

Spiritual Life Commission Meeting Minutes
16 March 2010

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Deacon Brawner

1. Fr. Vern opened the meeting with prayer.

2. **Easter Tridium –**

Holy Thursday: We discussed needing 12 people for the washing of the feet. Father would like to see a good mix of folks; families from the First Communion Class, Confirmation, Parish Council reps and maybe a retired couple. We do know that our candidate Marilyn would be one of the people. Rita Gallagher is her sponsor and may or may not be interested. Gayle will check with Judy Trickey to work on the list of potentials. Fr. Vern discussed the necessary music with Donna and any changes needed for the altar servers with Therese. Those who receive the oils at the Cathedral on Monday evening will be asked to bring them to the altar on Thursday evening. There will be a Confirmation this year and this will be done after the oils have been brought to the altar and the foot washing. Per usual, the potluck for Thursday evening will be at 5:30 pm in the Parish Center. Adoration will be closed at 10:00 pm that evening.

Good Friday: 12:00 Stations of the Cross for the Children, 3:00 and 7:00 pm masses. Deacon Brawner will preach at the masses.

Holy Saturday: 8:00 pm vigil. This year there will be no baptisms performed at the vigil.

Peter will be available for all masses and can do the incense.

3. **Palm Sunday:** The First Graders will be at the 4:00 pm mass and Fr. will lead the outside procession through the side door to the back of the church and up the center aisle. The Easter Egg hunt will be held after the 10:30 am this day.

4. **Divine Mercy Sunday:** This will start at 2:30 pm with the Rosary, the Benediction at 3:00 pm then the Chaplet. Gayle still needs to order the booklets. Fr. suggested 100 of them would be good.

5. **Shawl Ministry:** Pat didn't have an update on this.

6. **Adoration:** Pam stated that there are two hours listed in the bulletin in need of adorers, but otherwise things are fine.

7. **Lenten Mission:** All set for this year. Fr. Vern shared the flyer that will be in the bulletin for this event. **21-24 March** is broken down as follows:

Rosary each evening at 6:15 pm

Sunday 6:30 pm: Opening of Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Reflection: The Battle for Souls: Christ's Redemption

Fr. John Corapi, S.O.L.T.

Closing of Benediction

Monday 6:30 pm: Opening of Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Reflection: The Changing Stories of The Eucharist
Jesse Romero
Closing of Benediction

Tuesday 6:30 pm: The Shroud of Turin
Andre Chapdelaine
Chaplet of Divine Mercy (bring rosaries)

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Liturgy of the Eucharist
Reflection: The Mass Explained
Fr. Larry Richards

Also we discussed future missions as follows:

2011 – Fr. Warren Savage

2012 – Fr. Pat Martin

2013 – Fr. Bob Gruger (sp) Passionist

Gayle will look into dates for these. Fr. Vern prefers it be the week before Holy Week.

8. New Business:

- Kiosk – this is going very well. It has already been restocked at least once.
- Fr. Vern mentioned that the World Apostolate of Fatima is sending one of four statues to our diocese from May – November. We discussed having her for the week of 26 September – 2 October for Feast of St. Francis week. Fr. will ask.
- Fr. Vern shared that Dan Schutte, a composer of many songs to include “Here I am Lord”, has offered to do an evening in concert. A crowd of 250 is what would be needed to cover the cost, although we do not have all the particulars as yet. Fr. Vern will check on available dates. We discussed maybe having it a G of F event and then it would fall under Judy Trickey. If it won’t work for G of F, then our commission will consider it.
- Judy had an advertisement from Jason Brunelle discussing a 6 session course that he has offered to teach. After reviewing what would be involved, we decided we would definitely need a syllabus and permission from the Parish Council. We felt that this may be too technical for our parish with all that we have going on with G of F, our Kiosk, etc. Pat will led Judy Trickey know that we felt that it is not for us at this time.
- Fr. shared that the Lay Ministry is offering training and recertification for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors in the next couple of months in Granby, MA. Hopefully with it being so close to home, folks would be able to attend. The parish would pick up the cost. Pat will send the information out to all the lectors/ministers. The first session is 22 April.

- We discussed the difference between the Magnificat vs. The Word Among Us. This time Fr. felt the Word was better. For future years we will try to get copies of both ahead of time in order to make a good decision. This led to a discussion about a “Penance Bowl” being at the back of the church. This would just be slips of paper with suggested penance on them such as those listed in the Magnificat. Great idea! There would be one for Adults and one for children.
- Kathy asked Gayle about the “flowers” used for the Lenten intentions that are pinned on the banner. She has the capability to make them now and will be glad to do so. Fr. mentioned that we really need to have a new banner; one that is longer. He will probably be able to make one.
- Judy mentioned that Kathy Abrahams wants to update the Library list and needs the flash drive. Judy can’t find it and was hoping Gayle might have it. Gayle will look. That led into a discussion on the use of the library. Many don’t know where it is and with the kiosk, it may have been overshadowed. If we are to add more books, then we need to get rid of some. We have tabled this for our next meeting.
- Fr. Vern mentioned that he had a parishioner make the comment that they wished our people would be more hospitable. This surprised many of us, but it is something to be conscious of. We discussed greeting folks as they enter the church with sincere greetings. To counterbalance this; he also heard from someone that wants to join our religion and our parish because they liked it so much.

9. **Next Meeting:** We decided we would not meet in April, but would have our wrap up meeting for the year on 18 May.

10. Fr. closed with prayer.