



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Leading People to Jesus Through Worship, Community, Service and Devotion to Mary

Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Sept 10, 2025

Rich Viertel called the meeting to order at 7:45pm. Fr. Matt led the opening prayer.

Attendees: Rich Viertel, Paula Mong, Jack Griffin, Jackie Curtis, Principal Colleen Kent, Fr. Matthew Hoover, and Julie Clemens.

Not present: David Lyons, Kendra Girardot, Max Herath, Janet Wilks, and Deacon Chris Campbell.

Announcements – Rich Viertel

- **New Parish Council Members:** Council welcomed Jack Griffin and Jackie Curtis as new members.
- **IC Campus “Artification:”** The artwork project in Marian Hall is planned to be completed by the end of September.
- **Giving Tuesday timeline:** The nomination and selection process for Giving Tuesday recipients will begin soon. Commission and Council members will be contacted with a request to nominate local organizations. Giving Tuesday is December 2, 2025.
 - Council considered whether volunteering with the chosen organization could also count as a donation (i.e., a donation of service hours). Fr. Matt responded it would be up to the recipient organization to make that decision.
- **2025 December Triduum:** Rich is in contact with Sister Antoinette Cedrone, FMA, of The Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters) to discuss the possibility of the Sisters hosting a retreat during the IC Triduum. Council expects to complete the Triduum agenda early fourth quarter 2025.
- **2025 Christmas Eve Mass Communication Plan:** Overflow for the 4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve will be set up in Marian Hall with Mass being live streamed on screen. Parish announcements will be made beginning in late October.
 - Council suggested the announcement include other Christmas Mass times (since parishioners may not be aware of them) and Christmas Mass attendance numbers from last year.

Pastor’s Topics

- **Diocesan DMI Survey:** The Diocese will be conducting a DMI Survey running Thanksgiving through Epiphany. It will be important for Council to be engaged in the process and communicate the importance of the survey.

Commission Breakout Meeting Reports

- **Faith Formation & Spiritual Life**: Commission members exchanged thoughts on critical groups of parishioners for FF&SL and brainstormed programming ideas.
- **Social Concerns**: Commission members received a proposal for an event to be held at IC in spring 2026. Council reviewed the proposal and primary outcome/goal of the event.
- **Parish & Community Life**: Commission members were advised of the Women's Club Potluck to be held on Wednesday, September 24th. IC School will be joining Cross Catholic Outreach in the Boxes of Joy project to fill 400 boxes with Christmas gifts. Council spoke about the possibility of IC Parish taking responsibility for 100 of the 400 boxes. Rich asked Colleen to send him information about the project.

Closing and Next Meeting

Rich called the meeting to a close at 8:45pm. The next Council meeting will be held at 7:30pm on October 8, 2025.

Meeting minutes drafted and submitted by Julie Clemens, Parish Council Vice President and Interim Secretary.