

Spiritual Life Commission Meeting Minutes
10 March 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Vern, Judy Dudek, Gayle Tyler, Beth Buczko, Donna Grady, Pam Letendre, Pat Antonovich, Kathy Wood and Therese Rakouskas

MEMBERS ABSENT: None!

1. Fr. Vern opened the meeting with prayer.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

a. **Lenten Mission Update:** Fr. Vern spoke with Fr. McCarthy and he will do something for the elderly on Tuesday, 24 March at 3:00 p.m. Fr. Vern is not sure what this will be. He will include something in his column in the bulletin. Sunday, 22 March, will not be a mass; possibly a benediction. Monday – Wednesday (23-25 March) will be in the context of a mass. We discussed having lectors, EMs and servers for these. Fr. Vern also mentioned that he heard from Fr. Roche and he has offered to look into securing the Haiti Missionaries of the Poor for our 2010 mission. If that does not work, then Fr. Vern suggested asking for Fr. Gaffney again. All agreed.

b. **Holy Week Update:**

- **Palm Sunday, 5 April:** Confession will be held at 2:00 pm. Fr. Vern has asked 5-6 other priests to join him. No music is needed.
- **Monday, 6 April:** Gayle did not have a chance to speak with Deb Robinson regarding students from the Confirmation Class to receive the oils at the Cathedral. Fr. Vern will put something in his column in the bulletin; if anyone wants to go then meet at 5:45 pm in the parking lot across from the Rectory. Gayle and Beth will go.
- **Holy Thursday, 9 April:** The potluck supper will be held at 5:30 in the Pine Room and will be especially to honor our Adorers. Pam is working on the posters and invitations for this. Fr. Vern will also put a special note in his column for the Adorers. We have 5 candidates for the washing of the feet and need 7 more. Fr. Vern suggested the Marsh family as they have 7 children. Gayle will contact them. Since some of the already selected 5 will be children, Gayle would like to see some elderly involved. Beth volunteered to also be a candidate.
- **Good Friday, 10 April:** masses will be at 3:00 and 7:00 pm.
- **Holy Saturday, 11 April:** will hold the Vigil at 8:00 pm.
- **Easter Sunday, 12 April:** Masses will be at 7:00, 8:30 and 10:30 am. The choir will sing at 10:30.

c. **Lenten Booklets:** Beth stated there didn't seem to be enough of these this year for adults. Gayle had ordered 375 of them, more than last year. Judy stated that there was a young girl passing out the children's books to adults last weekend and she informed her they were for children. A lot of discussion was held around a better way to distribute these. Fr. Vern asked Gayle to look into getting the Magnificat Lenten Companion for adults for next year and this would end the confusion. They are a nice booklet and even offer a suggested penance for each day. They are only \$.90 each if you order between 100 and 999 of them. He also asked Gayle to look into the Advent version of these for this year.

d. **Divine Mercy Sunday:** This will be held on 19 April. The Rosary will be prayed at 2:30pm and the benediction and prayer will start at 3:00pm. Gayle stated that the Novena pamphlets are already on hand. The Holdsworth's are usually in attendance to serve, however Therese will check with them.

e. **Adoration:** Pam stated that the same openings still exist; Monday from 2:00 – 3:00 pm and Tuesday from 12:00 – 1:00 and 1:00 – 2:00 pm. She will do another push in the spring.

f. **Shawl Ministry:** Pat stated this continues to go very well. There have been 65 shawls presented to parishioners to date.

3. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **Pix:** Judy shared that Kathy Abrahams had contacted her with a concern that there were not enough pix available. Fr. Vern stated that there were well over a dozen originally available; that he had bought some and some had been donated. At this point it seems as if the EMs are taking them and forgetting to bring them back. We all agreed to have Fr. investigate how much they would cost and there will be a sign up sheet for EMs to purchase them if they wish.

b. **Eucharistic Ministers:** There seems to be some confusion when Bill Brawner is present as to how many EMs are needed. Although it has been stated that those scheduled should still come up to the altar to serve, some are confused. Pat will send out a postcard to clear this up and remind them to return the pix's if they have one.

c. **Deacon:** Bill Brawner will be ordained on 11 May 09 at 11:00 am. There will be more information about this.

d. **Traveling Mary:** Fr. Vern was reminded to put something in the bulletin regarding parishioners taking this statue home.

4. The **next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 12 May 2009.** THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN APRIL. Fr. ended with a prayer.