

St. Edith Worship Commission
Meeting Minute January 8, 2025

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

In Attendance: Fr. Jim McNulty, Mike Magoulick, Laurie Rizzolo, Linda Bodnar, Al Rivard, Cindy Coleman, Gary Kudron, Zelma Isle, Cheryl Burford, Joe Rashid, Heather Shina by telephone. Not Present: Jane DeRoo, Donna DelFavero.

The next Worship Commission Meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Bereavement: Gary Kudron reported that the two coordinators for the new Saturday, Feb 1 Grief Sharing are Marianne Grywacheski and Sheila Piskop.

Sacristans: Joe Rashid thanked Fr. Jim, Heather and Deacon Don for the beautiful masses and all the effort expended during the Christmas Season, particularly the five masses for Christmas. The masses went well with good attendance. Mike Magoulick reported that there was an overflow crowd in the social hall and that some were disappointed they could not be in church for the 4pm Mass. We also thank the Sacristans and EME'S for their organization and all who participated. The sacristans for Christmas Masses were: 4pm Warren Nakamura, 6:30pm Craig Prokopchak, Midnight Al Rivard, 8:30am Trisha Watson, 11am Al Rivard. Solemnity of Mary Sacristans: 5pm Joe Rashid, 11am Al Rivard. Three members sent e-mail updates for the website, Art and Environment is still reviewing. Updates will be submitted to Connie Fletcher.

Ushers: Mike Magoulick had nothing new to report.

Lectors: Linda Bodnar reported that she has lectors for the Sunday evening masses, that she is still looking for someone for Ash Wednesday at 7pm.

Altar Servers: Zelma Isele reported candy was given to servers at the Christmas Masses, that \$5 gift cards will be awarded to those who serve 10 times. Some regularly serve but do not sign up. Heather inquired about training for her 4th grade daughter. Zelma indicated that she would arrange training for her.

Adoration: Laurie Rizzolo reported that attendance at Benediction averages 12-13 people, that she is still working on ways to try to increase attendance.

EME'S: Al Rivard had nothing new to report.

Art and Environment: Cheryl Burford reported that they were able to get all the decorating done for Christmas, that it was quite an effort of many people. A friend told her how beautiful the church looks. Cheryl cannot imagine filling Cindy Coleman's shoes for two months. Poinsettias will start being given away after the 5pm Mass, Sat, Jan 11. Fr. Jim will make an announcement.

Cindy Coleman reported that Cheryl is doing a great job, and we have a good group of people working with us. Decorations will be taken down on Sun, Jan 12, starting at 1pm. Cheryl is organizing Ordinary Time Decoration. When Fr. Jim gives us the theme for Lent, Cheryl will check with Jane DeRoo to see if she is available to make the letters.

Music Ministry: Heather Shina reported that everything went well for the Christmas Concert, all the choirs did well, other people were invited to sing, and all were happy to come and celebrate with us. For the Christmas Masses we had a saxophone, trumpet and drums. Many people were involved without taking time off. The Music Calendar is published every month and can be checked for the current schedule. Feb 2, 2025, at 1pm will be a Wedding Music preview.

Fr. Jim: Fr. Jim advised he wants to decrease the time for starting Communion. At the Sat, 5pm Mass the For God's Glory group coming to Communion has enough members that the EME (position 3) should distribute the Eucharist to them, the same as is done for the choir members at the Sun, 11am Mass. Heather will check with Rita about the Music Ensemble as they also have several members. Bulletins should be available and left out in the gathering space after Masses so that parishioners can get a bulletin when leaving after anointing, benediction, snacks, coffee and donuts, pizza or pasta. Mike indicated he would advise the ushers. Maintenance has tightened the loose rails and pews. The replacement cups for the Precious Blood is still being reviewed. There will be a Family Mission for Lent in conjunction with our Family of Parishes presented by Dr. Tim Hogan. Each session will be different. The general topic will be renewing spirituality in an age of technology. The presentation is about an hour followed by Q and A for about half an hour: St. Edith March 24; Our Lady of Victory March 31; St. Kenneth April 7; St. Colette March 26, Wednesday afternoon, in conjunction with the Seasoned Saints and will be geared toward older participants.

The January meeting concluded at 7:45 pm by remembering Fr. Jerry Flanigan: Born on Jan 27, 1927, Ordained a Priest on Jan 2, 1951, Entered eternal life on Jan 22, 2013. The Memorare was recited, the prayer on the back of his holy card.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Rashid