

St. Edith Worship Commission
Meeting Minutes September 11, 2024

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

In Attendance: Fr. Jim McNulty, Mike Magoulick, Gary Kudron, Linda Bodnar, Zelma Isele, Donna DeFavero, Cindy Coleman, Cheryl Burford, Heather Shina by phone, Joe Rashid.

Not Present: Laurie Rizzolo, Jane DeRoo, Al Rivard.

The next Worship Commission Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in the Parish Library. Please note that the Worship Commission Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of every month September through May.

Cheryl Burford was welcomed as a member of the Worship Commission working with Art and Environment.

Art & Environment: Cindy Coleman reported that the summer went really well, had a lot of help. Jane DeRoo and crew took care of the pots. Jane and Cindy are trying to step back and are taking turns working with different people. Jane and Cindy will continue through Christmas and Easter.

Cheryl Burford commented that she is happy to be here. The grounds look beautiful. Cheryl loves to work with flowers and she and Cindy will work well together. Cindy advised that Cheryl made the beautiful crown for the Blessed Mother for May.

Parish Council: Donna DeFavero reported that their meeting last night was mostly about finances and what they expect in the coming year. Goals and Objectives will be in the bulletin this weekend. There will be a featured commission every month. Fr. Jim commented that each commission should write an article for the bulletin describing what they do and have different members at various masses to invite participation and explain to interested parishioners. Fr. Jim also commented that at School Fund Raisers, like the Auction, that we need to attract parishioners, family, and friends to attend, other than just the parents. Possibly better marketing would help.

Lectors: Linda Bodnar reported that the schedule is out through Dec 2. There are 22 active lectors and several subs. Could use more people to participate at the 5pm and 11am Masses. That lectors find their own substitutes when necessary.

Altar Servers: Zelma Isele reported that she has been training altar servers. There were 20 at the last training session. She has a busy schedule and will try to schedule another training session in November. Heather suggested R.E. is starting next week and she could try to recruit there. We may need to get a couple of smaller or altered cassocks for servers. Cindy Coleman will assist with the cassocks.

Ushers: Mike Magoulick had nothing to report.

Sacristans: Joe Rashid reported the sacristans have been busy with what seems like an unusual number of funerals.

Bereavement: Gary Kudron reported that the funeral vigil ministry has 6 members: Deacon Don Esler, Linda Bodnar, John & Denise Brady, Gary Kudron, Dale Orsucci, Dan Vincent. It is good for now but would like to get another member. They do a fantastic job. Fr. Jim commented that there are less services being held at the funeral home. Gary Kudron reported that Patti Kelly, Parish Social Worker, is doing a phenomenal job with the Grief Share Program. There are 6 facilitators: Paul Camelari, Paul Esser, Donna DeFavero, Patty Foresta, Carol Hoffman, Gary Kudron and 2 for hospitality Dee DeMassa, Mary Wascher. There were 18 people in the first session and 2 new ones next week. It is a very nice group with different levels of grieving. Another Group will start on Saturdays in February fulfilling an important need. November 9, 2024, from 2pm to 4pm, there will be a Surviving the Holidays Program.

Music Ministry: Heather Shina reported that she will speak at upcoming masses in September and October trying to recruit new choir members for the Adult Choir and Resurrection Choir. She hopes to create separate choirs for the holidays and special events. The music room has been renovated and is not quite finished yet. Handbells will start in October. She is recruiting 8th grade girls for In God's Glory. Our Lady of Victory is hosting a Praise and Worship night September 25, 2024, at 6:30pm featuring Francesca LaRosa. Nov 17, 2024, at 3pm we will be hosting The St. Cecilia Choir event, 10 different choirs come together and perform. On October 23, 2024, at 7pm, St. Edith will have the Mass of Remembrance, Infant Loss/Infertility. Music Ensemble will continue to play at the Sunday 5:00pm Mass and one other time during the month. In Praise will no longer be performing. There was piano maintenance during the summer. To assist with school security, The Resurrection Choir will warm up in the Chapel before funerals except on Tuesdays.

Fr. Jim: Last Sunday at the 5pm Mass a substitute priest was scheduled. The schedule got mixed up and the priest did not arrive. While we could not have Mass, a Communion Service was held. There were no complaints. There were compliments for Sacristan, Lector, Music Ensemble, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and the parishioners participated. We have really good people at St. Edith and they chip in, come together and participate in many different ways when needed. If you have a name badge, please wear it. If don't and want one, advise Deb Strautz in the office and she will get you one. Parish Council would like the Minutes within one to two weeks. Sacristans and EME's are reminded that intinction is not allowed. Discussion followed. Joe Rashid will advise the sacristans. Gary Kudron suggested we put a reminder on the Sign-in Sheet.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm with the Hail Mary lead by Mike Magoulick.

Joe Rashid drafted and posted on the Sign-in sheet the following reminder: "SACRISTANS AND EME'S ARE REMINDED THAT **INTINCTION** (THE ACT OF DIPPING THE EUCHARISTIC BREAD INTO THE CONSECRATED WINE) IS **NOT ALLOWED**. EME'S SHOULD PLACE THEIR HAND OVER THE CUP AND ADVISE THE COMMUNICANT THAT WE DON'T PRACTICE INTINCTION AND THEY MUST FIRST CONSUME THE HOST BEFORE TAKING THE CUP. HOWEVER, THERE SHOULD BE NO CONFRONTATION WITH THE COMMUNICANT OVER THIS."

Respectfully submitted by Joe Rashid