

**Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for September 24, 2022**

Vision Statement:

Immaculate Conception Church will be the vibrant expression of the Risen Christ in sacred worship and through loving service.

Mission Statement:

We live Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Gospel, by celebrating the Eucharist, by nourishing our faith, and by loving and serving all God's people.

Attendees: Julie Bowling, Judy Chmielenski, Dennis Hobbs, Fr. John McGee, Matt Simms, Angela Zomback

Excused Aaron Bean

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2022
Time: 8:30 AM to 11:30 PM
Location: DeSales Faith Formation Center

Father John asked Arron Bean to act as Chairperson for PPC. Matt Simms volunteered for the Vice Chair position and Judy Chmielenski will be Recording Secretary.

This is the Executive Board which meets with Father on TBD dates to set the Agenda for the next meeting.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS

We discussed and approved these dates for the year ahead.

Date	Prayer	Refreshments and Set-Up	Clean UP
November 12, 2022	Julie Bowling	Matt Simms	All
February 25, 2023	Dennis Hobbs	Arron Bean	All
May 20, 2023	Angela Zomback	Julie Bowling	All

The following are descriptions of each task listed above

Prayer: Please send to the recording secretary (Judy) 2 weeks in advance of the meeting so it can be included with the agenda and attachments; Can be read aloud as a group or read in parts. You can be creative with this.

Refreshments: Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Plan for 7 people at the meetings. Coffee will be provided.

Setup/Cleanup: arrive 20 minutes prior to the start of the meeting; make coffee; make sure meeting room is open and ready. Help afterwards with cleanup, taking out trash, leaving the area cleaner than we found it.

**Note* Saturday, January 28, 2023--LEADERSHIP MEETING OFFSITE
8:00 to 2:00(off site)**

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Fr. John shared how the diocesan retreat went and that the bishop encouraged an increase in interactions among parishioners before liturgy. This is something Fr. John has always encouraged, and our parish has realized a significant increase in the feeling of “parish family” as a result. One element of our parish is so many parishioners are involved.

Fr. John would like to have a video on special liturgies i.e. funerals, so new members can experience how they are experienced at ICC.

A discussion on bringing back “name tag” Sunday’s which we hope to begin again. To those PPC members who have not experienced this event we reviewed the experience. This is simple social event where parishioners can experience interaction among each other.

Review of the Homecoming Event: included the fact that Stewardship Booklets will be on the Commission tables where those interested can sign up. This information will be scanned into a system making it easier to provide commission heads with contact information for their calls.

There will be pony rides, a DJ, bouncy house and a tent with tables for each commission. Each chairperson will be required to pick up their tri-fold board and make any necessary changes. They will be given a date when they must be returned so they are available for the set up.

Father then showed council members the boards which are stored in a closet in the Brisson Center. He explained how the committee boards are organized by commission.

Selected members of each committee will be wearing a color coordinated shirt with “ask me about...” their specific committee printed on the shirt. In this way attendees can identify a committee member if they have questions. There should be 2 committee members at their table throughout the event.

Every commission lead is encouraged to have an assistant who can step in for whatever issue needs to be handled. This also opens more opportunities for parishioners to become involved,

Parishioner active in each ministry learn more about their parish and their faith.

With regard to not just the Homecoming Event but to any event on the property, our insurance requires us to call 911 any time someone on the property has a fall. A first aid kit will be available at the event.

Lord God, you alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of every human life. We praise you and we thank you for your great power and your tender, faithful love.

Everything we are and everything we have is your gift. After having created us, you have given us into the keeping of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love, that in His Spirit, we may be bonded together in a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people.

In the Name and Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent, and our material gifts as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of Discernment

Dear Loving Lord,

Please be at my side when I am making decisions.

Teach me to open my mind and see with my heart.

Help me, dear Lord, to discern the path, even if it seems strange, that will lead me to You.

By F.K. Forbes, McKenna Stewardship Ministry