St. Edith Worship Commission

Meeting Minutes - April 9, 2025

Fr. Jim opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00p.m. In attendance: Fr. Jim McNulty, Cindy Coleman, Donna DelFavero, Zelma Isele, Gary Kudron, Mike Magoulick, Joe Rashid, Laurie Rizzolo, Al Rivard, and Linda Bodnar Cheryl Burford was excused. Heather Shina would be joining by telephone soon.

**Sacristans:** Joe Rashid passed around the cups to compare the different ones we have on hand, after someone reported experiencing a metallic taste with the ones currently in use. Fr. Jim commented that we cannot respond to one person's complaint, and new cups are quite expensive. Discussion followed. Cindy Coleman will try to clean the current cups.

Discussion followed concerning attempts to reach Sr. Esther Mary Nickel, RSM, who is believed to oversee items obtained from closed parishes.

**Ushers:** Mike Magoulick reported that the Ushers would like to donate for new robes for the altar servers. Zelma Isele will be in contact with him.

**Parish Council:** Donna DelFavero did not attend the last meeting. Fr. Jim reported the Council is working on Goals and Objectives.

**Adoration:** Laurie Rizzolo reported that last week she gave the presentation at the Soup and Supper. About 30-35 attended and viewed her PowerPoint presentation which included the fact that the history of Adoration goes back 800 years.

She is trying to get more people to attend during the day, though coverage is pretty good.

EME's: Al Rivard had nothing new to report.

**Bereavement:** Gary Kudron reported that all members are participating in the vigil services.

The Grief Share program is going well, and includes group prayer, video and discussion. On April 1st and 5<sup>th</sup> Fr, Jim shared a PowerPoint presentation on Questions for God. It was very good and much appreciated. Father also blessed and anointed each attendee. Patti Kelly is dedicated to the program.

21 of the 23 group members are planning to attend the Fish Fry on April 11 as a group.

On April 15 the participants are invited to bring a picture or memento for sharing about the loved one they are grieving. They will have a luncheon at their 13<sup>th</sup> session and on June 8, a picnic on the Parish Patio.

Socialization helps the grieving process.

Fr. Jim noted that at the last Ornament Night there were only 2 people.

**Art & Environment:** Cindy Coleman reported that things are ready for Easter. Cheryl Burford's help has been a real plus. Things will be set for Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday, even though Jane DeRoo will not be here to set up the Chapel of Repose.

Plants have been ordered, and Justin is scheduled to be available to go up on the lift for decorating.

Joe Rashid asked where the red cloths for the palms would be. Cindy will leave them in the Ushers' Room.

**Altar Servers:** Zelma Isele reported that servers are lined up, which she will remind with email. She will give gift cards to those who serve, which is easier than a pizza party and recognizes those who do serve and sign in.

**Lectors:** Linda Bodnar reported that coverage for Holy Week and Easter is set. There were volunteers for all the Easter Masses. The schedule is out through August 10.

**Fr. Jim's Comments:** Fr. Jim reminded us that no one should carry more than two ciboria at a time. If there are not enough people to bring up the gifts an usher should carry something.

The priests met with the new archbishop. Father reports that the new archbishop seems very pastoral. While in Arizona the Church helped provide temporary housing for immigrants. The archbishop recommended an article about immigrants, which will be on the website. The dignity of all human life is important and we must avoid "demonizing immigrants."

Holy Week liturgies will be about like they have been in previous years.

Gary Kudron asked what determines whether it is a cardinal or archbishop that presides over a diocese. Fr. Jim responded that it is determined by the size of the diocese (bishop, archbishop, cardinal ((n increasing order of size)).

**Music Ministry:** Heather Shina reported by telephone that they are getting ready for Holy Week and the Children's choir will participate. She has added a flute player to the group of musicians. The piano has been tuned and is ready for Easter.

Rehearsals are underway for the two First Communion Masses

**Other Business:** Gary Kudron commented that he hopes Father is receiving compliments about the improved parking lot lighting. Fr. Jim responded that it is working well.

Donna DelFavero asked how many people will be entering the Church at the Easter Vigil. Fr. Jim replied that there are 3 Baptisms and 4 Confirmations, one of whom does not belong to our parish. Fr. Jim added that the Holy Saturday celebration will begin at 7 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:47 p.m. with a *Hail Mary*, led by Mike Magoulick.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bodnar