

Prayer & Worship Minutes July 10, 2023

Attendees: Deb Hamm, Suzanne Biedenbender, Sally Hammen, Bryan Bichler, Peter Bemis, Leon Jacoby, Katie Dimmer, Pam Barton, Brady Bemis, Pam Huiras

The goals of the Prayer & Worship committee are:

- *to nourish and give direction to the liturgical aspects in the parish*
- *to provide opportunities for parishioners to deepen their faith through a variety of prayer experiences and liturgical celebrations, especially the Sunday Mass*
- *to assist in promoting the spiritual growth of parishioners*
- *to maintain an ongoing training program for liturgical ministers.*

Meeting started at 6:30 pm. Minutes were approved prior

Old Business

1. Rosary at St. Nics attendance. May 7th-13 people, May 14th-14, May 21st-17, May 28th-17
2. Some graduates attended the Graduation Mass on Sunday May 21st. Do not have a count.
3. Memorial Day mass was Monday May 29 with a normal Monday Mass attendance.
4. Jesus in the form of wine has returned and seems to be going well.
5. Corpus Christi attendance on June 11th was 65 people which was a great turnout for a chilly misty Sunday.
6. Oll 25th Anniversary celebration is July 16th following Mass until noon. The meal will be free of charge with door prizes, cake, a video of our history and fellowship.
7. The feast of the Assumption is Tuesday Aug. 15th. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be 8:00 am at St. Rose and 6:00 pm at Oll. Susan will send an email looking for Eucharistic ministers and Pam B. will lead the rosary before Mass at 5:35.
8. St. Nicholas 175th anniversary is August 20th with Bishop Haines presiding at Mass.
9. Confirmation is Sat. October 21st at 4:30 in HC. Bishop Haines is presiding.
10. All Saints Day, Wednesday Nov. 1st. Mass will be at 8:00 am at OLL and 6:00 in HC
11. Leon will be going to cemeteries for All Souls Day. Date and time to be determined.
12. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Friday Dec. 8th. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass at 8:00 am at St. Rose and 6:00 at OLL.
13. We are having Fr. bless all Holy Water as it is purchased so there is no confusion on if it's blessed.
14. At this point we will not be using kneelers for those who receive Holy Communion kneeling. We discussed the room we have at OLL for a kneeler. We will continue to follow the USCCB directives from 1994 that determined the posture for receiving Holy Communion is to stand.

15. Our Thursday morning masses at St. Rose are being continued as long as Fr. Neil can help out. When the school year begins, Fr. Pat will be presiding once again.

16. It was suggested that the "The Streets of Bethlehem" start earlier and end earlier so the people involved can see the Live Nativity if they'd like. Also, could we have costumed people walk around downtown during Night of Lights for advertising of the event.

New Business

- Deb reported Fr. Martin Laumann will be the missionary cooperative speaker on July 22-23 Masses and also will preside at those Masses.

- We are looking for a lector for Thursday morning Mass @ 9:00 on July 27, Aug. 3rd, 10th, and 17th as Deb will be taking some classes.

- Two new servers have been trained. We are always looking for more.

- Deb would like to put together a handout bag for Advent. It would have something in it to help reflect on the four weeks of Advent which represent Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. She would like it to be cluster wide. We will discuss it at the joint cluster meeting in September.

- A Biblical Walk through the Mass by Edward Sri is being read currently in our book study on Tuesday mornings. Deb would like to implement the study videos for a study group this year for those who read the book. There are five videos. A suggestion about having a video series for the non-readers in our parish was also discussed.

- Deb discussed that our two new priests would be willing to preside at a 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass if and when the time would come that Fr. Guy would no longer say Midnight Mass.

- Discussion was had on how we can get people to attend and understand the beauty of and ultimately love visiting Jesus in adoration. Consistency and offering it weekly would be the ultimate goal. We will try to fill the time slots we have first before adding more. We now have St. Nicholas as an addition to our times. Pam H will make sure there are announcements the Sunday before our adoration and St. Nic's adoration. Brady will contact Darrell and they will make sure we have the time slot covered with two adorers for the OLL adoration which is the second Wednesday of the month from 4:00-6:00, until religious ed resumes then the time will go back to 4:00-6:30. It is also left open for discussion down the road for OLL to change their adoration time if we find a different time that works better for more of the congregation.

- Katie Dimmer is the point person for the Eucharistic Revival. We discussed all kinds of options for promoting the Revival. She will have her own committee to implement some of the wonderful resources from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the National Eucharistic Revival. Deb stated there is some grant money she could use to purchase any resources needed.

- The painting of the lettering under Mary and Joseph is underway this week from Conrad-Schmit.

- Communion on the tongue can now be received at anytime during the Communion procession.

- The first adoration at St. Nic's was well attended. Denise said the divine praises at the end. There will be adoration the second Sunday of the month from 1:30-3:30 at St. Nics. It is yet to be determined what months in winter there will not be adoration at St. Nics.

- Closing prayer: A Patriotic prayer for our country.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Huiras

Next meeting: Joint cluster meeting. Thurs. Sept. 14 @ 6:30 at Our Lady of the Lakes. We may have a short meeting after the cluster meeting if needed.