

St. Edith Worship Commission
Meeting Minutes January 10, 2024

Fr. Jim opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 pm.

In attendance: Fr. Jim McNulty, Al Rivard, Gary Kudron, Donna DeFavero, Zelma Isele, Cindy Coleman, Mike Magoulick, Linda Bodnar, Laurie Rizzolo, Joe Rashid, Heather Shina by telephone. Not present Jane DeRoo.

The next Worship Commission Meeting will be held on February 7, 2024, at 7:00 pm. The regularly scheduled meeting of February 14th is changed because it is Ash Wednesday.

Parish Council: Donna DeFavero reported that next month the Council will be setting up goals and objectives. If anyone has any ideas, please provide them to her in advance. There was review of the Christmas Mass schedule and complaints were minimal about not having Sunday morning masses. Mike Magoulick advised that the 4:00 Mass was crowded and that he put more chairs out in the hall for overflow. Donna reported that there was some discussion about having the Children's Mass at 6:30. There was also discussion about having a special sign up for altar servers for Christmas Masses. Fr. Jim reminded us that young families are coming to mass and that the children will soon be getting older, hopefully keep coming and soon be altar servers. On January 20 and 21, the Council Members will be intruding themselves at whatever mass they attend. Member Steven Kraska is looking into pilgrimages to other churches.

Altar Servers: Zelma Isele reported that she made the sign-up genius easier to use and fixed it in the bulletin. The robes were washed. Having Family Mass helps with getting the children and parents to attend Mass. Training for students in Religious Education is coordinated with Linda Kramer, training was done in the past and another will be scheduled.

EME'S: Al Rivard reported that he was short on Christmas Day, that he made an announcement and got four brand new EME's.

Bereavement: Gary Kudron reported that everyone is satisfied with the Bereavement. He inquired about the Coffee and Conversation on Sudden Death. Fr. Jim advised that it will be held on two dates, January 23rd and 30th at 7pm. No advance registration is required. The guest speaker is Mary Mitsch, PhD. All are encouraged to attend. Gary also commented that he noticed someone taking photos of the info on the walls in the gathering space and how neat they look.

Lectors: Linda Bodnar reported that there were no issues with lectors. The CYO Mass is scheduled for Sunday, February 4 at 5pm and that CYO will provide the lectors.

Art and Environment: Cindy Coleman reported that everything went well for Christmas. Decorations took two days. There was a smaller group as some were sick. The people who come and help know the process and procedures. Cleanup started at 8 am and was finished by 1:30 pm. Poinsettias are being given away. There was a mixup in the Poinsettia order and instead of doubles we got triples which contributed to them looking so fresh and full longer. Cindy and Jane will be gone over the next two months. Susan, Roseanne and Angi will be filling in and set up for Lent.

Adoration: Laurie Rizzolo reported that Adoration and Benediction were doing well.

Sacristans: Joe Rashid indicated that there was nothing new to report and the Sacristans for the Christmas Masses advised that all went well.

Ushers: Mike Magoulick reported that they had 4-5 ushers at each of the Christmas Masses and all went smoothly.

Music Ministry: Heather Shina reported that it was hectic, but all went well with the Masses, the Adult Choir, the Children's Choir, the Handbell Choir, In Praise, for God's Glory, the Music Ensemble . She is looking into having the piano bench repaired or replaced. The Advent Theme Song was from an Australian cartoon. In Praise will be schedule for a mass in January and February. Children's Choir is scheduled for a Mass in February. Handbell Choir will play at a Mass during Lent and there may be two new lady ringers. Melissa Niemiec is joining For God's Glory.

Fr. Jim: Complimented everyone on how well Christmas went, decorations, music, lectors, sacristans, EME'S, ushers, that we couldn't do Christmas any better. There were more people in attendance on Christmas Day. There was discussion at Parish Council about having the Midnight Mass earlier and maybe more people would attend. Fr. Jim took a poll several years ago and people wanted the Mass at Midnight. The subject can be reviewed prior to next Christmas. People who had funerals when the decorations were out liked that. Linda Bodnar advised that many families commented that they liked the Bereavement Ornament Tree. There is a presentation on Fr. Solanus Casey February 27th at Our Lady of Victory at 10:00 am and St. Kenneth at 7:00 pm. During Lent St. Edith will have as before, Soup Suppers on Wednesday, Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross on Friday. There was a mailing problem with the postcards for Christmas. Hopefully, the mailing issue has been resolved for the upcoming postcards. St. Colette will not be having daily Mass over the next 30 days.

The meeting concluded with a Hail Mary at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Rashid