

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

#### MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 13, 2025

**Date:** Saturday, December 13, 2025  
**Time:** 8:30 AM to 10:50 AM  
**Location:** DeSales Faith Formation Center

#### **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:**

Fr. John McGee, Chair: Matt Simms, Vice Chair: Julie Bowling, Caroline Paulhus, Michael LaBruno, Susan Taylor, Gina Drost, Marie Marshall.

The meeting was presided over by Matt Simms.  
Opening Prayer led by Michael LaBruno

#### AGENDA ITEMS:

#### **Faith Formation Growth Opportunities discussion with Gina Drost and Marie Marshall:**

Family sign ups for faith formation have remained consistent over the past year, not correlated to our increase in new parishioner growth. The focus for faith formation has been creating events that can develop faith in our youth while incorporating an element of fun. The recent trunk or treat and cookie exchange events were a great success; creation stations have also been well attended. There was discussion regarding attendance of regional or national youth events but the consensus was that there are limited opportunities at the grade school level and the expense would not justify the number of youth that would participate.

#### **Revisit of September 2025 Meeting:**

**Stewardship Opportunities:** Father John led this discussion. He would like each committee chair to review and update their section of the stewardship booklet. The question was raised whether there are better ways to recruit committees in need during the welcome meetings. The conclusion was to have only representatives attending that need new members for their committees.

**Coffee and Convos Volunteers:** Julie Bowling did a masterful job of recruiting volunteers for this program, and there are three events scheduled for 2026: the week of January 10, March 7, and June 6. All volunteers have planned training sessions, and we are excited to resume this program.

**Agenda – New Business:**

**No new business was presented.**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS**

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| <u>MEETING</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>PRAYER</u> | <u>REFRESHMENTS/SET-UP</u> | <u>CLEAN-UP</u> |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| PPC            | 3-21-26     | Susan Taylor  | Matt Simms                 | ALL             |

**WELCOME ORIENTATIONS**

**Saturdays – 9:00 AM / 11:00 AM**

**Assigned PPC Members will attend, introduce themselves and be available to the new parishioners for questions**

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>PPC REPRESENTATIVE</u> |
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| 1-10-26     | Susan Taylor              |

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

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 for 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.

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