

Prayer & Worship Minutes April 5, 2021

Attendees: Suzanne Biedenbender, Leon Jacoby, Sally Hammen, Jim Barton, Bryan Bichler and Peter Bemis

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 from Feb, 1 were approved.

Old Business

- **Side Altars** – Peter discussed the project to make the wording more readable with the Pastoral Council. They approved the project and it now needs approval from the Finance Council.
- **Year Dedicated to St. Joseph** - Deb is writing articles for the bulletin about St. Joseph. The Prayer of St. Joseph is being said before all Sunday Masses.
- **Family of Faith** – Pam Barton organized a “33 days of preparation” to dedicate ourselves to St. Joseph. It started on Feb. 15 and ended on March 19. Amanda ordered booklets for everyone participating. Jim and Pam also held a virtual pilgrimage to Lourdes on March 23 and March 24 as well as at other area churches during March. The Family of Faith group hasn’t been active during Covid, but is considering having supper together after the monthly Adoration once we can again have hospitality.
- **Ministry Fair** – The speakers were great for the Ministry Fair. About 10 parishioners responded. Susan needs to tally the responses and inform the various committees who shows interest in participating.
- **Lent/Easter season**
 - Feb. 17 - Ash Wednesday. 8:00 am Mass in RL without the DSCS students in attendance & a 6:00 pm evening Mass at HC. Random Lake had 122 attend the 8:00 Mass.
 - Stations of the Cross were held every Sunday at 1:00 pm in Dacada (35 – 45 attended)
 - Feb. 24 – Ecumenical Prayer service at RL at 5:00 pm. (35 attendees)
 - March 14– St. Patrick’s Day celebration in Adell on Sunday at 3:00 pm with Fr. Guy and Fr. Gideon concelebrating. 30 attendees.
 - March 25 – cluster reconciliation on Thursday at 5:30 pm in RL. (30 attendees)
 - April 1 - Holy Thursday in RL at 6:00 pm. (149 attendees). No washing of feet, but Father Gideon encouraged parishioners to wash the feet of family members at home. Adoration took place after Mass until 9:00 pm.
 - April 2 – Good Friday at HC at 1:00 pm – 222 attendees
 - April 3 - Holy Saturday at HC at 8:00 pm. – 147 attendees
 - April 4 – Easter Sunday. “The Gift of Sunday” booklet was distributed after all Masses.
 - 8:15 Mass in RL with Fr. Gideon & Fr. Tom Neitzke (211 attendees)
 - 10:00 Mass in HC with Fr. Gideon (229 attendees)

11:00 Mass in Dacada with Father Neil. (164 attendees)

- **First Communion** will be held at HC on April 25 and at RL on May 2 at the normal Mass times. Random Lake will have 11 students making their First Communion.
- **Confirmation** will be held for the cluster on Saturday, May 8 at HC at 10:00 am with the Divine Savior choir singing. Archbishop ListECKI will preside. RL has 11 confirmands & Divine Savior has 17 confirmands.
- **Rosary** will be prayed before Sunday Mass during May
- **May Crowning** – scheduled for May 9, Mothers' Day after Mass. Julie Binder & Pam Huiras are coordinating

New Business

Book Box for Prayer Garden – A permit is not required from the village. Merlin Depies will install the box in the garden.

Server class for CRE 3rd graders – Suzanne will have a server introductory class for all the CRE 3rd graders on Wednesday night, April 7.

As a follow-up to the issue of fewer ushers and taking Communion to the choir, the ushers solved the problem by deciding to have the choir dish filled at the end of the Communion Procession. That way the Eucharist Minister would not have to get involved. It seems to be working very well. Jim also brought up the fact that noise from the choir (sneezing, coughing, touching the mic) is picked up by the mic that transmits to the overflow area. We will adjust where the mic stands and alert the choir to this fact.

Adjourned at 7:00 pm

Next meeting: June 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm in parish center

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Biedenbender