



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Meeting May 13, 2026 in Marian Hall

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

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

Not present: David Lyons, Janet Wilks.

Pastor's Topics:

- **Pastoral Transition:** The parish response to the transition has been positive. There is some anxiousness as there always is with change.
 - There will be a mass on June 28, 2026, at 3:00pm followed by a celebration for Father Matt. The parish council will assist IC staff with set-up and tear-down of the space.
 - There will be a celebration for Fr. Keller in August. This will allow him time to settle into his new routine at the parish.
 - A ministry prayer for pastoral transition is being reviewed and finalized and should be available soon.

Announcements – Council President Rich Viertel

- **Parish Directory:** Rich reminded everyone that we are still in need of ministry group photos. The council will take a photo after the meeting.
- **Parish Festival:** The festival is still in need of volunteers as well as leadership moving forward. Per the bulletin announcement, there are key positions needed. It was noted that the OLP / IC Scout groups have offered up to serve at the drink booth at the festival.
- **Global Statistics on the Catholic Faith:** Rich reiterated key points of his presentation at the commissions meeting. The good news is that the trend is growth in the Catholic Faith. In our area, the Buckeye Catholic group at the OSU St. Thomas Moore Newman Center has been very successful. IC is seeing the benefits as young couples and groups have been seen attending mass. We are also seeing younger couples from OSU placing their children at the school. We need to support the Newman Center as they will be a key factor in the future of our parish.
 - Rich will distribute copies of his presentation to the parish council by email.
- **DMI Survey Results:** The parish has received the results of the survey, and it is being reviewed. It is a large document (40+ pages). The survey will be shared with the parish council at the June meeting. Parishioners will receive a summary of the results in the bulletin as was done previously.
 - This will be a great resource for the new pastor.
 - The parish has been tracking metrics based on the past two surveys. This will help the council determine trends in the data.
- **Coordination with Fr. Keller:** He has reached out to Fr. Matt to set up a time for discussion of the transition and to ask questions related to the IC parish.
 - FR. Matt noted that commission meetings are to be the venue for ministries and other groups to meet with the new pastor. This includes school groups such as HASA and ICAA. We

cannot overload Fr. Keller with meetings. Spokespersons for each group should be identified.

- **Parish Council Tenure:** There are currently 2 available spots on the parish council to be filled. Rich Viertel and Kendra Girardot's terms have concluded, and Max Herath has resigned due to a recent move from the parish.
- **2026-27 Parish Vice-President candidacy:** Nothing to report.

New Business

- **Parish Events:**
 - **HASA Food Truck Event:** Friday, 5/15/26. Dessert will be provided by a food truck. Women's club will not be providing any desserts.
 - **May Crowning:** The event was held on 5/10/26 after the 11am mass. Parish Council has assisted with the event annually. Julie is working with the Janet Wilks to understand what is needed to keep the event going in the future. There were questions as to whether that is the best time to have the event. It is understood that the first communion students are to be there. Confirmation students could also be included.
 - **Corpus Christi Picnic:** To be held 6/7/26 after the 11am mass. Knights will be providing grilled items. Side dishes and desserts are needed. Mrs. Kent will have the 8th grade students move the picnic tables prior to the event.
- **School Security:** The ushers have communication devices at the school masses for added protection.

Commissions Meeting Notes

- **Faith Formation and Spiritual Life:**
 - May Crowning and upcoming Triduum and Tree Lighting events were discussed. On June 6th at 7:30pm *That Man is You* will begin hosting a weekly Rosary at the Grotto.
- **Social Concerns:**
 - BREAD held the Nehemiah Action Event on May 12th at the Celeste Center. It was estimated that there were 1400 +/- in attendance. IC was represented with 33 attendees.
- **Parish and Community Life:**
 - **Garden Ministry:** Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Closing and Next Meeting

Rich closed the meeting at 8:30pm. The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7:30pm on June 10, 2026.

Meeting notes submitted by Robert Bevilacqua, Parish Council Secretary.