

**Come To The Water ACC Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Church of the Immaculate Conception, Osakis**  
**July 19, 2022**

Present: Father Matthew Kuhn, Father Rick Aubol, Todd Wentworth, Tonya Marthaler, Darcie Boogaard, Bob Kulzer, Gary Haavig, Tim Baas, Jerry Kostreba, Mary Gorghuber, Randy Kinney, Josh Waltzing, Jake Mach, Francie Peterson and Carol Gaffaney. Absent: Jodi Rehovsky and Margaret Zidon.

The meeting opened with prayer. Father Rick gave a brief introduction of himself.

Proposed changes to the ACC bylaws were reviewed and will be on the agenda for approval at the next meeting. There was discussion on whether there should be a statement in the St. Mary's Parish handbook explaining how the conflict of interest factor affects the election of pastoral council members, and if there should be a statement in the ACC bylaws referring to the parish handbook on who can/cannot be on the pastoral council.

Regarding the terms of the following pastoral council members from St. Mary's: Randy Kinney, Mary Gorghuber and Jodi Rehovsky, the three of them will discuss and decide on their terms.

Committee Liaisons to the Pastoral Council

For St. Mary's Church:

- Cemetery – Jake Mach
- JPIC – Jerry Kostreba
- Liturgy – Mary Gorghuber
- Board of Education – Josh Waltzing
- Stewardship – Jake Mach
- Parish Life – Jodi Rehovsky
- Finance – Randy Kinney

Father Matthew would like to improve pastoral care (caring for the homebound, those in nursing homes, etc.) in our parishes. Council members to be included in the discussion are Gary Haavig, Darcie Boogaard and Tonya Marthaler.

Pastors' Perspective

- Father Matthew has had a warm welcome at St. Nicholas Church and the Church of the Immaculate Conception during the month of July. Deacon Tony Pasko has also assisted in those parishes.
- Father Matthew noted when parishioners from St. Nicholas and Immaculate Conception want to visit with him, they should contact him for an appointment. He will not have regular office hours there.
- He gave an update on building a new rectory: Due to a change in the planned ownership structure where St. Mary's parish would pay for the new rectory and retain ownership, the process at the diocesan level has been delayed.
- It was noted that Osakis and Belle River are interested in revitalizing their youth programs, especially in the area of music.

Todd Wentworth's Report

- McGread Conference, August 10-11 – Let Todd know if you're interested in attending. He will coordinate with the Diocese.
- The new joint bulletin will be coming soon. Molly and Kathy are working on the details. The deadline for submissions will be Tuesday noon.
- Human Resources – Megan Bristow has been hired as the new 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at St. Mary's and Lauren Ditch has been hired as the new kindergarten teacher.
- Facilities – At Belle River, the Finance Council is scheduling parking lot work, as well as looking at storm windows, the roof and steeple on the church. The chiller unit for St. Mary's has been fixed. They are waiting to get the use of a lift to determine roof and shingle damage. Also, they are looking for a better space for the Caring & Sharing Room in Alexandria.

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 16, 6:30 p.m. in Alexandria.

Carol Gaffaney  
Recording Secretary