

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Council Notes

Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 | **Time:** 7:00-8:30pm | **Location:** Sacred Heart

Notes

Attendance: Erin Fontaine, Donna Weber, Carol Mulcahey, Jim Stemann, Tim Vaughn, Betsy Waldeck, Arline Argentati, Mark Conese, Dan Schindler, Mike Wolf, Joyce Thomas, Frank Vitale

Staff: Emmy Turner, Kathy Middendorf, Heather Wagner, Melody Wallace, Gwenda Laney, Jose Martinez, Fr. Tharp

Absent: Chuck Smith, Bill Dirr

St. Ann Reports

- School Report
 - Ash Wednesday Mass went well.
 - Sleep in Heavenly Peace Fundraiser - \$1300 was raised.

Sacred Heart Reports

- School Report
 - Students and staff took part in the American Heart Challenge/fundraiser. Students learned CPR in gym – \$10,800 was raised
 - 117 applications for next school year; registration is closed
 - Projecting an increase of 10-20 students; close to capacity
 - 75% of applications are Catholic –117 (21 registered parishioners; 56 identify as Catholic)
 - 3 job openings – middle school teacher; Jr high math; intervention specialist
- New Business
 - K of C Fellowship Hall Request for a Presentation Series
 - Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio – mental health program; caregiver assistance network program
 - F. Vitale is looking to have these programs in April or May. These programs would be for the community.
 - Motion: To allow for two presentations. J. Martinez made motion. D. Schindler. **Motion passed.**
- Old Business
 - 60 Ton Aeon Unit approval
 - Motion: To approve the motion without remote access. D. Schindler made motion. F. Vitale seconded. **Motion passed.**

Director of Administration Update

- Project Updates
 - B. Dirr was not present, but updates were shared
- Budgets were reviewed
- Festival planning is underway.
- K. Middendorf would like Parish Council to vote on the budget, but it can be done in April.
- Principal search committee is underway at St. Ann.
- Teacher contracts got sent out. Most have been returned.
- St. Ann has a Grant in Aid fund with ~\$160k for tuition assistance, but with EdChoice that money is not being used right now. K. Middendorf would like to move the money out of that count to the General Operating Fund/Emergency Fund, but permission is needed either from the account originator (which will not occur due to the age of the account) or the Archdiocese. Some money will be kept in the account for families who will use/need grants (not eligible for full EdChoice)
 - Fr. Tharp recommended drafting a letter to the Finance Office of the Archdiocese

explaining the history of the account and asking for permission to make it an emergency fund for the school.
<p>Director of Evangelization Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage Workshop starts next Wednesday with 10 couples. There are still spots open. • OCIA will be going to the Cathedral this weekend. 10 total participants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are others who will need Confirmation. • Mardi Gras Event – event was fun; 60 registered (30-40 showed up)
<p>Director of Worship Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Wallace is preparing for Easter. • Ministry Fair was well attended.
<p>Pastor Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beacons of Light <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Last week Fr. Tharp found out due to the naming of the new Archbishop – our merger is slowed as there is not currently a seated Archbishop to make decisions regarding changes. ○ The Archdiocese Chancellor notified Fr. Tharp it is unlikely the merger would happen by July 1 and may not occur this calendar year. ○ Fr. Tharp is still retiring on July 1. He met with a priest interested in the pastorate of our Parish Family and will recommend him to the Archdiocese. There were 2 other priests that he's also met with and recommended. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The decision would begin being made by late March, but not yet announced to the parish yet. ○ The delay of the merger will be announced in the bulletin in a couple weeks.
<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution Review was started. The group will continue working through edits over the next couple months.

2025 Meeting Schedule - ALL MEETINGS ARE ON FIRST THURSDAYS AT 7:00PM
Next Meeting: April 3 at St. Ann

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 1	Sacred Heart	September 4	St. Ann
June 5	St. Ann	October 2	Sacred Heart
July	Summer Break	November 6	St. Ann
August 7	Sacred Heart	December 4	Sacred Heart