parish – its mission, ministries, diversity and character.
- To **inform** parishioners of the different ministries/programs available
- To **spur interest** in making a commitment.
- To **educate** parishioners about what is going on in their parish (even if they do not volunteer) so that they feel better about their parish, make them more inclined to support it, maintain their membership and grow from using some of the services.

In our effort to promote Stewardship and reach our goals, we seek your input for future planning. Please help us by answering the following questions regarding the *Festival of Ministry* event.

1. Name of your Committee/Commission/Ministry
2. If you participated in the *Festival of Ministry* event, did it meet your goals/expectations
3. If your ministry did not participate in the last Festival of Ministries festival, please share the reason
4. If you did participate, how was the event from both the ministry leaders' and attendees' point of view
5. Were there problems with contacting all parishioners who signed your volunteer sheet
6. Do you think that the Festival of Ministries helped in obtaining volunteers, and if so, are they still active in your ministry
7. Is your ministry currently in need of additional volunteers
8. Would your ministry be interested in participating in another Festival of Ministries?
9. How do you think we can improve the event
10. Please share any ideas that you may have as to how the efforts of Stewardship Commission could potentially assist your Ministry, and/or that of our parishioners

11. Do you have any suggestions regarding our bookmarks for the hymnals, and/or the activity bags we have created for our families to use during Mass

The answers we receive will help us focus on how the Stewardship Commission can serve our brothers and sisters in the parish.

You may respond via email at, stewardship@iccatholic.org , or place in an envelope marked “Stewardship”, and drop it off at the parish office. Thank you for responding promptly.

Respectfully,

I.C. Stewardship Commission