

Area Catholic Community (ACC)
MAAA Parish Group
Minutes of March 27, 2025 meeting

The ACC-MAAA parish group met on Thursday, March 27th, at 7:10pm at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin in Morris. The meeting was called to order by Philip Deal and Fr. Todd led us in prayer.

Members present: St. Mary's, Chokio- Father John Paul Knopik (AM &SA), Sandi Marlow Weber,
Rachel Schott, David Asfeld
Ave Maria, Wheaton- Philip Deal, Carol Nelson, Linda Larson
St. Anthony's, Browns Valley- Edith Foren, Julie Metz
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Morris- Father Todd Schneider, Paul
Rentz, Holly Giese, Jackie Dripps

Guest:

Absent: Amber Metz (BV)

Minutes of February 6, 2025: Edith moved to approved: Holly 2nd, MC.

Proposed agenda: Jackie moved, Sandi 2nd, MC.

Item A: All Things New Meeting of March 22, 2025. Fr. John Paul provided 3 handouts, the 2025 monthly timeline and the section 5 design parameters. Phil asked if everyone had the To-do list from the meeting. Fr. JP and Fr. Todd calculated the distance and drive times between parishes. Fr. Todd had started to fill out the information on the Follow Up Action sheets and would send it to the other members to add to.

Philip continued with the topic of budgeted ministries. Discussion took place about the question of having a business administrator for the ACC. We do not currently have this position but can provide the information for each parish.

In regards to the organizational chart- parish council, etc. This will be completed by each parish. Sandi asked what does it mean to have the same constitution for all 4 parishes. Fr. Todd noted that we could focus on the other areas. Questions were raised about the parameters on the collection plate.

Rachel will send the questionnaire as a google doc to everyone that can be added on to.

Item B: ACC picnic. The menu is set and the 4 parishes will split the cost 4 ways. ACC council members will bring bars or ice cream cups. Grills will be provided by parishioners of St. Mary's. The flyer will note that the picnic is sponsored by the faith communities of MAAA. Tentative schedule will be 9am

confessions 10:00a Mass (this is the 1st Saturday Mass also). Food served at 11:30a. Sandi and Rachel will continue to work out the details and each parish will take care of registration from their parish. Paul suggested inviting Bishop Neary to the picnic. Fr. JP said he would extend the invitation.

Item C: General Discussion – April 26th is the next All Things New meeting in Kensington. Fr. JP thanked all members for the participation in and support of the ATN meetings.

Paul asked if anyone has talked to parishioners about the ACC and All Things New. Fr. Todd has talked with their parish council but is reluctant to cause unnecessary concern or anxiety with the parish at large. Paul mentioned that the Catholic diocesan magazines would probably have information. Fr. JP said he would talk to his parishes during the homily in the near future to introduce some of the topics. Paul asked if the handout could be passed out with the bulletins. Maybe right after Easter?

The topic of priest/pastoral reassignments was raised. Fr. JP thought that reassignments may be delayed during the All Things New process. Sandi asked about the number of priests in the diocese. The answer is 57 which is a 20% reduction.

Dave asked for clarification about how other ACCs were doing this process. All are grouped in the diocese by region.

Item D: Next meeting will be October 9, 2025 at St. Anthony's, Browns Valley
@7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Holly, 2nd by Carol. MC. Closing prayer by Fr. Todd closed with a special prayer for All Things New.