

Worship Commission January 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes: Approved

Attendees: Audrey Conard, Sue Costello, Pat Dennison, Chris Kust, Meghan Marks, Ann Mencheski, Jennifer Poehlman, and Susan Wirtala

AGENDA:

Opening Prayer

Meeting Minutes from December: will be sent out for approval

Feedback on Christmas: the 4:00 Masses at all four churches were well attended. Midnight Mass was not. We are considering dropping Midnight Mass next year, possibly to be replaced by an 8:00 evening Mass. There may also be a change in Mass times on Christmas Day. Discussions are still in the works.

Positive feedback on the environments at all the churches.

Update on Holy Hour experiences: The Holy Hours during advent were pretty well attended: 30 to 40 people. The priests were busier than usual for Confessions.

Going forward we will be adding a morning Holy Hour. The plan is to do a traditional Holy Hour on Thursdays after morning Mass at St. Jude.

Lenten considerations: Rather than following the original plan of having a Holy Hour each week along with Stations of the Cross to be done once at each parish, the calendar is being revised so that Holy Hours will be interspersed with Stations. We will have Stations of the Cross every other week during Lent. On the weeks that we don't have Stations we will offer a Holy Hour in the evening.

Next meeting we will discuss ideas of a Lenten theme.

The Lenten Calendar will be updated to reflect the changes in schedule.

Additions to the Agenda:

Communicating Lenten events: there was a general discussion of the best ways to communicate what's going on to parishioners. Suggestions offered included post cards, email reminders, and reminder apps.

Faith Formation update: Becky stopped by at the end of the meeting to talk about RE's planned Family Night on February 11. The plan is to hold an intergenerational event at St. Joseph's focusing on the topic: "Who do you say that I am?" - Who is Jesus to us..." Becky asked for volunteers to help with welcoming, to offer a witness, and/or to lead a faith-sharing group. Several people volunteered to help.

The meeting concluded with a short prayer.

Next Meeting: Feb 3 @ 6:30p