

**COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES**  
**Thursday, May 26, 2011**  
**IC Education Center Conference Room – 6:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Audrey Cernohous, Laura Rebhan, Arlene Tenner, Fr. Jim Brinkman, Annie Rudd, Ragna Raasch, and Eric Crandall. Members absent: Jo Germain, Dave Crosby, and Tanya Weinzierl.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order with prayer led by Fr. Jim.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Minutes were accepted by consensus as published.

**MINISTRY REPORTS:**

**Finance and Administration** – Dave Crosby – No report.

**Stewardship** – Jo Germain – no report.

**Worship & Spiritual Life** – Audrey Cernohous – Review of recent services showed that all were well done and well received. The longer procession Passion Sunday was well received. Possibly bells could be added to the children's flags next year. There will be washing of the feet on Holy Thursday next year. Having the choir sing "Oh Lord Hear My Prayer" on Good Friday was a nice way to end the service. It proved to be very reflective. There should be a Gospel Acclamation before the Passion is read (not after). Having soft music in the background during the reading of the Passion was good. Easter Vigil went very well. Fr. Jim plans to talk to Paul Birch, the director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese, concerning the time of the start for the Vigil. Not all parishes are following the guidelines. A uniform time/schedule is needed. Easter Sunday morning the church was full at 9:00AM Mass. The Easter decorations were beautiful; well done, Cheri Stephens. More discussion was held about the changes in the wording of the Mass. Bulletin spots will begin in late summer. Fr. Jim will do a cemetery service and Mass at IC Memorial Day. Fr. Jim will be at the military flag memorial site at 11:00 AM. Feast of the Assumption is a Monday this year, August 15, and will not be a Holy Day. Labor Day, September 5, there will not be a Mass.

**Catechesis & Faith Formation** – Laura Rebhan – CF is working on next year's budget and calendaring. Workcamp is working on the final details for their trip to Hurricane, West Virginia. Their final fundraiser will be selling scones after all masses June 5 & 6. With the leaving of Deone Parnell as Sacramental Coordinator, some changes have been made to the job positions of Kim and Patty. Patty Berger is now responsible for Marriage Preparation, Baptismal Preparation j1/2 of BASE training and Senior Recognition and 25% more hours have been added to her time. In Kim's position, Marriage Preparation, Baptismal Preparation, and ½ BASE training was removed from her position and Confirmation was added. The new Sacramental Coordinator position will consist of Children's Liturgy of the Word, First Communion, and First Reconciliation prep and Christian Initiation of Children. Four applications have been received for the Sacramental Coordinator position. Applications will be reviewed the first week of June and then proceed with interviews. Catholic Lighthouse audio CDs have arrived and are now available for purchase.

**Education** – Arlene Tenner - GOAL program continues with implementation and exceeding all requirements as are due September 1. Next school year 2011-2012 will be the self-study year for St. Mary's. Nine standards will be addressed and worked through for renewal of accreditation. The school is hosting two summer food booths and a parade float in local parades. Local vendors have been added for uniform sales. They are EZTEEZ and Moore Imprints.

**Buildings and Grounds** – Fr. Jim – The CIP crew has been busy working in the cemetery getting ready for Memorial Day. The irrigation system for the church and rectory has been turned on and any necessary repairs have been made. John Peterson has remade the flag holders in the front of the church and the flags have been shortened as a result of two holders breaking due to the high winds. The old upright commercial freezer in the back of the church kitchen wore out and is not feasible for repair. Ted Casey and helpers removed it from the basement and took it in for salvage. A chest freezer has replaced it which is more economical. Fr. Jim is presently getting bids for the excavation of the new garage and driveways. A sign for the playground has been ordered indicating "not responsible for injuries". Normal routine cleaning and repairs will be made on the buildings when school is out for the summer.

**Outreach** – Annie Rud – The IC Sponsored Community Meal was held on Tuesday, May 17th. One hundred thirty five people were served during the meal. A few items were used from May Fest including corn & coleslaw. The next IC Sponsored Community Meal is scheduled for August 16th and will also be the School Supply Give-away so we anticipate serving more than 350 people. We do not have an Outreach Committee Mtg. scheduled for June at this time.

**Parish Social** – Tanya Weinzierl – It was another fun year at May Fest. The new additions this year, May Fest Donut, Battle of the BBQ, Rummage Sale, Homemade Bake Sale, and the catered ribs from Deer's Meat Locker all seemed to

have brought an exciting twist to May Fest. We are waiting on a few outstanding bills/receipts then we will know the financial outcome. Preliminary reports, from Jo, show that we did about the same as last year if not better. Once Tanya has a chance to recover and get her family's life back in order, they will have a party for all of the volunteers/committee members at their house. Look for this to happen in June. Thanks to all who helped during our annual church event.

**Parish at Large** – Eric Crandall/Ragna Raasch – no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Fr. Jim reminded everyone that new council member names should be submitted at the next June meeting from the different ministries. Ragna Raasch has accepted the invitation to serve her second year At Large and Eric Crandall has finished his second year and is no longer eligible. Fr. Jim will put it in the bulletin for three weeks inviting anyone to submit their names for the ballot At Large to elect one new member and if there is more than one from each ministry, their names will also be placed on the ballot. Ministry members must have served on their respective ministry for at least one year and be a member in the parish for one year also. There is no meeting in July and all (old and new) members meet in August – old members for the last time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will take place June 23, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Education Center Conference room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa Skramstad – Secretary