



Saint Gabriel

CATHOLIC PARISH

PRAYER & WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 12, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Mike Gorichanaz, Maryrose Wolf, Katie Mancuso, Arleen Mantel, Carol Roltgen, and Emily Gartzke were present. Joe Hauer was excused.

OPENING PRAYER: Maryrose led us in an opening prayer.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: All present agreed that the December minutes be accepted as submitted. Minutes were accepted.

Usher Report: Ben Verhage, Dan Swiatkowski, Tom Pinzl, and Maryrose will meet soon.

Pastoral Council Report by Arleen Mantel: There was no December meeting.

Environment report by Emily Gartzke: Christmas went well; decorations were taken down yesterday after 10:30 AM Mass. Lent colors will be displayed starting Sunday, Feb 15th.

OLD BUSINESS:

All-Commission Meeting January 11th: Meeting went well, but a microphone should be used in the future. Maryrose will discuss the suggestions regarding a teaching Mass with Fr. Tim. Moving forward, three meetings per year seem ideal, perhaps in August, January and May, but dates should be chosen that would allow Fr. Tim to attend.

Reconciliation December 2nd from 7-8 PM: Maryrose will ask Fr. Tim about adding an opening song and prayer to future Reconciliation dates.

New Wreaths: Worked well; will be used again in the future.

Advent Wreath: Improved design worked well and will be used again in the future.

Christmas tree request: There was a request by a parishioner that the small Christmas tree by the choir remain displayed year-round. All present decided that the decorations should reflect liturgical seasons; therefore, all Christmas decorations have been taken down until next year.



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NEW BUSINESS:

Lent: Ash Wednesday Feb. 18th – Mike has plenty of ashes prepared. Carol will provide the names of ash distributors to Maryrose.

Stations of the Cross – Will be held Thursdays at 9:15 AM and 6:00 PM starting Feb. 19th. Maryrose will add the dates to the calendar and bulletin.

Holy Week – Maryrose will coordinate plans with Joe.

Holy Oils Pickup – Mike will pick up the Holy Oils at the Chrism Mass at St. John's Cathedral Tuesday, March 31st, at 7:00 PM

Triduum Practice: Will take place in the evening on March 31st.

Easter Fire: Mike will lead again this year but would like someone new to take over next year. Lead usher might be a good option; Mike will also reach out to the Boy Scouts.

Divine Mercy Chaplet April 12th: Mike will lead again this year; Arleen offered to help.

Other: Mike suggested bringing back the October prayer service for a lost child. This item should be added to the August agenda.

Mike led us in a closing prayer.

ADJOURNED at 7:30 PM.

Next meeting – Monday, February 9, 2026 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Mancuso, Secretary

Copies to: Mike Gorichanaz, Maryrose Wolf, Emily Gartzke, Carol Roltgen, Katie Mancuso, Joe Hauer, Arleen Mantel, Carol Weyker, Nikki Packee, Jill Sheehan, and Fr. Tim Bickel