

**Come To the Water ACC Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Immaculate Conception Church, Osakis**  
**October 18, 2022**

Present: Father Matthew Kuhn, Father Rick Aubol, Todd Wentworth, Jerry Kostreba, Jake Mach, Mary Gorghuber, Jodi Rehovsky, Randy Kinney, Bruce Pederson, Tonya Marthaler, Bob Kulzer, Gary Haavig, Tim Baas and Carol Gaffaney. Guest: Luke VanOverbeke.

Absent: Darcie Boogaard, Margaret Zidon, Dennis Hillmer, Josh Waltzing and Francie Peterson.

1. Opening prayer by Father Rick.
2. One addition to the agenda: Eucharistic Adoration – Jake Mach.
3. Minutes of the Last Meeting – The minutes of the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.
4. Featured Committee Report – History and Parish Life at Immaculate Conception.  
The history of the Church of the Immaculate Conception was shared. The church was incorporated and dedicated in 1899. In 1929, after a large donation by a parishioner who felt the current church was too small, a new church was built and dedicated on September 15, 1929. Construction of St. Agnes School began in 1959 and the school was dedicated in May, 1960. It opened with 163 students in grades 1-8.

Committees/Organizations:

\*Christian Mothers: Serves meals after funerals, bake sales, bags for children at Easter, etc.

\*Stewardship: Parish life activities.

\*Knights of Columbus

\*School Board

\*Finance Council

5. Todd's Topics

- Stewardship Conference
  - 2023 Stewardship conference dates (in Wichita) are March 1-2 and August 30-31.
  - Hope to have several people from the ACC attend one or both conferences.
- HR Report:
  - Fulltime Custodian: Jen Cummins has been hired and starts next week.
  - Faith Community Nurse: Interviews are being scheduled.
- ACC Pictorial Directory
  - Would like to do an ACC Pictorial Directory in 2023, with picture-taking scheduled in the spring and summer.
  - Looking for people to take on this project with representatives from all three parishes working to put together a new directory.
  - Brenda Becker has agreed to make phone calls. Laurie Bienias would be a good resource as she helped with the last directory.
- Caring & Sharing Room
  - Still looking for a new space; have explored a few ideas.
  - Would like a co-coordinator to assist Mary Ann Langager.
- Bulletin
  - Asked for input on doing a survey of parishioners to find out what people think about the current bulletin format. Consensus to support doing a survey.

- There was consensus to put a synopsis in the bulletin of what the ACC Pastoral Council is doing.
- Communication
  - Please send committee meeting minutes to Janell Eddy at St. Mary's Church so they can be emailed to ACC pastoral council members prior to the next meeting.
  - Asked about posting minutes on-line on the parish website. It was noted that there isn't an ACC website; that is on the list of things to do. There were no objections to posting minutes on the parish website.
  - Will put a notice in the bulletin that committee minutes are posted on the website.
- Facilities
  - Had two engineers here to inspect the St. Mary's roof today.
  - Met with St. Nicholas Finance Council regarding what is needed for their phone system. Haven't found a solution as of this date.

#### 6. Pastors' Perspective

- Father Rick attended Diocesan meetings recently and noted that the Come to the Water ACC is ahead of most other ACCs in the diocese in formation and planning.
- Father Matt said the diocese has asked that we update our ACC plan and resubmit it to the diocese. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Father Matt asked members to review the current plan and bring one suggestion to the November meeting.
- Father Matt spoke about the Nationwide Eucharistic Revival. He asked that pastoral council members watch the Stewardship video & the Bishop Cozzens video and also go to the website: [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org). Many ideas and resources are available. This will be discussed more at the next meeting. This initiative started this year at the diocesan level and in 2023 it goes to the parish level. In 2024, there will be a National Eucharistic Congress held in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- The Synod 2021-2023 Diocesan Synthesis for The Diocese of Saint Cloud was included in a booklet that was sent with the October issue of the Diocese magazine. He said, as Father Rick had, that this ACC is ahead of other ACCs in the diocese as it is already doing many of the things being discussed.

7. Parish Life – Jodi Rehovsky reported on a suggestion presented to the Parish Life Committee to hold a Lenten Fish Fry for five of the Fridays in Lent. Pastoral council members suggested starting with a plan to hold one or two fish fries and see what the response is for workers and attendees.

8. Eucharistic Adoration – Jake Mach proposed that ACC pastoral council members sign up for a Eucharistic Adoration time slot at the chapel in St. Mary's Church. He will get more information and send an email to members. It was noted there is Eucharistic Adoration at the Immaculate Conception Church after the 8:00 a.m. on the first Friday of the month.

#### 9. Other Items:

- Jake Mach was asked a question regarding the sanctuary space and where chairs, etc., are placed. Father Matt said they are following this plan:
  - "Full Form" is used for Weekend Masses, School Mass & large events
    - Use High Presider's chair
    - Position Ambo further back
  - "Short Form" is used for Weekday Masses, small funerals & small events
    - Presider chair placed in front of credence table
    - Ambo next to the altar

- Jodi Rehovsky was asked a question on why Father Matt doesn't lift up the Book of the Gospels to each section of the church. Father Matt said that he was trained in a different era than our previous priest and that he is following the revised Book of Rites.

10. Next ACC Pastoral Council meeting - Tuesday, November 15 - 6:30 pm at Church of Saint Mary, Alexandria.

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer.

Carol Gaffaney  
Recording Secretary