

Church of the Immaculate Conception
Parish Pastoral Council September Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 – 7pm

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

Present: Father Dennis Thompson, Betty Smisek, Ashlee Rickert, and Heather Malecha

Welcome/Opening Prayer

Review/Approve August Minutes

Parish activities and ministries:

- Weekend Ministries – will offer new/refresher training for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Servers in October/November. Seeking Lead Usher. Father will schedule training and work with Dianne to communicate.
- Liturgy Crosses – found several options. Betty and Ashlee will order five.
- St. Michael pew prayer card – reviewed several options, including pre-made and make your own. Selected one of the cards Heather made; will send to the printers and cut to size. Cards will be placed in small slot in pews; extra cards will be printed so people can take. Cards costs were donated.
- First Aid sign for Civic Center – sign was donated. We will put the sign up above the storage door in the gym.
- Lending Library – books have been inventoried and arranged alphabetically by author. Binder contains checkout forms and lists of the books we have. Discussed official names of the Library. Announcement will go in the bulletin and sprucing up the room will continue.
- Greeter Ministry – discussed ways to identify greeters as they meet parishioners and visitors. Betty found clip nametags; will look for magnetic options. Coordinate with Dianne to communicate to all our Greeters.
- Parish Life Ministry – Sock Drive through October 2. Jeanette and Allison placed collection boxes at several locations around Lonsdale, plus one in the back of Church. Flier was inserted into bulletin. All socks collected will be donated to Caring and Sharing Hands.
- Adoration:
 - Before daily Mass – Father is OK if someone carries out the exposition; he will handle reposition.
 - November election – prayerfully consider options and discuss at next meeting.
- Bible Study – Symbolon is a 10-week program. Cost is \$115 for the DVD's and Leader's Guide, plus \$22 Participant's Guide (estimated, depends on number of participants). Put samples of the program in the back of Church and reach out to those who might be interested, so expense doesn't fall on the Church. Target beginning of the year and ending in the Lenten season.
- Sound System – Father worked with Ryan. Behind the ear hands-free mic is working great!
- Book: Resisting Happiness – Father will review
- New Lonsdale community members – for those that indicated an interest in Immaculate Conception, Betty and Ashlee will reach out to them.