



**Mission:** To serve Jesus Christ by loving God and each other, to spread the Good News and to make new disciples in our community

**Vision:** To unify, awaken and energize the faithful and make our celebration of the Eucharist an irresistible expression of welcome, faith and love.

## LITURGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 7, 2023

The St. Damien of Molokai Liturgy Committee met March 7, 2023, at 6:00PM at St. Gabriel Church Hall. Those in attendance were Fr. Shawn Daly, Deacon Carl Lickwar, Peter Arsenault, Vicky Ascherman, Theresa Bennett, Karen Brimecombe, Dottie Cayouette, Cathy Kulas, Stan Kulas, Joan Lynch, Mary Jo Regan and Michael Volpe.

Father Shawn opened the meeting with a prayer.

Cathy Kulas presented the minutes of the meeting held on January 4, 2023 which were accepted and approved.

General Discussions included the following.

- Lenten Theme “Leave Your Burden at the Foot of the Cross” – Well received by parishioners. We must remind people to deposit their stones on Good Friday, but if they cannot; than they can leave their stones at the foot of the Cross on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday as well.
- R.C.I.A. There will be no baptism associated with the Holy Saturday service.
- Ash Wednesday – Father reported excellent attendance at all the Masses held at St. Gabriel Church, St. Joseph Church, and at St. Gabriel School. Deacon Carl, Mark Regan, and Stan Kulas distributed ashes at the nursing home facilities in Windsor.
- Lenten Retreat.-. Donna Marie Boyle will be presenting a retreat on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM at St. Joseph’s Church. She will be speaking about Divine Mercy.
- Adoration Chapel – Dottie Cayouette has been receiving some negative comments from adorers regarding communication. Father indicated he would speak with her concerning this after the meeting.
- Do You Believe and Soup for the Soul– Deacon Carl reported he was disappointed by the low attendance at the “Do You Believe” 10:00AM sessions at St. Joseph’s Church. However, he was pleased by the large attendance, 15 people, at the “Soup for the Soul” session at 6:00PM at St. Gabriel Church Hall.
- Stations of the Cross – About 32 people attended the first Stations service held at noon at St. Joseph Church. A “teenager” Stations of the Cross service will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Gabriel Church.
- Lenten Penance Services – Attendance is sparse at the Monday evening Reconciliation. Depending on the availability of priests, Father is considering a general Penance service sometime during the Lenten Season.

- Holy Week –
  - It was decided that members of the liturgy committee would ask specific parishioners to participate in Holy Week services. Peter Arsenault would contact greeters, Deacon Carl would contact altar servers, and Stan Kulas would contact lectors and individuals for foot washing.
  - Chocolate eggs would be distributed after all Easter Sunday Masses.
  - Deacon Carl will be blessing food at St. Gabriel Church Hall at noon on Holy Saturday.
- Divine Mercy Sunday – A service will be held at St. Joseph Church on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM
- Pentacost Sunday – We will be having a “Multi-lingual” Mass at 11:00AM

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:00 PM at St. Gabriel Church Hall.

Deacon Carl ended our meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Catherine Kulas*

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Secretary