



**PRAYER & WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**ATTENDEES:** Mike Gorichanaz, Katie Mancuso, Beth Kangas, Roy Spieckerman, Nancy Mueller, Katie Borgen, and Joe Hauer were present. Tom Pinzl and Connie Helm were excused.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Beth requested a revision to the September minutes; Katie M. made the change. All present agreed that the September minutes be accepted, with the revision. Minutes were accepted.

**Nominations for Chairperson and Secretary:** Beth explained that the Archdiocese recommends that each commission has a chairperson, a vice chair, and a secretary, that are decided upon annually. [The relevant page from the Parish Council Manual of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is attached to these minutes.] Mike and Katie M. offered to continue as the Chair and Secretary, respectively. Katie Borgen offered to be the Vice Chair. Roy motioned in favor of these appointments. All present approved these leadership positions.

**Parish Council Report by Beth Kangas:** A parishioner commented that he was not aware that Anointing of the Sick would only be taking place during one Mass. Eucharistic revival efforts and Adoration have continued. Eucharistic miracle display boards will be available in March. The all-commission meeting is considering returning to in-person meetings at least once or twice per year. There are ongoing issues with the lighting in Church.

**Usher Report by Tom Pinzl:** This item was moved to the November agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Passiontide Statue Coverings:** We will not be returning to the use of Passiontide coverings this year, or in the future.

**Stations of the Cross outside of Lent:** Those who attend Stations during Lent will be polled for their preferences.

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Nancy and Bill will lead the Chaplet on Passion Sunday; Beth offered her assistance. Nancy, Bill, and Beth will investigate additional dates for the Chaplet and report back at next month's meeting.

**Loss of a Child Service:** Nancy, Bill, and Mike are working on a date. Roy suggested that perhaps Dave Retseck should be consulted with his GriefShare efforts. Nancy clarified that the service is separate from Dave's group.

**Healing Mass (10/7/23, 4:30 PM Mass only):** A parishioner suggested that the blessing should happen after the conclusion of Mass, and Mike will follow-up with Fr. Tim. This year's Mass took 2 hours; 175 people received the sacrament. A concern is that some older Parishioners do not have control over which Mass they attend because they receive a ride from someone else. This discussion will be continued at a future meeting.

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**Jacob's Ladder (One month before All Souls')**: A parishioner asked about pictures being carried forward from year-to-year. There was a discussion about making the display larger or even replacing it with a book of names. This discussion will be continued at a future meeting.

**Mass of Remembrance (11/5/23, 8 AM Mass)**: There are 26 individuals being remembered this year; only 4 families haven't gotten back to Roy yet. Nancy offered to accept candles on behalf of families who can't attend. Roy will provide these names to Nancy. Carol Roltgen usually reads the names during Mass, but this should be confirmed.

**Veteran's Day**: The school children will be making cards to display in the gathering space, like last year. Veterans are welcome to take one home; Mike and/or the boy scouts will distribute the rest.

**Thanksgiving Mass (11/23/23, 9 AM)**: There will be a food collection, as usual.

**Penance Service in Advent (12/13/23, 7 AM)**: There will be a total of 5 priests. Joe will provide music.

**Christmas Eve (12/24/23, 4:30 & 10 PM)**: Eucharistic ministers should be arranged ahead of time, especially for 4:30 Mass. Roy will address this at the next Staff meeting; additional cups may be necessary. Nancy suggested making cards with candy canes to distribute at each Mass. This discussion will be continued at a future meeting.

**Christmas Day**: Masses at 8:00 & 10:30 AM, as usual.

**New Years Day (1/1/24, 9 AM)**: This is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Including names of relatives/parishioners of the deceased during intentions**: Beth will meet with Jill and report back to our group.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Should St. Gabriel Prayer Chain and Eucharistic Adoration Program be a responsibility of the Prayer and Worship Commission?** Mike would like these connected with a commission, in the event he is no longer able to do them in the future. All present were in agreement. Nancy offered her assistance.

Mike led us in the St. Gertrude prayer as the closing prayer.

**ADJOURNED** at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting – November 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Mancuso, Secretary

Copies to: Roy Spieckerman, Katie Borgen, Tom Pinzl, Nancy Mueller, Katie Mancuso, Joe Hauer, Angela Kjorlien, Nikki Packee, Jill Sheehan, Connie Helm, Mike Gorichanaz, Beth Kangas, and Fr. Tim Bickel

*Attachment: Page 10 from Archdiocese of Milwaukee Commission Guidelines*