

St. Edith Worship Commission

Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2025

Fr. Jim opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:04 p.m.

In attendance: Fr. Jim McNulty, Cindy Coleman, Donna DelFavero, Zelma Isele, Mike Magoulick, Joe Rashid, Laurie Rizzolo, Al Rivard, and Linda Bodnar. Heather Shina was attending remotely by telephone. Cheryl Burford was excused (Bible Study).

Joe Rashid thanked Fr. Jim and Heather for the lovely Duet Concert. On a personal note, he thanked them for singing a special song at the Mass celebrating Joe & Pat's 50th wedding anniversary.

Sacristans: Joe Rashid reported that all is well. There was a little confusion with EME's, which is being worked out.

Art & Environment: Cindy Coleman noted that summer is gone. All went well over the summer, and they are waiting to take up the outside flowers, which will happen after there is a frost. Mums are to be delivered tomorrow, and in November Chinese lanterns and candles will be the decor. Work over the summer was divided among the participants and all went well.

Lectors: Linda Bodnar reported that the lector workbooks have arrived and will be made available for pick up by the lectors in another week or two.

Altar Servers: Zelma Isele reported that only three students attended the most recent training session. Another session will be held in November after an 11 a.m. Mass. Discussion followed concerning the preferred ages for altar servers. Fr. Jim does not want the role to be overtaken by adults and so training of students in grades 4 through 12 is preferred. (Some notices have indicated only 4th through 8th grades.) More families, some with younger siblings are participating so our future looks good.

Fr. Jim commented that the CYO did a really good job of getting the children to come to the School/CYO Mass. Cindy felt that the children singing really lit up the church.

Adoration: Laurie Rizzolo reported that she has contacted Deb Strautz about having the sign near Newburgh updated to include Adoration (when space is available). Laurie has made new sign-in sheets and will continue counting attendees.

EME's: Al Rivard expressed appreciation for the support the EME's have been getting from the Ushers. Al said that he always sends someone to the back, even if the ushers have not indicated the need for them. It was noted that there usually is someone wanting to receive Holy Communion in the back.

The question was raised as to whether a special container was needed if someone wanted to take some Holy Water home with them. Fr. Jim answered that any container would do, but to take the Holy Water from the large font, not the individual ones.

Parish Council: Donna DelFavero noted that the Council meets on the 20th and so had nothing new to report.

Ushers: Mike Magoulick reported that the Ushers would be hosting a Pancake Breakfast this coming Sunday. Red Cross volunteers will be able to eat for free.

Music Ministry: Heather Shina thanked the Knights of Columbus for funding the new number boards. They should be installed this week.

There is one new bell ringer and a new violinist who will play with the Holiday Choir, Sunday Choir and Music Ensemble. There is also a new Sunday Choir member and possibly a new Holiday Choir member.

13 children are currently in the Children's Choir, and hopefully more will join. She thanked Joe for sending out the Music Calendar.

The Duet Concert went well.

She was very happy with the School Choir which is expected to sing at the monthly School Masses.

Fr. Jim's Comments: Fr. Jim presented the schedule for Christmas Masses: Christmas Eve at 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and Midnight, Christmas Day at 10 a.m. The 4 p.m. Mass will be live-streamed and simulcast, and the 10 a.m. might be simulcast. Notice of these changes will be advertised well in advance.

Mass for the Unborn will be at 7 p.m. On October 29. All Souls' Day Mass will be Monday, November 3 at 7 p.m.
No theme for Advent has yet been chosen.

The next meeting of the Worship Commission is November 12.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:22 p.m. with a *Hail Mary*, led by Mike Magoullick.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bodnar