

St. Edith Worship Commission
Meeting Minutes March 13, 2024

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

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

The next Worship Commission Meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Bereavement: Gary Kudron commented that the Bereavement Ministry is doing fine. Gary also reported that he attended Stations of the Cross and we should try to do more to increase attendance. Discussion followed. Fr. Jim noted that devotional prayers do not get a large turnout unfortunately.

Sacristans: Joe Rashid reported that the Sacristans for Easter are as follows: Mar 30, Sat, 8pm, Vigil Mass, Joe Rashid; Mar 31, Sun, 8:30am, Trisha Watson; Sun, 11am and 12:30pm Al Rivard. The Family of Parishes Reconciliation was held with 11 priests on Mon, Mar 11, 7pm, at St. Edith and went well. The Ushers room and both Sacristies were used to provide more privacy.

Music Ministry: Heather Shina reported that she is busy preparing for Easter. There are four new choir members, gained a strong alto and a couple sopranos. Hand Bell Choir played last Sunday and did a good job. She is doing First Communion Prep. She is waiting to get the piano tuned. The piano bench has been sent out to get the leather replaced. She is cleaning out the choir room as the school students are also using it.

Ushers: Mike Magoulick reported that the Ushers have money available to pay for a party for the altar servers.

Parish Council: Donna DeFavero reported that they are still working on goals and objectives. The budget currently has a \$50,000 shortfall. Fr. Jim indicated that there is a problem with online giving, credit cards expiring and parishioners not being aware that their donations are not occurring. This will be looked into with the online service.

Lectors: Linda Bodnar reported that the new lector schedule is out, the Triduum and all the Easter Masses are covered and the Sunday 5pm Mass.

Altar Servers: Zelma Isele submitted the following by written report: I will e-mail parents closer to Easter to see if I can get their children to sign up. Hopefully, in April I will have another altar server training class. My schedule along with the schedule of my children has been busy, so if not April maybe May.

Adoration: Laurie Rizzolo reported that there were 21 people in attendance for Benediction in the last couple of weeks up from 12-15. The attendance for the Rosary has also increased. Laurie has made devotional material available in the chapel. Deacon Bob Delbeke attended Benediction for the last couple weeks and gave the homily.

EME'S: Al Rivard reported that he trained a couple more ministers. At the 11:00 Mass he has about 16 ministers available and he tries to get more diversity by using different people. Discussion followed.

Fr. Jim: The Hand Bell Choir really sounded good. First Communion will be in two Masses May 4, 9:00 am and 12:00 Noon. Confirmation will be May 21. People are putting children's books in the lost and found, asked Mike Magoulick to advise ushers to put them back on the book rack. There was an incident where a person asked an EME for extra hosts and used a napkin as a container. Sacristans are asked to remind EME's that a person must have a pyx and they cannot get an extra host without a pyx. Pyx are available in the gathering space. If the person doesn't have a pyx, they can see Fr. Jim, Deacon Don or the Sacristan after Mass to get a host in a pyx to take. The meeting regarding the Triduum will be held on Wednesday, Mar 20, at 5pm in the Parish Office.

Meeting concluded with the Hail Mary at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Rashid