



Saint Gabriel

CATHOLIC PARISH

PRAYER & WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 9, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

OPENING PRAYER: Maryrose led us in an opening prayer.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: All present agreed that the January minutes be accepted, with the corrected date of Triduum practice as March 31st. Minutes were accepted.

Usher Report by Ben V. and Dan S.: Ben is working on a system to make sure all sections are covered for each Mass; there should also be a sign-up sheet for families bringing up the gifts. A meeting is being planned for anyone interested in being an usher, and they will identify those with CPR training, etc. Dan added the importance of having a “lead usher” at each Mass.

Pastoral Council Report by Arleen Mantel: Maryrose gave the update, as Arleen was unable to attend. The All-Commission meeting was appreciated. Parishioners enjoyed the Christmas celebrations. Parishioners appreciate Fr. Tim greeting them after Masses. Joan Weiss was hired as the Pastoral Secretary. Mary Gilmeister was hired as the Director of Development. The Fish Fry and Open House were well attended. Dinner Auction will be held March 14th. New mission statement wall decor has been added to entryway. A new water softener was installed. The Prayer and Worship Commission will be hosting Fellowship Sunday on May 17th.

Environment report by Emily Gartzke: Arleen and Maryrose will display the Lent colors starting Feb 15th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ash Wednesday: Mike is preparing the ashes. There will be 4 distributors at each Mass. Small “to-go” vials will be available on a small table near the altar.

Stations of the Cross: Will be held on Thursdays during Lent following morning Mass (except on 2/26/26) and at 6:00 PM. Announcements will appear in the bulletin.

Holy Week: Planning is underway; Triduum practice will be 3/31/26 at 5:00 PM.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Will occur on 4/12/26 after the 8 and 10:30 AM Masses.



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NEW BUSINESS:

Lenten Reconciliation Service: Will be held on March 3rd.

Other: Maryrose shared the Easter Candle that was ordered, as well as important dates for next year with the committee via email. Mike suggested that P&W meetings could be moved to the 3rd Monday of the month starting in September; Maryrose will make this change.

Maryrose led us in a closing prayer.

ADJOURNED at 7:30 PM.

Next meeting – Monday, March 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, Ben Verhage, Dan Swiatkowski, Carol Weyker, Nikki Packee, Joan Weiss, and Fr. Tim Bickel