

**Spiritual Life Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**13 January 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Vern, Judy Dudek, Gayle Tyler, Beth Buczko, Kathy Wood and Therese Rakouskas

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Antonovich (vacation) and Donna Grady

1. Fr. Vern opened the meeting with prayer.

2. **Christmas/New Year Recap:**

- **Advent books:** we ran out this year, therefore Gayle will order 375 for next year.

- **Wreaths:** we have enough materials to make 9 more and have 6 already made. Everyone felt 15 would be enough to sell for next year. We have plenty of candles for next year as well.

- **New Years Eve/Day mass coverage:** apparently it was an oversight not to schedule lectors or Eucharistic ministers for masses for this; we need to ensure this is done for next year.

- All else seemed to go well.

3. **Lent:**

- **Ash Wednesday:** will be on 25 February and masses will be at 7:00 am, 12:10 pm and 6:30 pm. Fr. Vern stated that the 6:30 pm mass is likely to be crowded as that is a G of F celebration event.

- **Stations:** these will be done per usual; each Wednesday after Ash Wednesday at 6:00 pm with mass at 6:30 pm.

- **Lenten Mission:** This is being held 21-25 March and Fr. Bill McCarthy is scheduled this year; Pam will contact him to verify his schedule and what he needs. He was last here in 2002. At present Fr. Vern believes he will speak at masses on 21 & 22 March and start his sessions at 7:00 pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will do Stations at 6:00 per usual on the 25<sup>th</sup>, however Fr. believes that a healing/reconciliation mass will be at 7:00 pm vs. our regular mass at 6:30pm. Pam will verify all this and get back with Fr. Vern. We also discussed who we would secure for 2010 and 2011. It was suggested to ask Fr. Gaffney again.

- **Lenten Booklets:** Gayle has enough of these. They will be put out the weekend of 21 and 22 Feb.

- **Banners:** Gayle believes that we have enough intention cards and prayer cards for these, however she will check. The banners will also need to go up for 21 & 22 Feb masses.

- **Holy Week:** we agreed to table this until our next meeting.

4. **Guidance to EMs/Lectors regarding consistency:** After much discussion, it was recommended by Fr. Vern and agreed by all that we would table this until Bill was ordained as a Deacon and then he could take this on. He will be ordained on Mother's Day weekend. In regards to the Ablution Bowl; it was decided that those EMs that wish to wash their hands may do so.

5. **Adoration:** Pam stated that an adorer had called her recently wondering why the adorers were not included in the commissioning mass. Fr. Vern stated that originally the pot luck dinner held on Holy Thursday was to recognize/thank the adorers, so they really had their own special event. Pam will work on either invitations or a poster invitation to be posted near the sign-in table of the chapel for this year.

6. **Special Appeals:** Fr. Vern asked the commission their opinion on having special appeals such as Cross International and Food for the Poor come to speak of their ministry. They keep calling to come back. His feeling was that we ask a lot of our parishioners now and we do have other appeals that we have to support. He suggested we have a policy that we could have a group such as these come once and then instead of them coming back to our parish, they could go to all the other parishes. Everyone agreed.

7. **Commission Structure:** Fr. asked for clarification as to how our commission was set up. Judy Dudek and Pat are co-chairs (and attend the Parish Council meeting); Kathy is the Secretary; Gayle is the "Logistics coordinator" (aka Supply clerk), Therese handles the altar servers training and schedules, Pat handles the EMs/Lector schedules, Donna handles music needs of our events, Pam coordinates the Adoration program and Pat manages the Shawl Ministry. One area we did handle was the Library when Kathy Abrahams and Lisa Slock were on the commission, but we do not know where that stands. Kathy Wood will contact Kathy Abrahams to see if she can get a status.

8. **The next meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, 10 February, and Tuesday, 10 March 2009.** Fr. ended with a prayer.