

**Worship Commission Minutes**  
**February 18, 2016 Meeting**

**Attendance:**

Fr. David Mowry, Tom Kaiser, Lucy Millar, Peg Cello, and Mary Lou Rafferty.

**Faith Sharing:** We Prayed Responsorial Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14. *Father David* shared the Gospel of Luke 9:28B-36: Theme First expression of Gods glory shown to three apostles at the Transfiguration; how much fear came over Peter and two other apostles; plan of Exodus; foretaste of Jesus' Resurrection - Thank you *Jim Viola* for preparing the Faith Sharing Hand out.

**January Minutes:** Minutes were approved from the January meeting.

1. **Parish Council:** "Framework of Pastoral Action" no update yet.  
(Create a Pastoral Plan for the Parish regarding evangelization, charity and discipleship - as part of the diocese'.)

2. **24 hours of Confession in the Church and Coverage of Priests and need for Volunteers**

- On March 4-5, we will be hosting 24 hours of Confession in the Church.
- Priests covering various times would appreciate not being alone in the Church, especially in the middle of the night.
- Volunteers do not necessarily need to be members of the Commission.
- Protecting God's Children is a must for any volunteer positions!
- *Fr. Tom* addressed the need to Scott Hunter for volunteer coverage Friday, March 4 from 8PM thru Saturday, March 5 until 6AM. Suggestions: Knights of Columbus as possible volunteers.
- Worship Commission *Tom Kaiser* will contact *David McCaffrey* WC and will contact Scott Hunter PC - volunteer lists will be sent to Linda for hours covered.
- *Fr. David* was pleased to announce that we have more than *enough priests* [from various parishes, etc.], to cover the hours-from 10PM, Friday, March 4 through 2AM, Saturday, March 5.

[The 24 hour begins 3PM Friday, March 4, ending Saturday, March 5 at 3PM = 24.hrs. Priests will be available at all times for English Confessions and at some times for Spanish and Polish Confessions.]

**Possibility of Hospitality for the covering priests**

- Coffee only may be available in the old choir space (east of the altar). We will need to set up a table, perhaps clear some of the stored items out of the way.

**Advertisement**

- Linda G. Newspapers: Ads will be placed in the Independent, Suburban Life, and Lombardian papers for two weeks prior to March 4-5.
- Father David will work with Jeff to produce physical signs to be placed outside the Church for the 24 hours of confession on March 4-5.

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**3. Holy Hour on third Tuesday of the month at 7PM**

- Feb. 16 Holy Hr. was well attended by commissions - WC members, PC members, Christian Services' *Pam Stefik*.
- Other parishes were notified.
- Recalling our commitment to the Holy Hour on each third Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM, during the Year of Mercy.
- We are moving forward on the themes as well as Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and Confession, Benediction, Evening Prayer/ Litany theme.
- The next Holy Hour will be held on Tuesday March 15 at 7PM in the Church.
- An invitation for the Holy Hour had been sent out to the Deanery.
- *Peg Cello* suggested if Mary Queen would want to host a Holy Hour at IC?
- List of Holy Hour themes, prayers and litany, liturgy-
- *Father David* to work with Mary Pat and Tom Kaiser, finding prayers and liturgies, litanies to provide for the 'Holy Hour theme' each month.
- Each month - on the Thursday before the date of Holy Hour, *Father David* needs the completed draft for approval to facilitate getting the prayers and liturgies, etc., printed on that month's fold out by Linda.
- Linda needs the approved theme no later than Monday before the date of the Holy Hour.
- **Next due date** will be **Thursday, March 10** for *Fr. David's* approval and Monday, March 14 for Linda's printing.
- **There will also be a "seasonal" Tri-fold** for distribution
- **List of Themes by Month:**

March 15	Pray for: Forgiveness of Sins
April 19	In honor of the Divine Mercy
May 17	Pray for: Deacons
June 21	Pray for: The Sick
July 19	Pray for: Youth
August 16	Pray for: Workers & Volunteers of Mercy
September 20	Pray for Catechists
October 18	In honor of Mary, Mother of Mercy
November 15	Pray for: The Dead

**4. Pilgrimage Church Hours and Volunteers**

Review of our first "Pilgrimage Church Hours" Saturday February 13.

