

## St. Dominic Prayer & Worship Committee

Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM

**In attendance:** Jo Mlsna, Beth Munns, Laura Graney, Jeanne Bitkers

**Not able to attend:** Fr. Nick, Julie Bulkow, Mary O'Malley, Pam Yoder

**Opening Prayer/Meeting Chair:** Laura Graney

### Review of Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. The date for September was updated to include the year 2025, and a spelling error was corrected.

### Calendar Updates

- The Pastoral Council is organizing a Volunteer Appreciation Event, which will feature an evening of Bingo, prizes, and snacks. This event is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, with more details to be shared in the coming months.
- Day of the Dead Display is being prepared by Lulu Torres once again. Information will be shared in the Bulletin and during Mass announcements.
- The Memorial Mass is scheduled for 5:00 PM on Saturday, November 1.
- Stewardship Weekend will be held on November 8-9. During this weekend, a member of the Stewardship Committee will speak at all Masses following Communion, and homilies will emphasize the theme of stewardship.
- Veterans' Day Blessing is also scheduled for the weekend of November 8-9
- On the Third Sunday of Advent, which is celebrated as Gaudete and Bambinelli Sunday, there will be a blessing of the infant Jesus figures brought from home. Candy canes will be distributed after Mass. The Legend of the Candy Cane will be attached. These will be prepared for distribution during the next Prayer & Worship meeting in November.

### Upcoming Events and Concerns

- Preparations are underway for the Confirmation ceremony, planned for 11:00 AM at St. Dominic's. Bishop Schuerman will preside and confer the Sacrament.
- The Thanksgiving Mass will once again be held at Holy Name Parish. It is important to determine soon how many individuals from St. Dominic's will be needed to serve in various liturgical roles, as availability may be affected by holiday travel.
- Jo will coordinate with Julie to find volunteers to light the Advent Wreath during this season.
- Server Recruitment – Jennifer needs to be contacted to schedule a time for current Altar Servers (one male and one female) to talk with Grades 4-8 students during Wednesday class time. Parents need information about Altar Server responsibilities and expectations, and how to get their children involved in this ministry. They should receive this in written form on the same day their children hear the presentation.

- Website Issue – It seems to be difficult for “average parishioners” to find information on the current website. EXAMPLE: Fr. Nick’s Weekly Homilies. Perhaps a more extensive “Table of Contents” could be created and inserted on the first screen.

### Need for Pastor Input

- Offering birthday and anniversary blessings at the end of Mass. Beth will consult with Fr. Nick
- New Communion Vessel Storage and discarding items that are no longer used. Jo will discuss with Fr. Nick.
- Prayer Request Slips. Input from Fr. Nick is needed. More information (how to request prayers etc.) is needed on the website in an easy-to-find location.

### Shout Outs

- New Manager/Sales Team and inventory volunteers in the Gift Shop
- Power Point and Media Volunteers
- Volunteer Catechists

### Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11, 2025 / 6:30 PM – Francis Room

Chairperson: Jeanne Bitkers

Recorder: Beth Munns

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Bitkers