

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2012

Members present: Father Paul, Bob Lane, Helen Kite, Ann Asher, Paula Slinger, Mike Slinger, Andy Smith, Pat Blankenship, Jim Shaver, Marilyn Hess, Ed Parada, Mary Lynn Walker

Father Paul opened the meeting with review of prayer requests from October meeting and addition of new requests.

Minutes of December meeting approved with correction.

CALENDAR

LENT

February 22 -- Ash Wednesday -- English Masses 6:30am, 8:30am, 11:00am and 6:00pm. Spanish Mass at 7:30pm

25 -- Ministry Day -- Opens with 8:30am Mass

29 -- Anointing of the sick at 11:00am

March 3-4 -- Women's Christ Renews His Parish

March 7 -- Lenten Penance Service at 7:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration -- Each Friday during Lent beginning at 1:00pm
Ending with Benediction at 5:00pm

Stations of the Cross -- Each Friday during Lent at 7:00pm -- Bilingual

Weekly Confessions -- Each Saturday from 4:00to 5:00pm

Prayer Groups -- English --Sundays at 7:00pm in the chapel

Spanish -- Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the chapel

HOLY WEEK

April 3 -- Chrism Mass -- 3:00pm at St. Peter & Paul Cathedral

April 5 -- 7:00pm Mass -- Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel until 11:00pm

April 6 -- Good Friday Service at 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

April 7 -- Easter Vigil Service at 9:00pm

EASTER

April 8 -- Easter -- English Masses at 7:00am, *8:30am, 10:30am & 12 Noon
Spanish Mass at 1:30pm

April 15 -- Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration at 4:00pm in Church (not a Mass)

- **Interpreted for the hearing impaired**

MINISTRY REPORTS

BEREAVEMENT: Planning and organizing Season Of Hope for February 27 through April 2. Announcement will be in the bulletin next week.

MINISTRY DAY: February 25 after 8:30am Mass. Invitations are ready to go out. After Mass, Father Paul will be giving a talk then we'll move to the gym & break into group activities. Bob, Helen and Mary Lynn will arrive by 8:00am to distribute name tags and programs. Nametags will be in groups of 20 and numbered 1 through 20 on the back in order to set up groups in the gym.

Marilyn Hess will need help with the food. Hopefully, Dave Grannan will be able to get youth to set up tables in the gym.

There will be some Spanish at Mass. Someone will be sharing how the parish has changed his/her life. Eighth grader, Michael Ruiz was suggested.

Father plans to recommission all ministers on Ministry Day.

USHERS: Christmas Masses: 4:00pm Christmas Eve was very crowded but went well for the ushers. The church holds 550. Communion was distributed to 700. Father estimated there were probably approximately 850 people present at this Mass. Not many at Midnight Mass. Other Masses were full but not like 4:00pm. Discussed options for this Mass. Potential 2nd Mass in gym at 4:00pm vs 2nd 4:00pm Mass at Kof C. Parking issues. Have lost three ushers and have two new ones starting.

HOMEBOUND: Getting more referrals by word of mouth. Have lost two ministers who were new last year. Currently six ministers are distributing Communion to fifteen homebound. With addition of those in Extended Care Facilities, there are sixty. Father would like to see couples and families participate in this ministry. Discussed possibly inviting RCIA and CRHP participants to join in. Eight Hispanic Communion ministers visit the sick. Four are regular Communion ministers.

HISPANIC MINISTRY: Ed has given list of Communion ministers to Quenia. Couples active in Marriage Prep must be married five years or longer. Commissioned for three years. Many are due for recommissioning next fall. Per Father Paul, possible target date for recommissioning all will be November 1. Beginning February 24, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Communion minister will bring the Sacrament. Ed will get information for the postcard to Quenia.

LECTORS: The schedule is posted.

MUSIC: Invitations to CPR training have been distributed. Choir books have arrived. Still do not have books for instrumentalists.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Three new ministers have been trained and are assigned. Father would like new ministers to be given priority positions.

RELIGIOUS ED: Faith Formation Newsletter distributed.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Ann Asher explained the Origination of the Feast: On April 30, Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska as the first saint of the Great Jubilee Year. During his homily, the Pope announced that the Second Sunday of Easter would now be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the universal Church. This year Divine Mercy Sunday will be on April 15. The Hour of Mercy is from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Current plans are for a gathering from 4:00pm to 5:00pm in the church due to time conflict with Baptisms. Discussion regarding possible time change for Baptisms. It is hoped the gathering could be during the Hour of Mercy. Ann's handout is attached.

HOLY SPIRIT WEBSITE: Andy Smith explained the updating of the website. Would like ministry leaders to contact him in order to set up accounts. You can send him your schedules, news and events and can log in from anywhere to edit your page. Contact Andy at andysarahsmith@comcast.net

Father Paul closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting Saturday, March 17 at 9:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lynn Walker