

# 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 <a href="mailto:parish@iccatholic.org">parish@iccatholic.org</a>                    | X       |        | Pastor                                       |
| Deacon Ken Nowicki <a href="mailto:kgnowickid@sbcglobal.net">kgnowickid@sbcglobal.net</a>         | X       |        | Deacon                                       |
| Deacon Larry Pazkowski <a href="mailto:deaconlarry@iccatholic.org">deaconlarry@iccatholic.org</a> |         | X      | Deacon, Evangelization Representative        |
| Laura Somogy <a href="mailto:guardianangelspray4us@gmail.com">guardianangelspray4us@gmail.com</a> | X       |        | Council Member, Chairperson (Term 1, Year 1) |
| Kathleen Grimm <a href="mailto:kagrimm@comcast.net">kagrimm@comcast.net</a>                       | X       |        | Council Member (Term 2, Year 1)              |
| Bob Tharrett <a href="mailto:bobfarming@yahoo.com">bobfarming@yahoo.com</a>                       | X       |        | Council Member (Term 2, Year 2)              |
| Ted Stawiasz <a href="mailto:tstawiasz@aol.com">tstawiasz@aol.com</a>                             | X       |        | Council Member, Vice Chair (Term 2, Year 2)  |
| Mary Kot <a href="mailto:skippykot@yahoo.com">skippykot@yahoo.com</a>                             | X       |        | Worship Representative                       |
| JoAnn Augustine <a href="mailto:Jaugustine30@comcast.net">Jaugustine30@comcast.net</a>            | X       |        | Christian Service Rep.                       |
| Rotating representative   |         | X      | Long Term Planning Rep.                      |
| Jean Corbat   | X       |        | Finance Council Rep.                         |
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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-8<sup>th</sup> grade, and 30 in preschool).



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- 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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