

Prayer & Worship Minutes

Nov. 3, 2025

Attendees: Suzanne Biedenbender, Leon Jacoby, Pam Barton, Peter Bemis, Bobby Slocum, 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

- **Adoration Schedule** is as follows:

St. Rose - 1st Monday of the month 2:00-5:30

OLL - Every Thursday from 5:00-7:00. Family Adoration is the 1st Thursday of the month for the 1st 30 minutes. From 5:30-7:00 it is regular Adoration.

St. Nicholas - The 2nd Sunday of the month from April-Nov from 1:30-3:30

*We will implement **Candlelight Adoration** this year starting in January. On the last Thursday of the month at OLL the lights will be turned off at 6:45. Four candles will be lit. It's a beautiful encounter with Jesus as all that's left is Him and you!

-**Rosary** in October before 8:15 Mass and St. Nicholas. Five people consistently attended at St. Nics with music by Denise.

- **All Saints Day** -Sat. Nov 1.

- **All Souls Day** was Sunday Nov 2. Leon led a service at 9:30 in Random Lake cemetery 12 attendees, 11:00 in Holy Cross cemetery 8 attendees, 1:00 a prayer service in St. Nicholas church with ice cream treats 15 attendees, 2:30 in St. Patricks cemetery 4 attendees, 4:00 in Cascade cemetery 11 attendees, 5:00 in Lake Church 20 attendees. The cemetery service consisted of prayer, scripture, closing prayer and Holy Water given to attendees. Thank you Leon.

There were vigil candles in each church representing each parishioner who passed in the last year with a banner in each made by Mary Navis, and the names were announced at Mass.

Suzanne sent a letter personally inviting families of the deceased from both parishes, to the weekend Mass.

New Business

-**Ecumenical thanksgiving Service** is on Nov 26.

-**Thanksgiving Day Mass** is on a rotation yearly. This year it is at Holy Cross, Nov. 27 at 9:00 am.

-A Night in Bethlehem is Dec. 5 from 4:00-7:00

-Immaculate Conception is Monday, Dec. 8th. This is still a Holy Day of obligation because Our Lady is our National Patron Saint. 8:15 am Mass in Fredonia with the DSCS students and 6:00 pm Mass at OLL

-Advent: Families will light the Advent wreath candles at the beginning of Mass. Pat Bley will be the contact for 4:30 HC Mass, Jenny Stemwell will find 10:00 am HC, and Jacob Birenbaum will find for 8:15 Mass. Deb will put together Advent in a bag again for handout. We will have a blessing the third week of Advent for your home crib Jesus. Bring your baby Jesus to Mass.

-Advent Reconciliation and Encounter Night will be Dec. 2 at Holy Cross from 6:30-8:00. The night consists of private reconciliation, Adoration and praise music.

-Christmas handout: We are handing out a book titled, "What We Believe" by Bishop Barron on Christmas

-Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 4:00 Holy Cross (Wed)

Christmas Eve 5:00 OLL

Christmas Eve 10:00 St Nics

Christmas Day 9:00 OLL

-New Years Day Mass Jan. 1 (Thurs) 9:00 HC

-Jan. 28 - Archbishop Grob will speak at the Family Program on religious ed night. Public will be invited. He will speak on Demonology and Exorcism.

-Ash Wednesday is February 18

White Conservation Services has begun to restore the Mary and Joseph statues from the community room. The restoration is being funded by memorials.

Next Meeting:

Joint cluster meeting on Monday, January 12 @ 6:30 at Holy Cross church

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Huiras