

**Church of the Immaculate Conception**  
**Parish Pastoral Council August Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, August 16, 2016 – 7pm

*Our Mission Statement: Family and Friends Fully Alive in Jesus Christ and His Church*

**Present:** Fr. Dennis Thompson, Betty Smisek, Ashlee Rickert, Heather Malecha

**Welcome/Opening Prayer** – Fr. Dennis

**Review/Approve July Minutes**

**Introductions**

- Betty Smisek – member since September 2011
- Ashlee Rickert – member since September 2014
- Heather Malecha – Secretary, member since October 2012
- Fr. Dennis Thompson

**Pastoral Council / Parish activities April 2015 to today**

- Direction from GROW Survey and Year of Mercy
- Volunteer Cards
- Parish Directory
- Prayer Intention Book
- Website team
- A/V project in Civic Center
- World Meeting of Families prayer cards
- Greeter Ministry
- Shut-Ins, Communion to Homebound
- Prayers for Parish (before Final Blessing) and included in Announcements
- Kneelers by Mary and Joseph
- Clergy Appreciation Day
- Advent Reflections Group
- LAFS Christmas Gift Program
- New Parish Family Ministry
- Traveling Statue of Mary
- Weekend Ministry – new Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers
- Facebook
- Food for Kidz
- Holy Door Pilgrimage
- Children’s Bulletin
- Cards to Servers, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion kids and Confirmands
- Pack the Pews
- Easter Eggs
- Clothing Drive with Knights of Columbus
- Vacation Bible School

**Parish activities and ministries:**

- Focus on Liturgies and Sacraments. Find those that can lead Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers. Looking to offer a refresher and/or training in October. Seek mentors for Marriage and Baptism.
- Discussed Church sound system. Looking at headworn microphone for Father.