

Adoration Committee Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2024

Members present: Veronica Haavig (St. Nicks), Lori Mayer-Perowitz, Francie Peterson, Sue McCulloch, Tim McCulloch, Mike Savageau, and Luke VanOverbeke. Absent: Fr. Matthew Kuhn, Dan Kirscht, Tonya Marthaler (ICC), Randy Meyer, Michelle Schroeder (MP Volunteer).

We opened at 7:00 pm with prayer. The June 20 meeting minutes were approved.

We discussed the 40 Hour Devotion schedule/chart briefly. Francie suggested to have this chart printed on 11x17 poster board and clip it to the 2x3 poster board so all parishioners could visually see the events for all 3 days. Veronica agreed St. Nick's should have a 2x3 poster printed that could be displayed on an easel to help with advertising purposes.

We agreed to have 5x7 flyers in the pews at ICC and St. Nick's the weekend of the ministry moments talks. Other advertisement for 40 Hours to come include:

- continued email blasts
- a flyer being sent home in September to all St. Mary's students in Friday folders. (We need to check with Ginger at St. Nick's to have flyer sent home with RE kids).
- an 8 ½ x 11 insert in the bulletin the weekend of September 7 and 8 (ministry moments)
- podium announcement by priests in August and 2 weekends in September.

Lori mentioned the 40 Hour Instructions from Fr. Rick had been emailed to Fr. Dan and Fr. Derek to make them aware of the details of this event.

Veronica stated the St. Ann's group is planning soup and ham sandwiches for the 5:00 pm supper on Sunday, September 29. They also are planning coffee and rolls after the 10:30 am Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Veronica mentioned Michelle Buelke (sp?) of St. Nick's will be speaking at St. Nick's over the weekend about her positive experience with Adoration.

Veronica stated Dennis Hillmer will be giving a history tour of St. Nick's on Monday, September 30, at 9:00 am for the St. Mary's 3rd and 6th graders.

Veronica stated the code to get into St. Nick's after hours is 4040* (yes, that is "4040 star.") That will be made available for all Adorers for 48 hours during the 40 Hour Devotion.

Veronica added the Douglas County Sheriff is aware that there will be a 40 Hour Devotion going on from September 29 through October 1, just in case they get any reports of suspicious activity at St. Nick's in Belle River.

Dan (who was not present but texted Sue before the meeting) stated he is waiting for a confirmation from Ron Boyden for extra patrols during the 40 Hour Devotion and, he also stated there are no concerns or updates about the St. Mary's School trip to St. Nick's on Monday, September 30 at 9:00 am at this point.

Lori stated Fr. Derek would like to stay at the Rectory either in Alexandria or Osakis. Fr. Dan mentioned Fr. Derek is a friend of his and he will be very happy to have Fr. Derek stay at the rectory in Alexandria. A welcome basket should be arranged for Fr. Derek's arrival.

Francie stated Tabatha Odens is excited and prepared for the Children's Holy Hour on Sunday from 4-5 pm. Tabatha will check with Luke for approval of the booklets entitled "My First Little Eucharistic Adoration Booklet" by Bayard Faith Resources.com. Each booklet is \$2.49 and the minimum order is 100. Francie suggested monies from Fr. Al's fund could help cover these books or Luke will check into the Liturgy budget.

Jim Gorghuber of the Knights (St. Mary's and St. Nick's) needs to be contacted to remind the Knights about signing up for the middle of the night Adoration slots, and, if not the middle of the night, perhaps another time. Tonya should reach out to the Knights at ICC and encourage sign up as well.

Sue is waiting to hear back from Dwyane Waldorf regarding the videotaping of the Fr. Derek, our speaker for the 40 Hour Devotion.

Sue gave Veronica some materials for the Welcome Table as well as the lawn sign and the 3x4 Come and See Banner to have displayed outside of St. Nick's during the 40 Hour Devotion. The Exposition and Reposition booklets were found as well.

Sue stated the speakers for the ministry moments talks are either done with their talks or are working on them (Mike Sponsler (St. Mary's – 5:00 pm and 8:00 am), Sarah Harvey (St. Mary's – 10:00 am), Deb Hillmer (St. Nick's)). Sue will reach out to Beverly Paul (ICC) to see if she has any questions or concerns.

Confession times still need to be approved by Fr. Dan and Fr. Derek.

Fr. Dan asked about the musicians for the chanting. Sue will text Fr. Rick and see if his friend that helped last year could help again this year. If Fr. Rick's friend cannot help, then Luke said he could help on Sunday for the Exposition; however, not on Tuesday for the Reposition.

Fr. Dan will review the Exposition and Reposition brochures. He may shorten them. Our concern was to have Fr. Dan review the brochures right away so there will be enough time for Kathy to reprint them.

Location of altar servers and the correct amount of candles need to be available for the 40 Hour Devotion.

Luke mentioned there will be information forthcoming to committees entitled "Eucharistic Worship Outside of Mass." This does entail new insights about Adoration.

Our meeting ended at 8:00 with prayer.

Next meeting – Sunday, September 22 at 1:00 pm at St. Mary's Offices