



PRAYER & WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING - VIRTUAL MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Mike Gorichanaz, Roy Spieckerman, Tom Pinzl, Katie Mancuso, Nancy Mueller, and Janet Kummeth (liaison) were present. Katie Borgen, Molly Soba, Matt Byczynski, and Phyllis Wenhart were excused. Katie Borgen emailed her comments prior to the meeting, and they have been included in these minutes.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Roy moved, Mike seconded, and all present agreed that the October minutes be accepted as submitted. Minutes were accepted as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mass for Anointing 10/9-10/10: Fr. Tim would prefer to do the anointing himself rather than bring in another priest to help things move along faster. Next year, ushers should bring people up in a different way so that they aren't standing in line as long. Attendance at the Masses was as follows: 197 people attended 4:30 PM and 125 were anointed; 233 attended 8:00 AM and 106 were anointed; and 211 attended 10:30 AM and 129 were anointed.

All Saints' Day: Because it fell on a Monday this year, there was no Mass for All Saint's Day.

All Souls' Day:

Jacob's Ladder – Fr. Tim would like this display to stay up until Advent, along with the Veterans' Day display.

Mass of Remembrance 11/7 at 8:00 AM: 26 candles and angel ornaments were distributed. Mike had some troubles getting the candles lit quickly enough during the ceremony; perhaps they could be lit ahead of time next year.

Veterans' Day Thurs., Nov. 11: The students made cards for Veterans that were displayed around the building, and Veterans were acknowledged during the school Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 10th. Mike mentioned that more Veterans probably would have attended this Mass if it had been better advertised.

Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 AM: Mike will be present to help usher.

Advent (begins 11/28): Placement of wreath-The wreath will be in same place as last year, on the alter near the ambo. Mark and Katie B. will have it displayed starting the Friday after Thanksgiving. Roy ordered new candles that should be more visible when lit. Nancy will start the bulletin board early as she will be out-of-town for Thanksgiving.

Little Blue Books- Gerry Wolf displayed the blue books along with additional Advent books; about 2/3 of the blue books have been taken already.

Schedule for Advent and Christmas Masses: Masses throughout Advent follow our normal Mass schedule of 4:30 PM Saturday and 8:00 and 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings. Reconciliation will be Wednesday, December 1st at 7:00 PM; 4-5 priests will be available. Immaculate Conception will be Wednesday, December 8th at 8:30 AM and 7:30 PM; it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Christmas Eve Masses are 4:30 and 10:00 PM; Tom will be coordinating extra ushers. Christmas Day

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Masses are 8:00 and 10:30 AM. Because Christmas Day is on a Saturday, there will be no Mass of Anticipation that evening. Sunday, December 26th Masses will be 8:00 and 10:30 AM. New Year's Eve Mass will be Friday, December 31st at 4:00 PM. Because New Year's Day falls on a Saturday, there will be no New Year's Day Mass. Instead, the 4:30 PM Mass on January 1st will be the Mass of Anticipation for Sunday (Epiphany). Masses on Sunday, January 2nd will be 8:00 and 10:30 AM.

Christmas: Existing Christmas trees will be used this year, but tall pencil trees will be ordered for next year. Katie B. purchased new tree skirts and decorative picks for the trees in sparkly white, rose gold, and deep red colors. Poinsettias (red, white, and mixed) will be ordered this week.

New Year's: Nancy will be making a New Year's display for the bulletin board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Janet gave an update from the 11/9/21 Parish Council meeting minutes:

Auction: An auction chair is still needed; it is a 9-month commitment. Perhaps two couples could share this role, or parents from each class could be assigned a certain responsibility from year-to-year?

Volunteerism: COVID may have played a role in the lack of follow-up with the time and talent surveys.

Marketing: 2 new families have toured; ads have been posted in Hartford and Sussex.

Lighting: It will cost \$4,000 to replace lights with LED bulbs; this will be revisited when prices fall again.

Capital campaign: needs to be revisited; there is still 2.5 million in debt for the school.

Athletics: School needs volunteers for athletics.

Catholic Schools' Week: Preparations have begun.

Pilgrimage: The trip went well.

XLT event: was well-received and Christian Formation would like to hold their own event in the future.

Eucharistic Procession: Based on St. Gabe's rural location, it would be difficult to have a procession similar to the one that occurs between St. Anthony and St. Mary's Parishes in Menomonee Falls.

In other new business, Mike mentioned that a parishioner has been leading devotions to the Mother of Perpetual Help and will have table at Donut Sunday.

Roy led us in a Hail Mary as the closing prayer.

Janet motioned to adjourn, and Nancy seconded; all present were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

ADJOURNED at 7:28 p.m.

Next meeting – January 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. There is no December meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Mancuso, Secretary

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