

Prayer & Worship Minutes

May 8, 2023

Attendees: Deb Hamm, Suzanne Biedenbender, Sally Hammen, Bryan Bichler, Peter Bemis, Darrell Boeck, Leon Jacoby, Julie Binder, Denise Dimmer, Nancy Zimmer, 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 6:35 pm. Minutes were approved prior

Old Business

1. We will go ahead with the painting of the lettering in church under Mary and Joseph statues. Contract has been signed and sent. We will be entered into Conrad- Schmit's schedule.
2. The new ciborium and chalice have been ordered. The old ones will probably be used at St. Nic's.
3. Dedication for the new cross that was installed in the prayer garden took place on May 14th following the May Crowning. Peter Bemis led us in prayer.
4. The stations of the cross attendance are as follows: Feb 26th-35 people, March 5-52, March 12th-36, March 19th-42, March 26th-58, April 2-35.
5. Cluster reconciliation was held on March 28th with 37 going to private confessions.
6. St. Patrick's Day Mass was held Sunday, March 12th. 98 people attended. The bagpiper was well received.
7. Easter Mass totals are coming back up. For the Triduum, this year's total attendance was 1775 people. Last year, 2022, our total was 1154. 621 more people attended the services this year.
8. First Holy communion was held May 7th. Six children in OLL and 13 children in DS received.

New Business

- We will be bringing Jesus in the form of wine back to mass the weekend of June 10 and 11th. There will be reminders in the bulletin for those who wish to partake, to be respectful if they are ill. There will be a retraining of the Eucharistic ministers.
- In regards to baptisms in our parish with our new priests. We will continue with the third weekend of the month as baptism weekend. They will be during our masses. In rare instances we will allow baptisms outside of this due to family situations or the family having a connection with another priest. We need to make the best use of our priests.
- We will be adding a St. Nic's adoration once a month, seasonally. The date and times have not yet been determined. Adoration for OLL will go from 4:00-6:00 during the summer and the first Monday at St. Rose will stay the same.
- Deb stated that some of the folks at the St. Nicholas Listening Session would like to add a regular Mass there on the weekends and want to have the Merger Decree from 25 years ago (that lists the Random Lake site as the main worship site) changed. Deb contacted the Chancery Office and it was reiterated that the Merger Decree cannot be changed. At the most recent OLL Finance Council meeting, the consensus was that we will not be adding a mass at St. Nicholas. In addition to the fact that we aren't fully utilizing the current Masses in our cluster, we do not have the priest personnel to cover this. The new Vicar of Clergy Nathan Reesman reminded staff and key lay leaders in March that we are lucky to have the retired priests who are assigned to our parish.
- May Crowning was held on Mother's Day after mass.
- Rosary is being prayed before Sunday 8:15 mass and in Dacada at 1:00 pm mass in May
- Memorial day Mass will be Monday May 29th at 5:30 at St. Rose

- Graduation mass will be Sunday May 21st at 8:15, June 4 at 10:00
- Deacon Al Lazaga from St. Joseph, Grafton offered to lead the Corpus Christi procession on June 11 at 1:00 in Dacada
- The Sounder had the wrong rosary time. It has since been corrected.
- Eucharistic Revival kick-off is right around the corner. June 10th is the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Congress. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee wants each parish/cluster to send at least 10 parishioners to attend. There are many ideas of what to implement for this coming year of the parish revival.
- Deb said we had money from Faith in our Future campaign. Books have been purchased for all Council and Committee members and parishioners of our cluster to read. They are "The Biblical Roots of the Mass" by Dr. Edward Sri..
- The pastoral council is planning a brat fry on July 16 for OLL's 25th anniversary. Pam H and Katie will look into donating something for a free drawing of a door prize.
- There is a commemorative booklet for the 175th anniversary of St. Nicholas. There will be mass with Bishop Haines presiding. The festivities will include a silent auction, beer tent, pet lady, Bella Musik, balloon lady, tours, kids games, brats, hamburgers, desserts and more.
- Our Lady of Luxembourg has been restored beautifully by Terry White from White Conservatory.
- Feast of the Assumption is Tuesday August 15. Mass times have not yet been determined.
- Confirmation is set for Oct. 21 @ 4:30 in Holy Cross. Bishop Haines will be presiding. Confirmation will move back to spring next year.
- A discussion was had about bringing kneelers back for communion. Different thoughts and ideas were given. Other churches have been bringing them back for the people who receive communion kneeling.
- A question was asked if our holy water is blessed. And further, what is the process? If water is added to the current water, is it still blessed without prayers being said by the priest? Deb will look into it.
- Julie gave an update on the "Streets of Bethlehem".

Closing prayer: Hail Mary

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Huiras

Next meeting is Monday July 10th @ 6:30 at Our Lady of the Lakes

Next cluster meeting: Sept. 14 @ 6:30 at Our Lady of the Lakes.