



PRAYER & WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 8, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m., in person*

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

OPENING PRAYER: Maryrose led us in a Hail Mary as the opening prayer.

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

Usher Report: Maryrose has been in conversation with Ben Verhage; Dan Swiatkowski is willing to mentor. Mike added that ushers should be more proactive in getting people seated and being aware of potential emergencies.

Pastoral Council Report by Arleen Mantel: Fellowship Sunday will not happen on March 15th due to the auction. Three candidates have interviewed for Jill Sheehan's position. Connie Helm has resigned as Director of Development. The 8th grade boys won the Seaton volleyball tournament. The All-Commission meeting will be held January 11th between the 8 and 10:30 AM Masses in the cafeteria. Each commission has 5-7 minutes to speak. The Disaster Relief fund was very generous; four-five families will benefit. A committee will decide how to distribute the funds, and Maryrose suggested that there should be some communication to parishioners on the outcome. Safety of parishioners was a main topic at the recent Denary with Archbishop Grob. \$39,000 was raised by the flea market and \$13,000 was raised with the calendar raffle. A ministry guide is being developed, and a ministry fair will be held in September. Christian formation has three adults and one teenager. Lots of diapers and wipes were donated to Human Concerns. The Giving tree is in progress and will end on 12/14/25.

Environment report by Emily Gartzke: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

Jacob's ladder: It went well and will stay the same for next year.

Little blue books: 300 books were ordered and there are only about 10 remaining.

Future All-Commission Meeting: To be held on January 11th between the 8 and 10:30 AM Masses. As many people from our commission should attend as possible.



Saint Gabriel
CATHOLIC PARISH

Reconciliation December 2nd from 7-8 PM: 38 people attended and it lasted about an hour. The map and better directions were helpful this year.

New Wreaths: Wreaths will be displayed around the Church starting December 18/20th. Maintenance helped install the hangers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Advent wreath: Maryrose and Arleen redesigned and displayed it.

Christmas decorations: Will be displayed starting December 21st after the 10:30 AM Mass.

Mike led us in a closing prayer.

ADJOURNED at 6:25 PM.

Next meeting – Monday, January 12, 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

*This meeting was held in-person, prior to the 7 PM Mass