



**PRAYER & WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

PREVIOUS MINUTES: All present agreed that the October minutes be accepted as submitted. Minutes were accepted.

Parish Council Report by Beth Kangas: 450 people attended the Mass of Remembrance. Fr. Tim is pleased with the new lighting in the church. Preparations continue for the auction. Fall Deanery meeting has taken place. The sale of the old church/school property is moving slowly. School pizza fundraiser is approaching. The Human Concerns commission gained 4 new members.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Stations of the Cross outside of Lent: Those who attend Stations during Lent will be polled for their preferences. Nancy suggested reaching out to Fr. Tim or a local Deacon to attend stations. Dave Retseck could also be contacted. Nancy will follow up.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Will take place on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 7th, 2024) and again in October (date to be determined). A microphone will be used for intentions. During the Lenten season, a secured box could be placed in the gathering space for the intentions of those who are not able to attend.

Loss of a Child Service: It didn't occur this October; Nancy is going to call Jill and get it on the calendar for next October.

Healing Mass (10/7/23, 4:30 PM Mass only): Fr. Tim would like to return to having it at all three Masses; the blessing could occur at the end of each Mass. Mike will follow up with Fr. Tim.

Jacob's Ladder (One month before All Souls':) The ladder should be taken down before the start of Advent. Katie B. will do this after Wednesday's Mass.

Mass of Remembrance (11/5/23, 8 AM Mass): Lighting the candles during the prayers worked well.

Veteran's Day: This item will be discussed next September.

Thanksgiving Mass (11/23/23, 9 AM): Next year, there should be a sign for attendees to bring their food donations into church. Many placed their donations in the basket in the entryway instead.

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Penance Service in Advent (12/13/23, 7 AM): Preparations have been made; five priests will be available.

Christmas Eve (12/24/23, 4:30 & 10 PM): Eucharistic ministers will be arranged ahead of time.

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 General Intercessions: This will happen for recently deceased members of the parish; relations will be listed on the easel in the Narthex. Beth will provide an update to the parishioner who originally made this suggestion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Should Prayer to St. Michael continue to be said at the conclusion of each Mass? Fr. Tim would like this to continue, and all present agreed. Roy will be ordering more prayer cards to place in the pews.

Last year, 350 little black books were ordered for Lent. Roy will order the same amount this year.

Katie B. will change the colors to purple this Saturday for the start of Advent. She is checking with Fr. Tim about putting Christmas decorations up earlier than the 23rd, as she is not available that day.

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

ADJOURNED at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting – January 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Mancuso, Secretary

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