

**COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES**  
**Thursday, November 19, 2009**  
**IC Education Center Conference Room – 6:30 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fr. James Brinkman, Eric Crandall, Connie Crosby, Laura Rebhan, Monica Rominski, Jo Germain, Chery Stephens, Arlene Tenner, Jim Tilly, Wanda Viellieux, Tanya Weinzierl.

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** October minutes approved by consensus.

**MINISTRY REPORTS:**

**Finance and Administration** – Monica Rominski – Mark Devereux presented Finance Ministry with an Investment Policy Statement draft for our cash accounts to be reviewed annually at a minimum. With minor modifications, the policy was approved unanimously by the Finance Ministry. An update on the school's financial situation was presented by Jo Germain and they are on track to meet plan. Between gifts from parishioners and Women's Group, the rooftop heating units have been paid off. There will be a joint meeting of the school Viability Study Taskforce and the Finance Ministry on January 13, 2010.

**Stewardship** – Wanda Viellieux – November 7 & 8, 2009 was Stewardship Weekend which included blessing of the Covenant Forms, fellowship and food, and Priest appreciation. There was an increase in Covenant Forms being brought forward compared with 2008. The KC pancake breakfast was better attended compared to 2008 resulting in a free will offering toward the breakfast being \$353. Keith Statz is a new member to Stewardship Ministry and will be helping with follow-up. The date for Stewardship Weekend in 2010 is November 13 & 14. Our pancake breakfast date the past two years has conflicted with the date the VFW has chosen for their pancake breakfast fundraiser. John Mortenson of the VFW has been informed of the date for our weekend next year.

**Worship & Spiritual Life** – Chery Stephens – The possibility of prayer partners has been brought to this ministry's attention by Deone Parnell. Discussion within the ministry is ensuing to make certain it is done within a workable timeframe. There are a number of prayers available for the entire congregation to pray during Mass for Year of the Priest. It was suggested that the ministry would incorporate a prayer once a month through June 2010. After the prayer is chosen, it would be placed in the pews on the appropriate weekends. Fr. Jim shared his ideas for the upcoming All Souls Day. All Holy Days will be discussed as needed. Family ideas will be placed in the bulletin to either make or purchase an Advent wreath candle with the four weeks of advent concentrating on Week 1, Praise; Week 2, Watch; Week 3, Wait; and Week 4, Receive. A new person is being sought out to schedule greeters. Christmas plans are in the works and on schedule. The Ecumenical Service is November 25 at 7:30 p.m. with the High School choir singing and First Lutheran Church in charge. The Carmelite Prayer Box is now IC Prayer Box.

**Catechesis & Faith Formation** – Laura Rebhan – The Youth Rally "Resurrection Rally" is being held February 5-7, 2010 at Wisconsin Dells for grades 9-12 with the theme focusing on Eucharist at an approximate cost of \$130 per student. Information on the rally will be sent home with CF students December 2. Twenty eight students have made inquiry about attending Workcamp which will be going to Spring Grove Pennsylvania in July 2010. Information on Christian Family Movement will be placed in the bulletin to see if we have any interested parties. The Resource Room will receive special cleaning/organizing attention from the CF team and needed attention was discussed. The CF Department will be arranging for a trip to the Minnesota Science Museum to view the Dead Sea Scrolls in late February early March. By popular demand, another viewing of Scott Hahn's conversion story and that of his wife, Kimberly will be arranged. Sessions have been scheduled for January 18, 2010 for Scott's story and January 25, 2010 for Kimberly's. CF students will be visiting Feed My Starving Children on January 25, 2010. The

CF students will be at all entrances of the church with soup kettles on February 2, 2010 for Souperbowl Sunday with this year's collection going to Five Loaves Food Shelf.

**Education** – Arlene Tenner – Ms. Mari Zarcone-Patterson, principal, reported to Ministry of Education several changes by the diocese to include changes to teacher contracts. The contracts will include diocesan certification and curriculum updates to be more inclusive of Catholic Identity. There was initial discussion at the November Home, School and Church meeting about regenerating the school's marketing committee.

**Buildings and Grounds** – Fr. Jim – The church's perimeter heat boiler had a bad pump and was repaired, reinstalled and the heat was turned on November 18. The hot water heat radiator in the sacristy is "air locking" causing no heat. Mike will check and air bleed the valve as needed. The reason for the air locking is unknown. All lights in the church are now repaired and working. The reason for the three burned out lights in the north corner was a burned out wire.

**Outreach** – Connie Crosby – Welcome Baskets were handed out to all newcomers to IC on November 7 & 8. Invitations were sent to 48 families with 8 families picking up their baskets. The remaining pots not picked up will be handed out throughout the year to new families who come to IC. Jo Germain will send a card with the newcomer letters inviting them to pick up their "Welcome Baskets" in the church office. Tanya will make the cards for Jo to send. The ministry is developing something different during next year's Stewardship weekend to help welcome new families. Church directories will be ready for proofing December 1, 2009. Outreach Ministries of IC and St. Pat's along with other long standing parish members will be proofing the directory. One week is allowed to make changes/additions to the proof.

**Parish Social** – Tanya Weinzierl – Plans for MayFest 2010 will begin January 2010. Anyone interested on being on the committee is very welcome. Movie Night has been a huge success. The November 20 movie is Evan Almighty and December 4 will be a double feature of Veggie Tales– A Star of Joyful Giving and The Polar Express.

**Parish at Large** – Eric Crandall/Jim Tilly – no report

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** IC has two road signs in disrepair. Should they be removed or repaired, and who is going to do it? B&G's suggests they be removed as they really no longer serve their original purpose. Council of Ministries consensus is to remove the old signs. Because of the speeding cars coming into the church parking lot, it is recommended to put a stop sign at the speed bump. Council of Ministries consensus to put a stop sign at the speed bump. Monica Rominski brought up a concern by some parishioners that the announcements before Mass on weekends is redundant, too long, and discussed money issues that could all be put in the bulletin. Consensus of the Council of Ministries to have Worship and Spiritual Life draw up guidelines for pulpit announcements.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will take place January 28, 2010, 6:30 p.m., IC Education Conference Center. Fr. Jim closed with evening prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Theresa Skramstad - Secretary