

Spiritual Life Commission Meeting Minutes
8 December 2009

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Deacon Brawner, Pam Letendre, and Donna Grady

1. Fr. Vern opened the meeting with prayer.
2. **Christmas:** Fr. Vern verified that all the schedules are done for Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers and decorations are in progress.
3. **Lessons In Carols:** This is all set for 3 January 2010 as planned.
4. **Lenten Mission:** Fr. shared with us that the Holy Spirit came to him during G of F this past weekend. He had been struggling to find someone for the 2010 Mission and after hearing the wonderful tape by Scott Hahn on the Lord's Prayer it came to him. Why invite someone when we have all these talks on tape that could be used? We discussed doing a tape for 3 of the 4 nights and then ask Andre Chapdelaine to do his talk on the Holy Shroud for one night. The following weekend would be reconciliation. Benediction would be used vs. mass for these nights. Wednesday during lent is our usual mass preceded by the rosary. We also discussed having refreshments for the last night. So the evening could start with the tape, have a period of reflection, conclusion and benediction. Everyone agreed this type of change might be good. We discussed doing this the week of 21-24 March 2010. We are all set for Mission speakers for 2011 and 2012.
5. **Old Business:**
 - Shawl Ministry: Pat said this is going well. Fr. asked that the following be given shawls as well as communion call:
 - Noella Neill who has dementia. Pat will take care of her.
 - Germaine Field who has Parkinson's. Beth will take care of her.
 - Agnes Kowal who has severe arthritis. Gayle will take care of her.

Fr. will get to all 20 shut-ins prior to Christmas. He usually brings them all a poinsettia.
6. **New Business:**
 - Lent starts on 17 February. Easter is on 4 April; Palm Sunday on 28 March. Gayle will have all then Lenten books ready. Fr. mentioned that he would possibly schedule the Penance service for Palm Sunday. We agreed that we would finalize all the Lenten plans at our next meeting.
7. **The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 12 January 2010 in the Rectory.**
8. Fr. ended with a prayer.