



**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

September 6, 2023

The St. Damien of Molokai Liturgy Committee met September 6, 2023, at 6:00PM at St. Gabriel Church Hall. Those in attendance were Fr. Shawn Daly, Deacon Carl Lickwar, Peter Arsenault, Vickie Ascherman, Theresa Bennett, Karen Brimecombe, Diane Caron, Marie Dixon, Cathy Kulas, Andy Lombard, Joan Lynch, Agnes Pier, Mary Jo Regan, and Michael Volpe

Father Shawn opened the meeting with a prayer.

Cathy Kulas presented the minutes of the meeting held on May 3, 2023 which were accepted and approved.

Old Business Discussions included the following.

- Pentecost Sunday Readings.-Not every Mass had someone reading the intentions in a foreign language. Next year we will start soliciting readers earlier.
- Corpus Christi Feast – We are hoping to have more Eucharistic Ministers participate next year. We would like to have more singing in the procession. The reception afterwards was well received.
- Anniversary Mass – Six couples renewed their vows. The reception after the Mass was well attended and enjoyed by all.
- Feast of Saint Damien.-. A lei was placed on the statue. This tradition will be continued in future years.

New Business Discussions included the following.

- Parish Picnic – The picnic will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup> from noon till 4:00PM on the grounds of St. Gabriel's Church. Boy scouts will "Present the Colors". We will open with the National Anthem and a prayer. Confirmation students will assist with setting up and cleaning up.
- Rosary Rally – Will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> at the front steps of Saint Joseph's Church. Number of participants have increased each year.
- Remembrance Mass – Will be held November 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00PM. It will be held at Saint Gabriel's Church so the Mass can be streamed on-line.
- Family Mass – The first Family Mass will occur on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the 11:00AM Mass at Saint Gabriel's Church. We hope this will attract more families to attend Mass together.
- Blessing of the Animals – Deacon Carl will have his annual blessing of the animals on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM on the grounds of Saint Gabriel's Church. CCD students will be making treats for the animals.
- Parish Supper – Will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> after the 4:00PM Mass at Saint Gabriel's Church.
- Thanksgiving Mass – Thanksgiving Mass will again be held at Saint Joseph's Church. Loaves of bread will be blessed during and distributed after the Mass.

- Bible Study – Diane Caron reported that she will be presenting a 6-week session beginning October 4th. Meetings will be held between 10:30 to 12:00 and again between 6:30PM to 8:00PM. The classes will examine and study the “Infancy Narrative” from the gospels of St. Luke and St. Matthew.
- Christmas Masses – Christmas Eve Masses at St. Gabriel’s Church will be held at 4:00PM, preceding by the Children’s Pageant at 3:00PM, and at 9:00PM. Christmas Eve Mass at St. Joseph’s Church will be at 5:30PM. Masses on Christmas Day will be held at 8:00AM at St. Joseph’s Church and at 10:30AM at St. Gabriel’s Church.
- Adoration Chapel – A chair lift will be installed at the Adoration Chapel financed by a Knights of Columbus grant.

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6th 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