

Cluster Prayer & Worship Minutes Sept. 6, 2022

Attendees: Deb Hamm, Suzanne Biedenbender (OLL), Leon Jacoby (OLL), Sally Hammen (OLL), Peter Bemis (OLL), Mary Navis (DS), Jennifer Thill (DS), Pat Bley (DS), Bob Bichler (DS), Audrey Bares (DS), Mark Shininger (DS), Katie Dimmer (OLL), Pam Barton (OLL), Pam Huiras (OLL)

Meeting started at 6:30 pm.

Katie brought to the committee a suggestion from Faith Formation to have a marriage blessing during Mass on a given Sunday of each month for the couples celebrating anniversaries. Much discussion was had about times, how often and the effects on parishioners. Deb spoke to Fr. Don about this and he has been in parishes where people felt bad who are widowed, divorced and single. We discussed alternatives of once a year - during National Marriage week in February, posting in the bulletin, or adding a marriage blessing when a couple renews their vows during Mass. We are to pray about it and finalize a decision at the January meeting.

The schedule for Eucharistic Adoration is as follows: OLL is the second Wednesday of the month from 4 - 6:30. The CRE students will pray the rosary at 6:15 followed by the repose of the Eucharist. DS is the first Monday of the month at St. Rose from 2:00 - 5:30 and the third Wednesday of the month from 5 - 6:15. It is imperative that each parish have someone with Our Lord the entire time. Pam H. will contact Darrell Boeck to schedule OLL. DS needs to find someone to schedule the time slots for Wednesday. Sounds like Monday is covered.

The blessing of pets will be Sunday, October 9 at 1:00 in the Holy Cross parking lot. Deb will lead the blessing.

Confirmation is October 16 at HC church at 10:00 am Mass with Bishop Haines and DS choir. Announcements will be in the bulletin to remind parishioners of the Mass being Confirmation.

At the weekend Masses of Oct. 29/30 we will read all the names of the deceased from the previous year in the cluster at the beginning of Mass. There will be 12 vigil lights on a table in front of the altars that will be lit before every Mass during Nov to honor our dead. OLL also has an Eternal Life Tree placed under Mary's altar for people to place their loved one's memorial cards on.

All Saints Day is Tuesday Nov. 1 - a holy day of obligation. Mass is 8:00 am in Fredonia and 6:00 pm in Random Lake.

For All Souls Day services in the cemeteries, Leon will lead prayer services in each of the cluster cemeteries on Tuesday Nov 1, 10:00 am in Adell, 1:30 in Cascade, 3:00 in Random Lake, & 4:30 in Lake Church. Deb will lead a service on Sunday Oct. 30 in Dacada at 1:00.

Nov 23 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service time and place to be determined

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 am at St. Rose in Fredonia. Josh will be asked by DS to provide music.

We decided on no theme for Advent and are going to focus on all the messages of the Advent prayers each week. Pat, Mary and Suzanne will find all the candle lighters to light the Advent wreath.

Dec. 8 (Thurs) is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a holy day of obligation. 9:00 am Mass at St. Rose with DSCS students. 6:00 pm Mass at OLL

Advent cluster reconciliation Tues. December 13 at 5:30 in Holy Cross with private confessions to follow.

Christmas Mass schedule:

Dec. 24, 4:00 at Holy Cross, Fr. Steve Lampe

Dec. 24, 5:00 at Random Lake, Fr. Tom Neitzke

Dec. 24, Midnight, Dacada, Fr. Guy Gurath

Dec. 25, 9:00 am, Holy Cross, Fr. Don Thimm

New Year's Eve we will have our regular weekend schedule

We discussed implementing a \$150 deposit for wedding couples stating the church and facilities have to be left as found or they will not get back their deposits. The sacristans have had to clean up some large messes that left them not being done by the time parishioners show up for Sat. evening Mass. If the church is still a mess, the sacristans will be paid \$50 and the \$100 will go to the church. If the church is clean, we will reimburse the \$150.00. It was a policy when we had Fr. Voitik. Deb opens for all the rehearsals, maybe a gentle reminder might help.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next Cluster meeting for Prayer and Worship will be Tuesday January 10, 2023 at Holy Cross church at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Huiras