

December 4, 2012

Attendance: Janet Andrychuk-Tedesco, Father Tim Brown, Laura Gleeson, Sally Krowl, Laurie Maier, Augie Misiurewicz, Dave O’Keefe, Wendy O’Keefe, Jeanne Picone, Arlene Reiser, Father Bob Schrader, Sister Marlene Vigna, Grace Zanche

We began the meeting with an Advent Prayer led by Sally.

Sally asked if everyone has access to the *Sourcebook*. Laurie will order copies for Arlene and Augie.

Minutes from the October 27th meeting were approved as submitted.

Review of Recent Events

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Our first exposition took place on the first Friday of November. There was a good turnout followed by Benediction leading up to the 12:15 liturgy. It was noted that the candles flanking the monstrance had no followers. Sally has already rectified this issue. It was recommended that the chapel doors remain open when the incense is being used due to this being a confined space and can be a problem for some folks.

Mass of Remembrance

Sister Marlene reported that this liturgy went smoothly. Augie said he'd only heard positive comments. Sally cautioned that we should be careful to include ministers from all sites for these types of liturgies. Augie said that it can be a real challenge, at times, to try to get new individuals to commit to a particular liturgy.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving

There was a very good crowd this year – the best yet. Good Shepherd was very pleased with the

turnout. It was nice to have Erick do the reading in Spanish.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

There was also a nice attendance for this liturgy as well. Father Tim noted that it was nice to see new faces and extended families present.

Workshop – Lent, Holy Week, Easter

Outlines were distributed to those unable to attend the workshop. Laurie commented that Assumption did a good job of hospitality. This workshop followed the same formula used for the Advent Workshop. We will wait until the January meeting to really discuss Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Ongoing Events

Advent

^ *Advent Wreath*

^ Families have so far not been volunteering to light the Advent Wreath candles. Sacristans will have to ask families if this continues to be a problem.

^ *Home Advent Wreaths*

^ Should home wreath prayers be included in the bulletin? Laurie noted that Vicki has not had room so far to include them. It was thought that it was too late for this week's bulletin so it is probably too late to do this. Father Schrader said there is to be a one page flyer this week, so perhaps we could use the back side or put in a link to a website. It was decided to go with the web link.

^ The Advent bulletin articles have all been submitted. Sally passed out some articles on the Jesse Tree and Luke's Passion narrative to be read on our own.

^ *Year of Faith*

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^ Father Bob has given Vicki a bulletin article about ordering the books for the Year of Faith Bible Study. Sessions will be on the Saturdays of Lent.

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Children's Family Faith

Laura reported that Family Faith gatherings learned about the Rosary in October and have been preparing for Advent in November. We have 28 making their First Penance on this Saturday, December 8 and 16 are to be confirmed on Monday, January 7. Preparation for First Eucharist will begin in January.

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^ *Welcome Home Sunday*

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^ Father Tim and Sister Marlene said that they did see some new faces at St. James but since it

was Thanksgiving weekend it is difficult to know whether these were just out of town families.

Other Business

Penance Services

Bishop Cunningham has said that all services have to be with individual absolution. Father Bob has enlisted the services of three priests from Kateri Tekawitha Parish to assist and he and Father Tim will be assisting them in return. There will only be one reading and the Examination of Conscience will be part of the Homily.

Catechesis Corner

^ Ministers should only serve in one capacity at a service. Eg. Choir members should not also serve as Ministers of Communion.

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The meeting ended with a Prayer for the Poor.

Next Meeting : January 8, 2013

Note: this meeting is from 3:30 – 5:00 pm.

Future Meetings:

February 5, 2013

March 5, 2013

May 7, 2013

June 18 (picnic)