



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Meeting February 11, 2026 in Marian Hall

Rich Viertel called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. Matt Hummer led the opening prayer.

Attendees: Council President Rich Viertel, Fr. Matthew Hoover, Rev. Chris Campbell, Principal Colleen Kent, Jaclyn Curtis, Jack Griffin, Matt Hummer, David Lyons, Julie Clemens, Kendra Girardot, Robert Bevilacqua.

Not present: Paula Mong, Max Herath, Janet Wilks

Announcements – Council President Rich Viertel

- **Upcoming Event:** BREAD Team presents “What Living Without a Livable Wage Looks Like on Thursday Feb. 12th at 7:00pm. We are looking to fill the seats as this is an important event for our Parish.
- **New Rectory – Parishioner Feedback:** Comments indicated that some parishioners were surprised by the purchase of the Rectory house property. There were concerns that communication could have been better. Council discussed how we could’ve provided better communication. The following was noted.
 - For announcements, we currently utilize the bulletin, flock notes, the pulpit, email, or other means to get the word out. Even with this, the recipient does not always get the message. The Council will review how we can reach out to parishioners with the best success. We are the voice to the Parish and need to take the lead on reviewing this.
 - This purchase happened months ago and was not secret. The buildings are owned by the Diocese and not the Parish. This Rectory relocation satisfies one of the goals that was stated in our 2018 Revitalization and Building Campaign as it will allow the current Rectory spaces to be fully converted to administrative offices and meeting spaces. This will eliminate the need to expand the current administrative building.
 - We must always keep in mind the Parish Mission. This allows us to meet Parish needs as well as to be good stewards for our resources. There are still a lot of items that we need along with ongoing deferred maintenance. We need to be flexible as needs and opportunities are being evaluated.
 - In the long run, we are looking to make good decisions that will secure the future of our Parish.
- **DMI Survey Results:** Results should be available in March.
 - There will be a Diocesan review first. They will review the results for Diocesan-wide impact. Next the Pastor will review the goals that need addressed and finally action items will be presented to each parish.
 - Results will be sent to Father Matt, and he will distribute to the council for review.

IC Faith Formation Programming

- **Columbus Catholic Men's Conference:** February 28, 2026, at the Ohio Expo Center.
- **Columbus Catholic Women's Conference:** February 21, 2026, at the Ohio Expo Center
 - It is expected that there will be over 2500 women in attendance.
- **Lenten Parish Mission:** "The Love of God and the Cross of Jesus Christ" will be held March 8-9, 2026, in Marian Hall. Keynote speaker will be Dave VanSickle. We have not had a mission for a few years.

Pastor's Topics

- **IC Mission and Strategic Plan Refresher:** See notes above in discussions regarding the Mission and the new Rectory.
- **Building a Successful Pastor Transition Plan:**
 - Timeline: Parish Council will have discussions related to this in upcoming meetings.
 - March: Diocesan meeting / decisions shared with Priests.
 - Prior to Easter: Father Matt will announce any changes (in coordination with other Parishes).
 - July 7, 2026 (2nd Tuesday in July): Traditional Moving Day.
 - Father Tony will most likely not remain active here in the Parish. He will fully retire at 80+ years old.
 - Father Matt indicated that his experience during a prior transition was not smooth and would like this to be as smooth as possible. He has ordered books on the transition process to share with the Parish Council. The Council will be the key during any potential upcoming transition. Along with Parish-supplied data, we will need to be the voice of the Parish and help orient the new Pastor regarding who we are and what we do. We can utilize events such as the July festival to help the new Pastor meet the people of our Parish.

Commissions Meeting Notes

- **Parish Directory:** Of the 1200 registered families, we only have 268 families signed up for directory photos. It was suggested that future photo events be moved to Summer to allow for college student availability.
- **Faith Formation and Spiritual Life:** Men's and Women's Conferences. See information above.
- **Social Concerns:** BREAD Event: See information above.
- **Parish and Community Life:**
 - **IC Fish Fry:** Starts February 20, 2026.
 - **K of C Diaper Drive:** There was a very large response. Diapers were delivered to the Pregnancy Decision Health Center.
 - **Garden Ministry and Festival Committees:** Meetings are starting for the year.

Closing and Next Meeting

Rich closed the meeting at 8:25pm. The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7:30pm on March 11, 2026.

Meeting minutes drafted and submitted by Robert Bevilacqua, Parish Council Secretary.