

**Worship Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2011**

Attendees: Toni O'Farrell, Sue Miller, Stuart Selewski, Maria Granados, Ron Funke, Fr. Pat Casey, Brandon Gauvin, Paul Slavin, Nancy Davidson

Opening Prayer: All

Parish Mission Statement: All

Loaves & Fishes Program: (Cathy Buchele) Ann Truax from Faith Formation joined us briefly to discuss this program for children. She is proposing that we use it more often than just for Children's Liturgy of the Word, either at the regular Sunday Masses or the monthly Children's Mass. When each child comes to church and places a canned good/non-perishable food donation in the food wagon, they can add a paper loaf or fish to a basket; the basket is later brought up with the gifts. Fr. Pat proposed that the basket be smaller or filled with something to make it look full. Also, keep it by the gift table so as not to clutter the back of church. No decision was made, but we will discuss at the next WC meeting in January. [Objective 3]

New Secretary: No volunteers; current Chairperson, Nancy Davidson will do minutes until someone is available. Collin Richter may be resigning, so we may need another youth volunteer in the next couple months.

American Flag in Church: (Sue Miller) Much discussion ensued for placing decorative American and Vatican flags in the church flanking the altar. The WC agreed that we would like flags in the church 100% of the time instead of just on patriotic holidays. Fr. Pat offered to ask the Knights of Columbus to borrow their decorative flags temporarily to see how we like the placement, position, etc. A set for the church may be purchased at some point in the future. [Objective 2]

New Altar Candles: (Sue Miller) The Worship Commission agreed to have Carl Hubbell build new altar candle stands. This will include two candles for the ambo, two candles for the altar table, and a new stand for the processional cross. Candles (with glass followers) will then be carried by altar servers in the procession and recession. It is currently proposed that the candles by the ambo will be extinguished after the liturgy of the word; more details and new procedures for altar servers will follow. Also, Maria asked that a small table for Adoration be built. Mr. Hubbell has offered to do the candles free of charge; Fr. Pat proposed that STAB reimburse for materials. All items will match the current altar furniture in the dark wood with marble trim. Sue is going ask for a drawing of the candles for the WC to review before they are built.

Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition: (Maria Granados) The WC agreed to have this travelling exhibit for the weekend of February 4-5, 2012. The 160 panels will be set up in the Family Life Center for the two days.

The exhibit requires a \$50 refundable deposit and eight tables (20 panels per table). We need to make sure this is added to the Chancellor so everyone knows about it. See www.therealpresence.org for more information. [Objectives 3 & 4]

Peace Prayer Services: (Brandon Gauvin) Some new ideas for peace services from Laura Broyles were presented. We agreed that we may use these as an option instead of a Taizé service for 09/11/2012. [Objective 1]

Right to Life Rosary: The Pro-Life Committee has requested the WC put together a rosary service for the anniversary of Roe v. Wade on January 22nd or 23rd. We agreed to have a vigil service on Sunday, January 22nd. This needs to be posted in the Chancellor. [Objective 1]

Pastor's Report: Fr. Pat now has a blog on www.abecket.org. Fr. Pat also spoke about the "Together in Faith" rumors. Nothing has yet been decided by the diocese. Check out his blog for more information.

Parish Pastoral Council: (Paul Slavin) In an effort to promote a more hospitable community, the PPC is encouraging the coordination of more social functions/events among the various parish groups. Also, the PPC would like the commissions to keep abreast of meeting their respective goals and objectives. The WC agreed to do this via the meeting minutes, as well as adding the G&Os to the agenda.

Greeters: (Sue Miller) No greeters are officially scheduled any longer, however, people are still showing up to greet. We will add this to next agenda to discuss.

Eucharistic Ministers: (Sue Miller) Sue is providing a refresher course/EM meeting after all Masses on the weekend of 11/19-11/20. Fr. Pat stated that the EM's and ushers need to work together to locate the handicapped people who wish to receive communion in their seats.

Evangelization: (Toni O'Farrell) Thirty-two people signed up for this weekend's retreat. The EC is planning on distributing the book Rediscovering Catholicism. They will first place excerpts in the bulletin to create interest. The EC would also like to pass out a bookmark/flyer at the Easter Masses.