

Spiritual Life Commission Meeting Minutes
25 January 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Vern, Gayle Tyler, Beth Buczko, Pat Antonovich, Donna Grady, and Kathy Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: Deacon Bill, Pam Letendre, Rachelle Rushford and Therese Rakouskas

1. Fr. Vern opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Pat discussed the need for more Eucharistic Ministers for the 8:00 Sunday mass. Several names were offered as possibilities. Next training dates are 17 and 24 Feb.
3. **Christmas Recap:**
 - There were leftover advent booklets; possibly due to them not being put out early enough. We agreed to keep the order the same for next year
 - We did not have enough of the Easter candles for Midnight mass; however Fr. Vern was convinced that they did exist, they just weren't brought down from the storage. This will be looked into.
 - Next year will be a "Cadillac" year – Christmas Eve is on a Saturday, therefore Christmas will be on Sunday
4. **Lent** begins this year with Ash Wednesday being on 9 March; masses will be at 7:00 am, 12:10 pm and 6:30 pm with no stations of the cross
 - **Lenten booklets** will be available for the 5 & 6 March masses. Gayle is doing the research on what will be ordered; possibly the Magnificat again
 - Gayle will check to see if there are enough Lenten intention cards for the banners
 - All other Wednesday's in lent will have 6:00 pm stations and then a 6:30 pm mass with the exception of the Lenten mission
 - **Lenten Mission:** Fr. Pat Martin, who works with the disabled, is our speaker for this year. He will speak at the 2/3 April masses and the mission will go from 4-6 April. 6 April will not have stations that evening.
 - Ray Fontaine has the paperwork to make the posters, etc for the theme for this year.
 - We have Fr. Savage scheduled for 2012 and a Brother for 2013
 - Donna will check with Judy Trickey for any RCIA candidates
 - 18 April – Rite of Sending. We will need to see who will attend the cathedral to get the oils
 - 21 April – **Holy Thursday**; 5:30 pot luck, 7:00 pm mass
 - 22 April – **Good Friday**; 8:00 am and 3:00/7:00 pm masses
 - 23 April – **Holy Saturday**; 8:00pm Easter Vigil mass
 - 24 April – **Easter Sunday**; 7:00/8:30 and 10:30am masses

5. Other Spring Events:

- **Divine Mercy Sunday** is 1 May. The Rosary will be prayed at 2:30 pm with a 3:00 pm Benediction.
- **First Communion** will be held on 14 May at 4:00 pm mass and on 15 May at 10:30 am.
- **Confirmation** is scheduled for 28 May.
- **Ascension Thursday** masses will be held at 6:30 pm on 1 June and 7:00 am and 12:10 pm on 2 June.
- **Pentecost** is 12 June

6. We need to start working the implementation of the changes of the mass to welcome the **New Roman Missal**. Fr. Vern discussed that the parishes will be visited in April to hold workshops. He is going to order the book, "One Voice" for our liturgical groups and the plan is to order cards that will be placed in the pews that show the changes to the mass for folks to easily follow. He plans to start teaching the changes in September to ensure the parish is ready. Donna explained that they have taken the most popular songs and re-written them, however not the introductions to the song which will make it a little tricky. It has been recommended for each diocese to use the same settings to start so everyone can get comfortable with them. The web-site www.diospringfield.org has good information on it.

7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for 8 March at 6:30 pm in the old Rectory. We felt there was no need to have a meeting in February.

8. Fr. Vern led us in a Closing Prayer