

St. Edith Worship Commission  
Meeting Minutes December 11, 2024

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, Donna DeFavero, Gary Kudron, Joe Rashid. Not Present: Jane DeRoo, Zelma Isle, Cheryl Burford.

The next Worship Commission Meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

**Bereavement:** Gary Kudron had nothing new to report and that he would not be able to attend the Dec 14 service after the 5:00 pm Mass for those placing new ornaments on the tree.

**Parish Council:** Donna DeFavero reported that there was a short meeting as attendance was light. Donna informed us that they talked about a Children's Bucket Challenge that was seen in an out-of-state parish as a way to encourage younger children and families to participate. Discussion followed. Fr. Jim said it would be something to talk about with younger families to determine the interest. Children bring up canned goods and food at the Offertory. We do not have the number of children that other parishes have. Laurie Rizzolo said every other month the R.E. students sign in and it's working well. Donna also reported that she recruited a new family that came to our church last week and liked what we did and that they would be coming back.

**Sacristans:** Joe Rashid inquired about the number of priests for Dec 14 Reconciliation. Fr. Jim advised 12, we will use rooms for privacy and not set up stations too close to the piano. The chapel wall doors will be closed for the 5pm Mass on Sat, Dec 14, the chairs will be turned to face the altar to allow for attendees coming for the ornament tree service. There will be Christmas Mass sign-up sheets for EME's available on Dec 14-15 and Dec 21-22 in the sacristy behind the altar, Fr. Jim will announce at Mass. Each member is asked to review the St. Edith.org website for the Worship Commission and update their information if required, three to four sentences should be sufficient, submit any changes to Joe Rashid on or before next meeting (Jan 8, 2025) via e-mail or handwritten and he will coordinate with Connie. The sacristans for Christmas Masses are: 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.

**Ushers:** Mike Magoulick inquired about robes for the altar servers. Cindy advised they have been washed, one was altered, and some could be thrown out. Mike advised they have \$500 to spend on new robes. Cindy advised them to hold off until spring. Mike further advised that they have additional funds available, \$250 for Patti Kelly, \$250 for Pope Francis Center, \$150 for gift cards from the giving tree. They have 7 ushers available for the Reconciliation Service and 4 ushers available for the Christmas Concert. Fr. Jim asked that the ushers lead the priests to their positions for the Reconciliation Service.

**Lectors:** Linda Bodnar reported that the lector schedule is out through Apr 26, 2025, there are 26 people on the roster. There are volunteers for all five Christmas Masses, still need to schedule for The Solemnity of Mary and Ash Wednesday.

**Altar Servers:** Zelma Isele reported by e-mail that she will send out a reminder at the end of the week to the parents of the servers to sign up for Christmas Masses.

**Adoration:** Laurie Rizzolo had nothing new to report.

**EME'S:** Al Rivard reported that at the 11am Mass he is sending EME's down the side aisle from positions 2 and 3 with cup bearers, to the back of church and then back down the center aisle without waiting for the ushers to lead them. Mike Magoulick said he would advise the ushers and to assist where needed.

**Art and Environment:** Cindy Coleman reported that we will be setting up for the Concert on Dec 15 and that she needed to get some clarification from Heather. Heather arrived at 7:35pm and they spoke about the set-up, altar to the back wall, no risers, and children down in front. We will be decorating on Dec 19-20. We will work around the Pageant and discuss with Linda Kramer, still looking for the stable set up. Fr. Jim advised it's probably in the garage. Poinsettias will arrive on Dec 22, at 2pm, after Baptisms.

**Music Ministry:** Heather Shina reported that she had been rehearsing for two hours. We have been preparing for Christmas. We have a new choir member for Sunday. The organ was fixed, it probably needed a tune-up.

**Fr. Jim:** Fr. Jim advised that he talked with Bob Calleja about bolting down the loose pew areas and that it would be done. Bob has many items on his to-do list. To replating the Communion cups would cost \$300 each. He is looking into the matter or maybe get new cups. The 4pm Mass on Christmas will be simulcast and streamed. Will there be Communion distributed in the hall, or will the people be led into Church? Mike Magoulick advised that he would work that out with Warren depending on the number of people in the hall and available EME's. Last year there were only a couple of rows filled, thinks this year will be more. Fr. Jim asked if Mike was checking the bookrack for money. Mike advised that he checks it monthly, not finding much.

The meeting concluded with the Hail Mary led by Mike Magoulick at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Rashid