

St. Edith Worship Commission

Meeting Minutes October 12, 2022

In Attendance: Fr. Jim McNulty, Cindy Coleman, Jane DeRoo, Gary Kudron, Mike Magoulick, Joe Rashid, Tom Rist, Heather Shina, and Linda Bodnar. Al Rivard's absence was excused.

Fr. Jim opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:05 p.m.

Adoration: Tom Rist reported that things are decent. There have been some new people at Adoration.

Lectors: Linda Bodnar reported that Linda Kramer informed her that Family Masses are planned for 11:00 A.M. on November 13, December 18, February 12, April 2 and May 14. The Religious Ed. Department will secure lectors for those Masses and hopes to have the youngsters fill as many positions as possible at those Masses. The lector previously scheduled for the November 13 Mass has been informed of the change.

Heather Shina shared that School Masses have been planned for the first Saturdays of November and December. Efforts are being made to get more of the young families to attend Mass. Father Jim noted that CYO Masses are being held on Sunday evenings, and that we are also trying to tie events such as Daddy-Daughter Night to Masses.

Jennifer Butts will again be the lector for the Infant Loss Mass at 7 p.m. on October 26.

Art & Environment: Jane DeRoo reported that they are "hanging in there." Angie Beharry and Susan Wiska were very helpful while Cindy Coleman was away.

Plans are being made for Advent; Jane will be away, so deciding upon a theme soon would be helpful.

Cindy Coleman said she plans to drop the green drape at the end of October. It was noted that some painting may be necessary. When it is time to hang the purple drape for Advent Justin or Bob will help with the high level.

We will continue to have the food baskets in church; the children seem so excited about them.

Ushers: Mike Magoulick reported that the Pancake Breakfast will be held this coming Sunday.

EME's: Joe Rashid reported for Al Rivard that on Sundays the eucharistic minister at station #3 will distribute the Eucharist to the choir before going to distribute to the congregation. Discussion followed and it was clarified that whenever there is a choir present the #3 minister will go to the choir first. In the case of the Resurrection Choir, the sacristan will distribute to the choir (from a position between the railing and the back wall). Heather (and the cantor if they are the only two musicians) will continue to receive from Father in the sanctuary.

Sacristans: Joe Rashid noted that on November 1, All Saints' Day, the 9 a.m. Mass will be a school Mass. There will be an evening Mass at 7 p.m., for which a lector will be needed.

The 9 a.m. Mass on November 2 will not be a school Mass. Joe hopes to have the scheduled Tuesday lector read on Wednesday that week. The All Souls' Day Mass will take place at 7 p.m. on November 2. Candles will be distributed along with the crosses to the families of the deceased, which will then be brought forward and lighted when the names are read, as was the procedure pre-Covid.

Joe will not be available for the November 9 meeting.

Music Ministry: Heather Shina thanked Debby Glitz for her appeal for Hand Bell ringers. Six or seven people have joined the Hand Bell Choir.

Concerning the Adult Choir, Heather has recruited a few past members to re-join. (Tom Rist agreed to do so this evening.) The new cantor, Ben, has just joined the parish in the last year. The Resurrection Choir is back.

Larry has done a good job with the microphones; the sound is balanced much better. He is also a very talented musician.

Rita Douglas is trying to get high school students to participate in the Music Ensemble.

Mona Mason has about 22 youngsters in the Children's Choir. She is trying to incorporate some of the school music. The extra drum set has been placed on the stage.

A replacement part for the organ should take care of the excessive blower noise.

School Masses are going fine. We keep trying to get the children to come to Mass; the Children's Choir will lead some of the Family Masses. The hope is to combine 8th graders with For God's Glory (one of the 8th graders is a drummer).

Handbells will play on November 19. Two children are interested in the Handbell Choir; one is part of a mother-child pair.

The Christmas Concert is December 18 at 3:30.

Gary Kudron asked how many handbells are used; Heather responded that we have a three and a half octave range.

In Praise will play on October 29, but not in November.

Heather shared an anecdote about an encounter while making a store return. It was an opportunity for evangelizing.

General Business: Fr. Jim noted that we need to get more people involved in Funeral Luncheons.

Gary Kudron shared that following the last meeting he felt empowered and asked someone at the 5 p.m. Mass to be a funeral helper. Gary also thanked Mike for suggesting Dan Vincent, a relatively new usher, to join the Funeral Ministry. Dan has already accompanied Deacon Don to a vigil service. Joe suggested contacting the rosary group (Sandy Rogala) to see if anyone there might be interested in helping.

Fr. Jim's Comments: Fr. Jim reported that on December 10 the Bereavement Christmas (ornament) gathering will follow the 5 p.m. Mass. The Grief Share groups will be invited to participate; the two groups total about 18 people. The gathering will be held in the chapel; the doors to the church will be open to accommodate a large group; chairs will need to be turned. Social distancing does not seem to be an issue currently.

There was discussion as to whether the Tuesday Mass should be held in the chapel. For now, it will remain in the church.

Fr. Jim has asked a few people to join the Worship Commission. Thus far they have declined. A representative for the Altar Servers is needed. Father wants to keep having the servers be children rather than having adults serve.

On Corpus Christi the first communicants will be invited to join the procesion. It is known that the children do come to church when there is "something special."

Jane DeRoo pointed out that the Masses should be inclusive, not RE vs. school. Heather suggested that the Saturday 5 p.m. School Masses be referred to as Family Masses.

The next meeting will be in person on November 9.

With no further business, the meeting concluded with the *Hail Mary* at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bodnar