

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Council Notes

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026

Notes

Attendance: Arline Argentati, Erin Fontaine, Joyce Thomas, Dan Schindler, Jim Stemann, Tim Vaughn, Betsy Waldeck, Donna Weber

Staff: Bill Dirr, Kathy Middendorf, Heather Wagner, Deacon Mike Huffman, Fr. Dave Sunberg

Reports

- School reports
 - Sacred Heart
 - 6 weeks of school left. Last day is May 22nd.
 - Staffing & enrollment
 - We are fully staffed for next year. Currently we have 464 students enrolled for next school year;
 - We have waitlists for 1st, 4th, and 7th grade.
 - Upcoming field trips:
 - Badin Science Carnival (5th grade)
 - Cincinnati Zoo (kindergarten, 1st grade, 7th grade)
 - Metro Parks Heritage Farm (2nd grade)
 - City Hall (3rd grade)
 - Cincinnati Museum Center (4th grade, 5th grade)
 - Future Improvements
 - Bill and his team painted the school's first floor hallways during spring break. The second floor and by Art and library will be painted in the summer. With the help of an anonymous donor, we will embark on a beautification project for the gym entrance.
 - We have a contact about the time capsule so we will have information about that very soon.
 - Upcoming events:
 - First Communion April 26
 - Confirmation May 2
 - Field Day May 15
 - Capstone Presentations May 20
 - Legacy Ceremony May 20
 - Graduation May 21
 - Last day of school May 22
 - St. Ann – not present
- Old Business
 - Elections
 - 4 people have expressed interest in running for Parish Council
 - 2 from St. Ann and 2 from Sacred Heart
 - We will need volunteers for each Mass to collect ballots. Contact D. Schindler if interested in volunteering – May 16th and May 17th
 - St. Ann church accessibility
 - D. Weber provided options for St. Ann accessibility. Even if accessibility to the church is not changed, there are options that should be considered for overall security measures.
 - Regardless of church access, members of Parish Council felt more security cameras and lighting would be appropriate. B. Dirr will get quotes for security cameras and lighting around the church and the entire property.
 - Chili Fest Update

- Instead of a Chili Fest, the Chili Fest planners will pilot a movie night once a month with popcorn at Fellowship Hall.
 - The goal to implement the first movie is June 2026.
 - D. Schindler will coordinate with B. Durr and P. Adorn on dates.
- New Business
 - Folding Chairs – Fellowship Hall
 - Knights of Columbus has requested that the parish order 24 additional chairs to be used for events.
 - B. Durr and K. Middendorf can work together to determine if more chairs are needed. Parish Council vote is not needed.
 - Handicap entrance at Sacred Heart
 - It has been looked into several times and changes will not be made.
 - Evacuation plan for tornado and fire
 - H. Wagner will draft a plan to send to a member of Parish Council for a plan for Sacred Heart.

Director of Administration Update

- Both places are beginning to catch up with the EdChoice checks.
- Open enrollment is May 1-15.
- There is a hiring committee for Dir of Evangelization and Coordinator of Religious Education
 - A meeting with candidates is scheduled for Monday, April 20.
- H. Wagner, K. Middendorf, and the SH assistant principal are meeting with a FACTS Management member. The information found will be shared with St. Ann too as this will apply to both schools.

Director of Facilities Update

- Motion to present Fr. Dave quote from Animal Remover to clean/disinfect attic due to the pigeon droppings at St. Ann School during Spring Break. ██████████ made motion. ██████████ seconded. **Motion passed.**
 - The pigeon situation in the school attic has been resolved!
- Auggy Newberry is an Eagle Scout candidate and Sacred Heart graduate. He is proposing to build a pergola over the Gaga pit. It will need to be moved to not be under electrical lines.
 - A motion to approve the Eagle Scout project and for the parish covering the permits was tabled until B. Durr can get a more detailed rendering to show Parish Council.
 - Further information about the project will be sent to Parish Council members via email.
- St. Ann rectory update
 - B. Durr should get two more bids for a total of three bids.
 - The roof and plumbing need to be inspected to ensure there are no leaks prior to work being done on the inside of the building.
 - The City of Hamilton Historical Society gave approval for extra heat pump on the exterior of the rectory. Historical Society approval
- Storage building update – this project has been tabled for now. The goal is for the Pods in the St. Ann parking lot to be removed this summer.
- Building and Grounds Committee met once at St. Ann and still needs to visit the SH campus. The group will develop an immediate need, 3yr, 5yr, and 10yr plan for both locations.

Pastor Updates

- Beacons of Light – Fr. Dave has been assigned a liaison/mentor for the BoL process. There is a program in August to invite staff and parishioners to determine how we are using our facilities and programs well.
- An associate pastor will be assigned on Monday and will begin in late June.

2026 Meeting Schedule - ALL MEETINGS ARE ON FIRST THURSDAYS AT 7:00PM

Next Meeting: May 7 at St. Ann

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 4	Sacred Heart	October 1	Sacred Heart
July/August	Summer Break	November 5	St. Ann
September 3	St. Ann	December 3	Sacred Heart