- *Peg Cello* and *Joyce Callahan* were the covering volunteers; *Lucy* came to the church, then *Mary Pat* to see how things would work for the unlocking of the door, etc.
- At first there was a problem with one of the doors to open and lock.
- Jeff was contacted and instructed *Peg* on the character of the one sticking door.
- *Fr. David* came over to see how things were going.

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**4. Pilgrimage Church Hours and Volunteers (cont.)**

- We are instructed as to how to keep the bars on the door flush so that would ease the 'Pilgrims' entrance.
- We also checked that all entrances were secure when we entered the front door.
- We may, at times, find the door to the Sacristy unlocked as well as the door on the south west side of the church.
- *Fr. David* said that's because there are remaining parishioners praying the rosary so the celebrant leaves the door open for exiting.
- *Father David will investigate what other deaneries are doing to accommodate Pilgrimage Church Hours.*
- **Advertising for Saturday's Pilgrimage Church Hours:**
- Informational card is in the back of the Narthex of Chapel and Church
- Electronically on [www.icelmhurst.org/](http://www.icelmhurst.org/) - main page on the desktop and in the monthly newsletters sent out parish wide.
- **Signage** suggestion by *Peg Cello*:
- The church is not specifically marked to direct pilgrims or those seeking the 24 hour confession.
- *Father David* will work on the following: on Saturday mornings the electronic sign on York Rd. will advertise the 11am – 1pm open hours.
- *Father David* will work with Jeff to produce physical signs to be placed outside the Church for the Saturday open hours as well as the 24 hours of confession on March 4-5.
- **Maria's Call to action from WC**
- *Mary Pat V. and Peg Cello will communicate with Maria.*
- *WC members are volunteering to cover the initial times.*
- *Mary Pat* is creating the bulletin insert and newsletter articles for these dates, including a note that *Maria* can send out to gather volunteers (see minutes from January meeting).
- WC agreed to be the steering force to communicate to all leads for volunteers:
- i.e. Men's and Women's CRHP; Men's and Women's Prayer Breakfasts; *Joyce Callahan* already addressed Women's Prayer Breakfasts; Liturgical Ministers.
- **Volunteers needed for the months following April.**
- *Tom Kaiser* suggested we reach out *again* to the KOfC for volunteers.
- **Concern** for summer months needs to be addressed as an ongoing reach for volunteers, as many go away on vacation.
- All volunteers must have completed a Protecting God's Children workshop.
- **At this time, volunteer slots are "covered through end of April."**

**5. Other Suggestions for Year of Mercy Celebrations:**

- *Tom Kaiser* suggested *Taizé Prayer service, sign-in book, intentions book.*

**6. Liturgical Training and Possible Ministerial Volunteers**

- *Tom Kaiser* only received one response.
- *Peg Cello* received two responses.
- Next training session is Feb 20 at 9AM in the Chapel.
- *Father David* will be present a little after 9am for Liturgical Minister Training.

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**7. Year of Mercy Monthly Newsletter Article:**

- *Jim Viola* provided his “timely” March Saint of Mercy to Mary Pat on February 10th...
- **The next person up for the Saint of Mercy article is:**
- **April** *Mary Lou Rafferty*

**8. - Palm Sunday was mentioned:**

- Father Tom and Father David will speak about this with Lisa.
- *Father David* closed the meeting with a Glory Be and blessing.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.
- Next Worship meeting - Monday March 10.
- *Tom Kaiser* will communicate this date to the IC calendar of meetings.

**Keep note: the Pilgrimage Churches in diocese are:**

Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet;  
St. John the Baptist in Winfield;  
IC in Elmhurst; Ss. Peter and Paul, Naperville;  
St. Patrick, Yorkville;  
St. Mary in Mokena;  
St. John the Baptist, Joliet;  
St. Patrick in Kankakee;  
Immaculate Conception in Gilman.