



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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

Immaculate Conception Parish Pastoral Council Meeting June 10, 2026 in Marian Hall

Attendees: Council Vice-President Julie Clemens, Fr. Matthew Hoover, Rev. Mr. Christopher Campbell, Jack Griffin, David Lyons, Janet Wilks, Matt Hummer, Jaclyn Curtis, Kendra Girardot, Robert Bevilacqua.

Guests: Veronica Dannemiller, Meighan Ciccone, Brian Byrne, Kevin Davis

Not present: Council President Rich Viertel, Principal Colleen Kent, Paula Mong.

Opening

- Julie Clemens called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. Julie led the opening prayer.

Guest Speakers

- **Veronica Dannemiller:** Veronica presented a summary of the DMI Survey Results. The survey is managed by the Catholic Leadership Institute. Results indicate overall growth and can indicate items for change or direction moving forward. Some of the key takeaways include:
 - Respondents: Younger parishioners were not well represented. Most respondents were older than 45 years and without school-age children.
 - Parents: Most of the respondents that had school-age children have them attend Immaculate Conception School and they feel that the IC Parish is supporting them.
 - Faith Formation: Most respondents attend Mass regularly, believe that the resurrection occurred, believe the Church is critical, believe in the Scripture. They say that the Church has helped them grow in faith and that they feel the mass is vibrant and feel welcome and accepted at Immaculate Conception Parish.
 - Evangelization: Some respondents have not discussed their faith with others. This is an area where the parish can support growth in the future.
- **Meighan Ciccone:** Meighan presented a summary of the IC Parish Security Project Update. She was appointed by Principal Colleen Kent and Pastor Matthew Hoover as coordinator of the project. A committee including Brian Byrne, representing the ushers, and Kevin Davis, from the school advisory board, have been working on the project.
 - Two security assessments of campus facilities were performed in 2025. From those, a priority list was established. Contractors were engaged to provide quotes for required work. There has also been a full campus building assessment performed by the Diocese and there are some security items that overlap these studies.
 - IC has applied for 3 grants. Meighan has experience with filing for grants and is confident with the current process. One application for \$125K is pending and the other two applications were not awarded. The need is very high currently across the country, so competition is strong. For example, through the State of Ohio \$90M has been applied for and only \$8M is available. IC is also investigating other funding streams.
 - A presentation on this project will be provided to Fr. Keller. The Parish Council needs to be aware of this process and support the Pastor as needed.

- It was noted that there are members of the school board that can help with the work as needed.

Announcements – Council Vice-President Julie Clemens

- **Parish Directory:** The directory is in the design process. No final distribution date has been established. We do not expect to see anything until Fall 2026. Fr. Matt will reach out to determine dates and to see if early information could be provided to Parish Council to assist during the Pastoral transition.
- **Pastoral Transition:** The Mass and Celebration for Fr. Matt will be at 3:00pm on June 28, 2026. The stained-glass photo gift for Fr. Matt is in progress. Photos have been completed and framing will follow.
- **Fr. Matt Retreat:** Father will be on retreat from 6/14 through 6/19/2026.
- **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.
 - We are seeking nominations for two new members of Parish Council. It will be a 3-year term. Links to applications are on the parish website.
- **2026-27 Parish Vice-President candidacy:** Nothing to report. The vice president search as it is still in process.
- **Parish Events:**
 - **Father Matt Celebration:** 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.
 - **Parish Festival:** July 24-25, 2026. Volunteers needed. Father to have discussion with festival chairs to determine security needs are in place after recent event at the St. Catherine festival.

Pastor's Topics:

- **Pastoral Transition:** The schedule is as follows:
 - June 28 – Mass and celebration for Fr. Matt.
 - Beginning of July – Fr. Keller arrives in U.S.A.
 - July 3-4 – Formal appointment letter will be presented. Fr. Matt moves to new rectory.
 - July 14 – Official date of change.
 - August 9 – Bishop installation mass.
 - A ministry prayer for pastoral transition has been completed and is currently available.
- **New Pastor Communication:**
 - As Fr. Keller settles into his new assignment as our pastor, all IC ministries are encouraged to attend the monthly commissions meetings that occur the 2nd Wednesday of every month to share things their ministry is doing and to discuss, as appropriate, any proposed future projects or plans. Commission sharing time is provided at each meeting and creates an opportunity for each ministry to discover how we might help support each other. Direct meetings with the pastor are not recommended as we are encouraged to allow Fr. Keller time to settle into the Parish.
 - Ministries need to complete the new project proposal form for review by Parish Council before making a presentation about a new project (<https://www.iccols.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/New-2023-APPROVED-PDF-PASTORAL-PROPOSAL-PACKET-interactive-May-2-2022-1.pdf>)

Commissions Meeting Notes

- **Faith Formation and Spiritual Life:**

- May Crowning plan to provide more inclusion of faith formation students during this event.
- **Social Concerns:**
 - BREAD discussed issue of livable wages. St. Vincent DePaul does have resources to provide rent support. IC group to review process to keep rent requests local and to refer others to appropriate services.
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- **Parish and Community Life:**
 - Discussed the challenge of reduced participation and volunteering. This is a society-wide issue. Causes of non-participation could be culturally or generationally influenced. Events may need to be restructured to include items for all ages.
 - The challenge is to change the culture to “providing service rather than being served”. Julie indicated that many do not know their Charism and may need guidance to find theirs (discussed in Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2003).
 - ***Charism** (noun) is a spiritual power or personal quality that gives an individual or group the capacity to influence, inspire, or serve others.*
 - In addition, Kendra discussed developing a deeper understanding of our identity with Jesus as Christians.

Closing and Next Meeting

Julie closed the meeting at 8:35pm. There will be no meeting in July. The next Parish Council meeting will be a dinner in August, 2026.

Meeting notes submitted by Robert Bevilacqua, Parish Council Secretary.