

Come To the Water ACC Pastoral Council Meeting
Church of the Immaculate Conception, Osakis
May 23, 2023

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

1. Opening prayer.
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting – The minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting were approved.
3. Agenda Additions – One addition: Funding for books for the Eucharistic Revival.
4. Vanessa Mensen, Faith Community Nurse – Vanessa reported on her work as Faith Community Nurse. Currently most of her time involves bringing the Eucharist to homebound individuals and keeping them up-to-date on what is going on at church. She noted that Bev Paul helps in the Osakis area. Approximately 150 individuals are helping make contacts with people each week. Vanessa said she's considering combining the Tapestry of Faith with the Head, Hearts & Hands group. More volunteers are always welcome to join her so that more time can be spent at each visit. In answer to a question on transporting people to mass, it was explained that due to liability insurance issues and family dynamics, that is something we will not be able to do.
5. Church of St. Mary Pastoral Council Member Election - Jerry reported that two pastoral council members, Adrian Panther and Rodney Roers, were elected on April 30th to represent St. Mary's Church, replacing Jerry Kostreba and Jodi Rehovsky whose terms conclude in June.
6. Saint Nicholas Church Pastoral Council Member Election – The election for a pastoral council member representing St. Nicholas will be held the first weekend in June. Four candidates have accepted the nomination.
7. What's Happening at Immaculate Conception – After the Saturday, May 27th, 4pm mass they are inviting people to join them for fellowship with a wine & cheese party. With June being Dairy month, ice cream treats will be served the weekend of June 10 & 11 at Immaculate Conception Church. Cemetery clean-up has been held; as well as altar server training. New EMHC, lectors, etc. have been coming forward. They will do a ministry fair in the fall.
8. Budget Report – Todd reported the St. Mary's Finance Council agreed to postpone voting on the 2023-2024 budget until next month. He noted they are considering a 3.4% increase in weekly offerings at St. Mary's in the budget planning. It is important to stay competitive in the labor market and offer employees a competitive and live-able wage. St. Mary's has 66 employees, 45 full-time and 21 part-time.

Todd will work with Sharon on the budgets for St. Nicholas and Immaculate Conception. He also reviewed repair projects underway at the three churches. Many events are taking place over the next few months at all three churches; there will be many opportunities for parishioners to be involved.

9. Events Coming Up
 - Coffee & Rolls - St. Mary's Pastoral Council members will serve for Coffee & Rolls after the 8am and 10am masses on Sunday, June 25th. Jerry volunteered for 8am; Randy and Josh volunteered for 10am. At least three people are needed for each time slot. Let Jerry know if you can help serve.

- Eucharist 40 Hours of Devotion – Planning continues for this event at Immaculate Conception Church on August 10-12, beginning with the Thursday 9:00am Mass and concluding with the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday. Flyers will be included in an upcoming weekend bulletin.
- Diocesan Rural Life Celebration Mass – Gary reported arrangements have been made for a tent, and a caterer has been selected. The budget for the meal has been set at \$12,000. The American Dairy Association will serve ice cream. The total budget is between \$26,000 and \$27,000. Proceeds from the event will go to Rural Ministry Services. Gary is meeting this Thursday with people from the Office of the Diocese to determine where they might need more help. He plans to have sponsorship letters sent out by the end of the week. Awards will be given at the Rural Life Celebration from Catholic Charities of St. Cloud to honor Catholic families who have farmed the same land for 100 years. They are also honoring Catholic rural business owners who demonstrate their Catholic faith in the workplace and their community. Subcommittees are working on securing applications for these diocesan awards. Father Matthew will mention the awards and application process again this weekend at mass.
- Stewardship Conference – Todd reminded members about the McGread Stewardship Conference August 30-31, leaving on the 29th to travel to Wichita, Kansas. He has heard from at least two people from St. Mary's who are interested in attending. There are also two from Immaculate Conception. Let Todd know if you are interested in attending.
- Funding for Books – Jake would like to purchase multiple copies of the book, "Eucharist as a Way of Life," and is looking for funding. He is applying for a grant from the Father Al Ludwig fund.

10. Todd's Topics

- Todd said Immaculate Conception has put together a physical plant project list, as well as a wish list for the church and school.
- Two teachers retired at St. Mary's School. A first-grade teacher has been hired. Fall enrollment is currently at 265 students; K-4 classrooms are full and grades 5-6 are nearly full.
- St. Agnes School has a vacancy for a part-time cook and a principal. The current principal will be teaching kindergarten full-time next year, filling the vacancy that was open this past school year.
- He noted they are still working with the diocese and Catholic Mutual on repairing the church roof; they are getting quotes from contractors.

11. Pastors' Perspectives

- Father Matthew shared his concerns for St. Agnes School, praying that a qualified candidate will be found to fill the principal position.
- Father Rick will be leading a Chant Music Camp at Immaculate Conception, 11:00-11:45 June 5-9th through the Summer Rec program. There is no cost to participate. There will be a summer Vatican II discussion group to understand this significant event in the Church, beginning with a ½ intro meeting at St. Mary's on June 3rd after the 5pm Mass.

12. Next Meeting – The next meeting/potluck meal of the ACC pastoral council will be Tuesday, June 20th, 6:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Alexandria. Carol Gaffaney will send assignments for food for the potluck meal.

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer.

Carol Gaffaney
Recording Secretary