

**Come To the Water ACC Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Knights of Columbus Hall, Alexandria**  
**June 20, 2023**

Present: Father Matthew Kuhn, Father Rick Aubol, Deacon Dan Ruprecht, Todd Wentworth, Darcie Boogaard, Bob Kulzer, Bruce Pederson, Gary Haavig, Margaret Zidon, Jerry Kostreba, Jake Mach, Mary Gorghuber, Jodi Rehovsky, Randy Kinney, Francie Peterson, Mark Maloney, and Carol Gaffaney. Guests: Rodney Roers, Adrian Panther and Nathan Eisel. Absent: Josh Waltzing, Tonya Marthaler, Tim Baas and Dennis Hillmer.

1. Opening prayer. After the prayer, a pot-luck meal was shared by those attending the meeting.
2. New Pastoral Council Members – Jerry introduced new council members: Nathan Eisel from St. Nicholas Church and Adrian Panther & Rodney Roers from St. Mary’s Church.
3. Election of Council Officers - Consensus was reached on the following ACC pastoral council officers for the 2023-2024 fiscal year:
  - President – Mary Gorghuber
  - Vice President – Darcie Boogaard
  - Secretary – Jake MachCarol Gaffaney will continue to serve as recording secretary.
4. Committee Liaisons for St. Mary’s Church
  - Liturgy – Adrian Panther
  - Stewardship – Mary Gorghuber
  - Board of Education – Jake Mach
  - JPIC – (to be named later)
  - Parish Life – (to be named later)
  - Finance – Randy Kinney
  - Cemetery – Rodney Roers
5. Minutes of the Last Meeting – The minutes of the May 23, 2023 meeting were approved.
6. Coffee and Rolls help on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> - Jerry asked for assistance from St. Mary’s pastoral council members to help serve coffee and rolls after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. masses on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. The following people will help:
  - 8:00 a.m. – Jerry Kostreba, Francie Peterson, Adrian Panther, Rodney Roers
  - 10:00 a.m. – Randy Kinney, Josh Waltzing
7. Todd’s Topics
  - Todd asked St. Mary’s pastoral council member liaisons to remind committees to register any events of their committee with the parish office. The ACC calendar can be found on the St. Mary’s Church website under the “About” tab. St. Nicholas and Immaculate Conception members should also let Janell in the parish office know about events they are planning.
  - A suggestion was made regarding Sunday’s bulletin to put the name or an abbreviation for the church holding events instead of or including the color-coding currently being used.
  - Stewardship Conference – Todd reminded members about the McGread Stewardship Conference August 30-31, leaving on the 29<sup>th</sup> to travel to Wichita, Kansas. Let Todd know if you are interested in attending.

- Budgets for 2023-2024 – Todd said the budgets for St. Nicholas and Immaculate Conception have been approved. St. Mary’s Finance Council will be considering its budget this week.
  - Since St. Nicholas does not have a Catholic School, there is an expectation that they contribute to a neighboring Catholic School, therefore the Finance Council agreed to provide a 5% subsidy to St. Agnes School; no additional fundraising is needed at the St. Nicholas parish.
  - Todd said the approved budget requires a solid increase in offerings at Immaculate Conception. As part of the new budget, they will need to come up with a reasonable amount of fundraising – Fr. Matt is encouraging some kind of parish community festival or other signature event to accomplish this. St. Agnes School has a \$110,000 deficit in funding for the next school year. They currently have 45 students enrolled from age 4 through grade six for the next school year. There are still vacancies for a part-time cook and a principal at St. Agnes School.

8. Pastors’ Perspectives

- Father Matthew thanked everyone for serving on the pastoral council. He gave reports this past weekend at St. Nicholas and Immaculate Conception on the status of the parishes and St. Agnes School.
- Immaculate Conception Church will begin doing a newsletter twice a year.

9. Diocesan Rural Life Celebration, Sunday, August 20, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Gary Haavig gave an update on preparations for the Rural Life celebration being held at St. Nicholas Church. There will be an outdoor mass with Bishop Neary. Gary noted they are at about 50% in their fundraising efforts. Sign-up sheets will be made available soon for the areas where help will be needed the weekend of the Mass and celebration.

10. Eucharist 40 Hours of Devotion, August 10-12 – Planning continues for this event being held at the Immaculate Conception Church. Father Justin Kizewski from La Crosse will be speaking on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. both days.

11. Outgoing ACC pastoral council members, Jerry Kostreba, Jodi Rehovsky and Gary Haavig, were thanked for their dedicated years of service.

12. Next Meeting – The next meeting of the ACC pastoral council will be Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at the St. Nicholas Church.

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer.

Carol Gaffaney  
Recording Secretary