**WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, January 6, 2016**

**PRAYER** - Kathy Donnelly

**ATTENDANCE** - Donna Jondle, Marty Sokoll, Norma Ward, Mary Kelley, Mike Kelley, Paul Bobay, Fran Zuber, Janet Steenlage, Fr. Page, Kathy Donnelly

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES** - approved as presented

**PAST EVENTS**

* **December 14 - Reconciliation at St. Patrick Church for all deanery parishes** - Recognizing the positive community aspects of gathering together for this sacrament, the distance from our parish was significant and presented travel problems for some parishioners. In view of this, we recommend a return to local parish Reconciliation.
* **December 24/25 - Christmas Masses** - Masses went well with adequate Eucharistic Ministers.
  + 4:00 pm - Estimate 800+ attendees. 8:00 pm - Estimate 400 attendees. No changes planned for next year.
  + 8:00 pm - Estimate 600+ attendees.
  + 9:00 am - Estimate 400 attendees.
* **January 1 - Mary, Mother of God Holy Day** at 9:00 am. Well attended.
* **January 2/3 - Epiphany**
  + Fr. Page provided a great introduction and instruction for using our traditional chalk but we ran out. Will plan to provide more than the 400 chalk pieces we did this year.
  + Could those holding the chalk baskets be dressed to resemble the 3 Kings next year?

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

* **January 9/10 - Baptism of the Lord** - Baptisms of children this weekend.
* **February 2 (Tuesday) - Candlemass** - Fr. Page will bless candles brought to this weekday Mass.
* **February 3 (Wednesday) - Feast day of St. Blaise** - Blessing of the throats.
* **February 10 - Ash Wednesday**
  + Masses at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm, Deacon Krob will assist at both Masses
  + Sign-up sheets for both Masses, need 2 additional Ash distributors.
  + Collection to be taken for Domestic Violence
* **February 12 - Confirmation at 5:15 Mass**, encourage all non participants and families to attend an alternate Mass.
* **Lent - Stations of the Cross,** Scriptural stations of the Cross to be offered each Lenten Friday at 8:30 am. Fr. Page will obtain a substitute when he is unable to lead.
* **March 19/20 - Palm Sunday.** 
  + Fr. Helms will preside, position Priest and procession in the middle of the doors of the Narthex just adjacent to the font for procession.
  + Palms have been ordered.
* **March 2l - Reconciliation.** Fr. Fitzpatrick will preside. There will be a meal for priests before the service.
* **Triduum -** Need sign-ups for all services and for Easter
  + **March 24 - Holy Thursday** Mass at 6:00 pm
    - Altar of repose is well placed in the multipurpose room
    - Continue Parish Council foot washing. Norma Ward will follow through with the Council
    - Humeral Veil used as Priest transports the Eucharist to the Altar of Repose
    - Ushers hold latecomers until procession completed
    - Order of procession as last year
    - Offering of Rice Bowls to precede dressing of the Altar
    - Would like Chant again as well as Mime
  + **March 25 - Good Friday**
    - Use light colored paper for programs and turn the lights up slightly during parish participation to enable reading programs.
    - Light processional candles either at the fire, entrance doors, and/or Narthex
    - Offering for Christians in the Holy Land
  + **March 26 - Saturday, Easter Vigil** to begin at 8:15 pm
    - No acolytes were signed up or present last year. Consider asking Adults or very experienced older Acolytes to participate.
    - Offering after veneration of the Cross
    - Reception after the ceremony
* **March 27 - Easter Sunday**
  + Schedule lectors for both services.
  + Need 3 additional wine Ministers, 3 additional host ministers, 2 additional ushers

**ART AND ENVIRONMENT**

* Christmas was a success. The Amaryllis were a welcomed addition to the Poinsettias.
* Lower level completion group is proceeding. Mary Kelley will bring information for our consideration at the next meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

* Lent devotional booklets have been ordered from the same company that produced our Christmas booklets. Information on ordering the “Black books” we have had in the past will be placed in the Bulletin.
* Year of Mercy: What can our commission do to assist families to bring more Catholic traditions into their homes - Table to next meeting
* Womens Bible study groups. We discussed the various devotional groups available. How can we make this known to the Parish.
* Collection baskets - Norma will continue search.
* Review Sourcebook in preparation for discussion at next meeting of how to enrich Lent, the Triduum and other celebrations.

**NEXT MEETING** - Thursday, February 4, 2016

Submitted by Kathy Donnelly