

Welcoming Committee/Evangelization Commission Minutes November 22, 2021 7:00 PM

Attendees: Diane Geverink; Suzy Nelson; Judy Wyzlic; Sandra Rogala; Richard McGraw; Joan Zawislak; Terry Simor; and Deacon Don

Opening Prayer & Comments

Meeting began with opening prayer at 7:04 PM, lead by Deacon Don. Deacon expressed his thanks to the Welcoming Committee for their time shared in this ministry during these trying times.

Mass Sign-Up

Sign up for masses will continue via Sign Up Genius. Deb Strautz will send out monthly links to sign up for Masses for the month. We would like to have at least two Welcome Ministers per Mass, would like to have more.

Advent/Christmas Season

Before Mass:

Would encourage those who are comfortable mingling, to venture into the Church and welcome those new faces that are new to us, and or familiar faces that we haven't seen in awhile. Deacon stated that he's noticed some visiting families at Mass since the start up of the Winter Sports season beginning. Be on the Look-Out!!

After Mass:

With Coffee and Donuts, we are noticing some new faces and families. In addition to the before Mass welcoming, Deacon Don would like to have some Welcome Ministers walk through and mingle with those in the Church Hall. Deacon and Father Jim have encountered some newly registered families there.

Deacon encouraged that this also become a part of the Pizza & Spaghetti Dinners. Walking through the hall mingling and welcoming. Remember that these dinners do bring folks in that may not necessarily be a part of our parish community. It's a chance to listen to their story!

Monthly Parish Registration

Prior to the pandemic, we would dedicate one weekend a month where we would help folks to register at the parish, and answer any questions they may have regarding the parish community. Deacon asked that we restore this role beginning the FIRST weekend December, and continue the first weekend each month after that. He suggested that perhaps we have someone at the Welcoming Table, and also a table set up in the Hall during the Pizza and Spaghetti dinners. Please advise Deacon what Mass you would be able to commit to.

New Parishioner List

The September/October list was distributed, thirteen new families registered. Welcome Ministers will contact these families and give them the good old St Edith welcoming. Joan Zawislak and Deacon Don added their names to those making calls.

Deacon suggested that if we know of people who may not be able to attend Mass, but may enjoy socializing and speaking on the phone, that they be encouraged to join us in reaching out to the newly registered via phone.

Evangelization

Commission is holding off on generating new events on a parish level until we see how the pizza and spaghetti dinners are received. Commission will not meet in December 2021.

Closing Prayer

Suzy Nelson led closing prayer, and meeting was concluded at 7:55PM.