

Prayer & Worship Minutes

March 6, 2024

Attendees: Deb Hamm, Suzanne Biedenbender, Sally Hammen, Bryan Bichler, Peter Bemis, Pam Barton, Leon Jacoby, Kati Dimmer, Jim Steffen, 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.

Old Business

- Biblical Walk through the Mass had 14 people attending each session on Feb. 10 and 17.
- Ash Wednesday. Both masses were full. Deb also had an ash service for 3k and 4k at the school.
- Adoration on Thursday's was discussed. Seems to be going well. There will be four candles lit, two on the altar and the two on the sides of the tabernacle. The schedule is working well for the adorers.
- We will be adding an announcement box to the bulletin stating our Adoration hours. It will show up periodically when there is room.
- February 29th Encounter night was very well attended. Music was beautiful and confessions flowed seamlessly. Fr. Tom gave a wonderful talk on Eucharist. Next Encounter will be April 24th at Holy Cross at 6:30. We will have the same format. Deb is looking for a speaker. We will have three confessors again. Tim Shinniger family will provide worship music again.
- Ecumenical Group Lenten Service we hosted on February 28th was well attended. The topic was Jesus' Robe. Deb led the service with refreshments following.

New Business

- Our Lenten series is underway with Dr. David Stosur speaking on Eucharistic Spirituality. The dates are March 5, 12, and 19. As of this date, there were 61 attendees for the March 5th night. There will be a break for Easter. To finish up, there will be two additional sessions. April 16 and 23 at 7 p.m.. No Mass or meal at these, we will only serve desserts. OLL is the host site. The first night was very well attended. We begin with Mass at 6:00, soup served after Mass and the presentation follows at 7:00.
- Fr. Don will have a teaching Mass on March 13th for the religious ed students. All parishioners are welcome.
- We had a brief discussion on the possibility of opening up the church during the day for private prayer. There has been a request from a parishioner who goes elsewhere to pray. Deb explained that our insurance lady would like people present in the church when it's open. The insurance company is ok with the one day, Wednesday, open after mass for

personal prayer. If anyone wants to go to church for private prayer, they can call the office and someone will go over and open the door, and you lock it when you leave.

Lent/Easter season

Stations of the Cross every Sunday at 1:00 in Dacada during Lent.

St. Patrick's Day Mass will be Sunday, March 17 at 3:00. Fr. Don is presiding. There will be the bagpiper providing Irish music again along with Suzanne.

The school Mass will be switched to Tuesday March 26 at 9 a.m. because March 28 is Holy Thursday.

Holy Thursday Mass in RL at 6:00 pm with adoration until 8:30. Fr. Don presiding

Good Friday at HC at 1:00 pm with Fr. Steve presiding

Holy Saturday at HC at 8:00 with Fr. Don presiding. Four people will be coming into the church. Please pray for them as they finish their preparations.

Easter Sunday in RL at 8:15 with Fr. Steve, 10:00 in HC with Fr. Don, and 11:00 in Dacada with Fr. Neil.

Adoration will begin at St. Nicholas church April 14th from 1:30-3:30. It will be the second Sunday of the month through November.

First Holy Communion is April 28 in HC at 10:00 am Mass and May 5 in RL at 8:15 Mass. Most of the students will be receiving Holy Communion at the 10:00 am Mass. The families can choose.

May Crowning is May 5th after 8:15 mass

Rosary will be prayed before Sunday 8:15 Mass in May and in Dacada at 1:00 pm on Sundays during May and October.

Confirmation is May 19th at the 10:00 am mass in Holy Cross. Bishop Haines will be presiding as he is the Vicar of our area parishes and clusters.

Memorial Day Mass is Monday May 27 at 5:30 at St. Rose

Graduation Mass- There will be one graduation Mass for the cluster. Terri is looking into what date will work best for the schools involved.

-Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Next meeting: May 6 at 6:30 at OLL

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Huiras