

## Prayer & Worship Committee Minutes

January 4, 2016

**Attendance:** Fr. Ralph Gross, Sandy Dorff, Carmela Matysiak, Cheryl Snyder, Debbie Hendrick, Anna Marie Filipiak, Sue Siepmann, Mary Pfaff – Pastoral Council Representative

Opening Prayer & Mission Statement  
Minutes of November 23 approved

### Old Business

#### *Feedback*

#### Advent

- Wreath lighting - easier this year (candles were not carried down the aisle)

#### **Dec. 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – 5pm Mass**

- Good attendance this year (182). Fr. McGlinn concelebrated.
- Flower procession went well - plenty of children & roses.

#### Christmas Masses

- **Art & Environment** –beautiful
  - Flowers/décor must not be placed directly in front of the altar
  - Quite a few people (including the K of C) showed up to help with the décor & climb ladders
  - Next year - insert the history of the crèche set in the bulletin again
  - The three magi need to be moved near the crib for the Epiphany

#### **2Sound System Problems** – sound system is fixed & better than before

- **Attendance Numbers**
  - 799 at 4pm, 241 at 10pm, 290 at 10:30am
  - The ciboria are not large enough for the number of hosts needed at 4pm Mass – in the future we will schedule a “runner” for refilling
- **Distribution of Eucharist in the Gathering Place at 4pm**
  - Having two stations worked well. Need to work on Communion procession order with ushers for those in the “crying ” area next year.

#### **Dec. 31/Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

- Attendance was 106 at 7pm, 87 at 8am Mass. Possibly consider an earlier Mass on Dec. 31 next year? St. Paul & St. Bruno parishioners were seen at both parishes

#### **Jan. 2 - Epiphany of the Lord (5pm Mass)**

- Due to low turnout & late arrival of scheduled Eucharistic ministers, there were only two stations for Communion. Should discuss with the presider & ushers before Mass how to direct procession for those in the outer sections.

#### **Liturgical Lay Ministry Updates**

- Christmas Sign-up board went well. Low sign-up for Dec. 31/Jan. 1 holy day.
- Servers – Sue will check with Joe Senglaub on the status of training.
- Eucharistic Ministers - Sue will check with Joe Kershek on the status of training.
- Ushers - AED and emergency procedure training took place with Tim Meyer in December – very good training

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## **New Business**

### **Jan. 10 – Baptism of the Lord**

- Christmas decorations will be taken down after 10:30 Mass

### **Lent – Ash Wednesday - 2/10/2016**

- No **theme** needed – Year of Mercy monthly themes
- **Items** need to be **Ordered** (*from notes left by Karen Warnes*)
  - Discussion took place regarding ordering the supplies for both Lent and regular Masses. Sue & Cheryl will take care of ordering supplies which will be needed in the next few months. Will also consult with St. Paul to see if we can save money by ordering together. Also proposed looking into boxed wine for additional savings.
- Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 6:30am, 8:45am (with school) & 7pm

### **Music**

- Julie Stier is temporarily helping out. She will be coordinating the music to be used at all weekend Masses and will be playing at the Sunday Masses. Fr. Chuck is working on Saturday evening musicians. Cheryl is scheduling cantors for the 5pm and 8am Masses (choir will sing at the 10:30am Mass). She has not had much success with cantors signing up.

### **Year of Mercy**

- Fr. Ralph provided an extensive handout with ideas/resources for celebrating the Year of Mercy.

### **Miscellaneous**

- A strategic planning group from St. Paul & St. Bruno is meeting to discuss Mass times for the parishes when Fr. Ralph retires. Weekend liturgies are the first priority they are discussing.

### **Next Meeting: February 22, 2016 @7pm at Bruno's**

Topic – Lent and Easter

### **Closing Prayer**

Prepared by Sue Siepmann