

Worship Committee meeting minutes

October 1, 2024

Present: Father Dass, Deacon Rich Matuczak, Marilyn Menor, Steve Kemp, Lee Rynish, Dori Bluma, Kim Van Handel, and Barbara Brandtner.

Absent: Kim Laabs, and Cathy Rydzewski

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm with prayer by Father Dass.

A motion was made by Steve Kemp and seconded by Deacon Rich to accept the August minutes. Motion passed.

Agenda items:

New business:

1. A Rosary
2. Rally is scheduled for October 12th led by Matt and Judy Smurawa.

This prayer activity is to take place on the area between the church and parish center. Flyers will be sent home with the Religious Education students.

Old business:

1. It was discussed and decided on to consistently brand St. John's parish as:
St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish. Moving forward, this title will be used on our bulletin, website, Facebook page and logo design. Where possible, the exterior church signage will be altered to comply with this title.
3. The "Bishop's mass and luncheon" had positive feedback. Marilyn M. received many compliments concerning the choir which sang during the liturgy. Biebel, catered food service, provided a delicious chicken dinner. Gratuity of 18% was questioned as to where and why this tip was applied as servers were not provided by Biebel. Kim VH will follow up on this with Biebel's bookkeeper.
4. Steve K. reached out to the diocese and gave an update on "Low mass and High mass". He reported that "Low mass" is called "Quiet mass". Each parish should "find what it is happy with". Therefore, it was decided to continue with our current mass type which is a "mix-up" of saying and singing parts of the mass. The Alleluia is always sung. The cantor will sing the Communion song until the congregation has finished receiving communion. This will allow for some quiet time. The cantor need not sing the psalms.

Committee reports:

Deacon Rich praised the **Eucharistic Ministers** on "distributing the Cup" at the Bishop's mass. The next distribution of the cup will be on Sunday, November 24th.

New **Altar Servers** will be trained on October 16th.

Church Environment: Late report: Currently decorating for the Fall season..

Marillyn M. reported that the **choir** will sing on Saturday, November 2nd for All Souls Day and on Sunday December 15th.

Marilyn requested help with playing recorded music during weekend liturgies.

After discussing the challenges with playing CDs while leading the congregation in song, volunteers are needed to operate the recorded music. This request will be placed in the bulletin.

Lee Rynish reported that the church doors will be locked on the weekends, including before, during and after liturgy due to a recent incident. Better to be proactive rather than reactive.

There is a **Sacristan** schedule for weekend masses. Four parishioners have stepped forward in helping with this important service.

Final Comments:

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday of the month after morning mass. First Wednesday of the month is Holy Hour at 6:00 pm.

The Religious Education program needs substitute RE teachers and Teacher Aids for the classroom. Parents of the children are encouraged to fill these positions. Parent involvement is paramount to child participation.

Next Worship meeting: December 3rd, 2024. 6:00pm

Father Dass ended the meeting with prayer. The meeting closed at 7:20.