

**COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES**  
**Thursday, October 27, 2011**  
**IC Education Center Conference Room – 6:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Audrey Cernohous, Stephanie Schleicher, Tim Scanlan, Fr. Jim, Annie Rud, Ragna Raasch, Dave Crosby, Dominic Rutledge and Jo Germain. Absent and excused: Debbie Calleja.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ragna Raasch and prayer was led by Fr. Jim, September minutes were accepted by consensus.

**MINISTRY REPORTS:**

**Finance and Administration:** Dave Crosby – no report

**Stewardship:** Jo Germain – State of the Finances for 2010/2011 was reported by Don Klein, finance chair, to the parish at all of the Masses on October 8/9. Rick & Cindy Prokash spoke at the 9:00 & 7:00 Mass and Word Communion Service the weekend of October 15/16 and Work Camp folks spoke at the Masses October 22/23 to witness to the way that God has worked in their lives through the sharing of their Time/Talent/Treasure. The Stewardship packets will be out for the next two weekends, which include a Stewardship message, the new Ministry Booklet, the annual report for the church and school, and a giving guideline. Any packets not picked up in two weeks will be sent out by mail. The Stewardship prayer will be prayed for the next two weekends. Stewardship Renewal weekend is November 12/13. People will be encouraged to make a commitment to stewardship, and their commitments will be blessed. After each of the Masses, apple treats provided by Outreach will be served.

**Worship & Spiritual Life:** Audrey Cernohous – “The Book”, Rediscover Catholicism by Matthew Kelly was discussed. Books can be purchased in the Church office, St. Mary’s School and after all the weekend Masses in different areas of the Church. CDs are also available. In January, there will be small groups set up for a series of 7 meetings to discuss “The Book”. Instead of a “Christmas Fair” this Advent, there will be a “Viva St. Nicholas” celebration to get reacquainted with St. Nicholas rather than the secular Santa Claus. This will be on December 3 and 4. December 3 there will be a card party and light lunch starting at 6:30 PM. December 4 there will be a pancake breakfast after the 9:00AM Mass and pictures taken with St. Nicholas. Lamplight books, videos, music and gifts will be for sale. Also, the new St. Joseph’s Missal and Olivewood Religious handicrafts will be on hand for sale. We went over the final plans for implementation of the new wording for the Mass parts. Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception were presented.

**Catechesis & Faith Formation:** Stephanie Schleicher – report not available at time of November meeting. To be e-mailed to Ministry Chairs for approval.

**Education:** Tim Scanlan – The Ministry of Education has reviewed its by-laws in conjunction with the school’s upcoming 2012 accreditation. It was decided that some changes/additions

needed to be made at this time. I have printed a copy of the current by-laws for your review, with the changes and additions highlighted. Council of Ministries must review and approve the changes to the by-laws at this meeting.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Fr. Jim Brinkman – The new garage is near completion and the excavation has also been finished. We are now waiting on the electrical work to be done, which might have to wait until next spring. If that is the case, the old garage will be torn down next spring after everything has been moved. Jason Schutte has volunteered to remove the old garage for the materials. Fitzgerald's Lawn Care will be trimming the hedges and removing the leaves later on after they have all fallen. They have also sprayed the cemetery for weeds and fertilized. New carpet has been laid in room 3 of Corrigan Hall. The Knights of Columbus are talking about helping in the cemetery next spring raising up and straightening old cemetery stones. They are talking about a creative way to do that with some type of lift. Fr. Jim appreciates the new little shed next to the rectory and continues to do the lawn work at the rectory. Routine maintenance continues at the Education Center and the Church on schedule.

**Outreach:** Annie Rud – The committees met and completed plans for the Volunteer Appreciation Event which will be held in conjunction with the Stewardship Weekend. Homemade Apple Crisp, Ice Cream, Hot Apple Cider and other tasty treats will be served. It is appropriate to recognize the volunteers in conjunction with the Stewardship Renewal Weekend. The Volunteer Appreciation celebration event will be held after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday. There will also be socials held after the Saturday 5:00pm and Sunday 7:00pm Masses which the Stewardship Ministry will host. Each of these socials will feature the homemade apple crisp which the Outreach ministry will make. The committee is reviewing the ministries and duties of the Social Ministry. Across time, the Social and Outreach Ministries have both been involved in many activities. It is hoped that each Ministry will grow stronger by better defining activities. The two committees will continue to work closely together, especially in activities that overlap.

**Parish Social:** Ragna Raasch – Report is combined with Outreach report above.

**Parish at Large:** Dominic Rutledge & Deborah Calleja – No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Fr. Jim talked about the Vatican II Revival and how the name came about. The Revival will be based on a book entitled "Rediscover Catholicism" which he read on his September retreat. It is a powerful book written by Matthew Kelly, a gifted layperson that is written from the heart to the heart and Fr. Jim considers him as a modern day prophet. We will be selling the book to everyone the weekend of November 12 & 13 after all the Masses and also on the following weekends. One thousand books have been ordered and more will be ordered as needed. The cost of the book is \$17.95, but through a grant they will be sold for \$3.00 with a money back guarantee, if it does not change your life. It is Fr. Jim's intention to have this book in all the parishioners' homes within two years. He believes this is the best thing to happen to the Church since Vatican II, thus the name "Vatican II Revival". All employees of the parish have

already purchased their copy to get a head start. In January we will break down into small groups to further discuss the book. Fr. Jim believes that the power of words in this book will catch people spiritually on fire and that the books will reach out into the non-practicing Catholics by talk and curiosity. Something great is about to happen!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will take place November 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., Education Center Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted  
Theresa Skramstad - Secretary