

OLG Altar Society Meeting Minutes October 2019

Opening prayer led by Doris.

Roll call – Present: St Bridget, St Louise, St Monica, St Veronica

Secretary's report: Minutes were read and approved with corrections (motion Marietta, second Bernie)

Treasurer's report: Sue shared report. It was approved (motion Dawn, second Ellie)

Sue will order 200 cookies from Kalix. Sharon will pick them up Friday for the parish mission Sunday.

Serving: St Louise

Old Business:

September 7-8 MJM7 provided the music at all 3 Masses. During the open house at the rectory about 75 people came through; cookies and water were served in Mary's Garden (cookies were from Somerset). As part of the Family Fun Day, on Sunday at 4 pm Taco in a Bag was served with lemonade/water and bars (planned for 300 and about 250 were served). MJM7 concert was at 6 pm (about 325 people attended).

October 1 Mass for living and deceased Altar Society members

New Business:

Parish Mission October 5-8 Fr Evinger from Kildeer will give the homily at all Masses to motivate people to attend the mission. The emphasis is on Mary.

Sunday October 6 presentation will be at 4-5 pm in the church. There will also be confession and adoration. At 5 pm, Altar Society will serve decaf coffee, lemonade and cookies (which are in the freezer).

Monday October 7 (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary) – presentation, rosary, adoration, and confession from 6:30-7:30 pm. At 7:30 pm, Altar Society will serve decaf coffee, lemonade and breads.

Tuesday October 8, Fr Evinger will give the homily. At 8 pm, Altar Society will serve ice cream/root beer floats.

First Reconciliation Retreat Sunday October 6 from 1:30-3:30 pm – Altar Society will set up cookies for 200 (which have been ordered), lemonade and coffee for a 3 pm break.

Fellowship is every 2nd Wednesday of the month after morning mass. Whichever circle is on the for the month will make coffee and pick up donuts.

Thursday October 10 1st Reconciliation makeup retreat (6:30-8:30 pm)
Altar society will set up cookies by 7:30pm. Tanya and parents will serve. Tanya will get more cookies if needed.

Saturday October 12 Cor Christi Gala to benefit Bishop Ryan Catholic School will be held at the Grand Hotel. The event is chaired by Monique Franks and will feature a social, silent auction and dinner. Dan and Jean Feist will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Last year Altar Society donated \$100. It was moved by Narda and seconded by Dawn to donate \$100 this year, as well. The motion carried. Sue will drop the check off at Ryan.

Sunday October 13 Confirmation Mass will be at 3:30 pm (other Masses will be as usual). Reception will follow with Altar Society setting up to serve cake, lemonade, and coffee. Tanya will purchase and bring the cake. There are 21 Confirmation students this year with another 24 in the upcoming Confirmation class.

Friday-Sunday October 25-27 Thirst Conference in Bismarck. Information sheets were provided. Tanya hopes to take a youth bus on Saturday for "Youth Day

Tuesday November 5 is the parish Mass of Remembrance. There will be a social in the dining room after the Mass. Altar Society will meet in St Anne and St Joachim rooms that night (the room has been reserved).

Friday November 22 Mohn Koble's ordination
He will assist at Masses that weekend. Altar Society will purchase and serve cake after all the Masses November 23 and 24. . Bernie and Ellie from St Monica's will take care of that. (One decorated large cake and two undecorated small cakes will be ordered.) Donuts and juice will also be served as usual after the morning Masses.

It was also discussed what we would like to give him as a gift from Altar Society.. It was decided to get suggestions from Fr. Bruce and Deacon Steve as to what would be an appropriate gift. A motion was made by Marietta and seconded by Narda to get a gift in the \$200-\$300 range. Motion carried.

Saturday December 7 First Reconciliation: There will be 2 services (0900-1000 and 1030-1130). Cookies will be served in the gathering space. Faith Formation volunteers will make beverages and serve. Cookies/bars will be needed to serve 50 children, 2 parents each, plus some siblings. If

getting the cookies/bars is difficult for Altar Society, Faith Formation can purchase. (This is the same day as the Altar Society Christmas luncheon.)

Saturday December 7 Altar Society Christmas party 1000-1330 in the dining room (which has been reserved). A question was raised whether we should have a luncheon or brunch this year. The topic was tabled until next month.

St Veronica's will be serving. Cathy Gamas will contact potential entertainers for the party. A small stipend will be provided.

Sunday December 15 1145 Christmas program will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Altar Society will not be needed.

Funeral notes: Deacon Steve is happy with the form the circles use to report the financial and count information. Please continue to fill out all the information and make any pertinent remarks. Deacon Steve, Father Bruce, and families of deceased persons have commented on great food, service, and helpfulness. They are very grateful to the Altar Society for its great work. Last funeral served was September 20 (St Francis). Next funeral is October 3 (St Louise) and the funeral after that will be served by St Monica. There was a question of whether there were enough carafes and lids. St Louise will count them October 3.

Kitchen cleaning: It was mentioned to an Altar Society member that the kitchen "was not cleaned well". Altar Society members discussed that this should be brought to the KCs since they use the kitchen for monthly breakfasts and perhaps some of the newer members are unsure of the protocol for cleaning the kitchen after they are done. Other groups also use the kitchen so it could also be addressed with them. Altar Society members who participated in the kitchen annual "deep clean" said there were many areas, particularly the grills, that had been neglected as far as cleaning.

New families joining OLG: from March through August, 24 new families joined; during September, over 30 families joined. Deacon Steve said that all those who enrolled children in the Faith Formation classes and had children baptized were asked to enroll as members of the parish.

Altar Society schedule October is St Louise (many thanks, it is a busy month!), November is St Monica, December is St Veronica.

Minot Men's Winter Refuge: A fundraising event is being held by Bread of Life Lutheran Church October 5. OLG will hold an event for them in February 2020.

Motion to adjourn was made by Garnetta and seconded by Darlene. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is November 5 and will be in St Anne and Joachim rooms (classrooms 2/3).