

**Come To the Water ACC Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Immaculate Conception Church, Osakis**  
**March 19, 2024**

Present: Father Matthew Kuhn, Father Rick Aubol, Todd Wentworth, Darcie Boogaard, Terri Anderson, Tonya Marthaler, Bev Paul, Margaret Zidon, Tim Baas, Jake Mach, Josh Waltzing, Adrian Panther, Rodney Roers, Randy Kinney, Francie Peterson and Carol Gaffaney.

Absent: Mary Gorghuber, Nathan Eisel, Mark Maloney and Dwayne Waldorf.

1. Opening prayer
2. Minutes from February 20, 2024 were approved with one exception. Under individual committee highlights, first bullet on discussion about a crucifix, the paragraph was revised to read “St. Mary’s has been considering the purchase of a large crucifix to hang on the wall. The Diocesan Worship Office has approved the proposed crucifix plans for the church space. The approval process will continue with a presentation to the St. Mary’s Liturgy Committee. They are considering a 6’ corpus to be placed on a 12’ wooden cross. Lori will provide a picture of the cross they are considering.”
3. Todd provided reflections on the Introduction-Chapter 3 of the book “Radical Hospitality, Benedict’s Way of Love.” Discussion followed. Chapters 4-7 will be discussed at the April 16<sup>th</sup> ACC pastoral council meeting.
4. Pastoral Visit with the Bishop – The Come to the Water ACC representatives reported on their visit with Bishop Neary and Diocesan staff on February 28. Two other ACCs were also involved which was a great learning opportunity from the sharing that occurred. Other ACCs have similar questions and challenges as our ACC. The Bishop went into greater detail on his six strategic priorities:
  - The well-being, support and enrichment of our pastoral team/curia
  - Care for the priests of the diocese
  - Seeing synodality as model for the Church and the Diocese of Saint Cloud
  - The Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Saint Cloud
  - The Latino Presence in the Diocese of Saint Cloud
  - Strategic Planning – the next phase for our ACCsComplete information of all ACC planning visits can be accessed through a link on the diocesan home page.
5. Individual Committee Highlights
  - Josh said the Stewardship Committee is planning a Legacy Dinner for this fall.
  - Adrian Panther reported that the Liturgy Committee approved the proposal for a crucifix for St. Mary’s.
  - Margaret reported that picture-taking sign-up at St. Nicholas for the new ACC parish directory has gone well.
  - Tonya said the Adoration Committee is working on hosting a 40 Hours Devotion to be held at St. Nicholas Church this summer. ICC is putting together a General Interest Committee. They have had good results with ministry sign-ups. Darcie said the Christian Mothers will be handing out bags to children on Palm Sunday, giving gifts for those making their First Communion and graduation. They also hold a Graduation Breakfast. The Knights of Columbus recently took the altar servers and their families bowling.

- Rodney said Jan Anderson has accepted the role of Sexton for the St. Mary's Cemetery after Leon Breun retired. Trees have been trimmed so the crucifix is more visible. There was additional discussion on other improvements at the cemetery.
  - Jake said the Board of Education discussed a recommendation to be presented to the finance council for 2024-2025 school tuition. More information to follow. Faith Formation will start using a new program called "Pathways Family Formation" for elementary students and parents. The spring "The Gathering" fundraising event will be held April 26 at Crooked Willow.
  - Randy said the Finance Council discussed the kitchen project at St. Mary's school and information being gathered on the windows in the church that have been leaking.
  - Tim said the repair of the structure on the inside of the bell tower at St. Nicholas Church is completed; the sewer lift pump has been fixed; they will be working on an automatic handicap door entry and a keycode lock for the breezeway door.
  - The Parish Life Committee is in need of a new chairperson. They are looking for people to help serve the reception following the Easter Vigil service.
  - Josh handed out and reviewed suggestions and brainstorming ideas from the Strategic Planning sub-committee. Their goal is to help people feel not only initially welcomed, but like they belong their whole lives; ultimately, to meet and belong to Jesus as part of His family. Josh asked members to review the suggestions and give input to the sub-committee at the next meeting about where they should go from here.
6. Todd's Topics
- Todd said pastoral council elections at each parish are scheduled for the end of April.
  - Cooler-Freezer Expansion - They are working on a proposal to replace freezer/cooler units, increase space to install a walk-in freezer/cooler in the school kitchen, two mini-coolers, and reconfigure the prep space. Todd asked for consensus from pastoral council members to present the proposal to the St. Mary's finance council. Consensus of pastoral council members was given to proceed. They hope the work could be completed this summer.
  - Todd said they are waiting on Diocesan approval of their Rectory Plan so they can move forward with looking for a rectory.
7. Pastor's Perspectives – In regard to the Holy Thursday service, Father Matthew asked pastoral council members and their families to come forward when invited to the foot washing stations to get that process started.
8. Upcoming Meetings:
- Next ACC Meetings – April 16 @ St. Mary's; May 21 @ St. Nicholas

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