

St. Dominic Prayer & Worship Committee

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 – 6:30 PM

In attendance: Jo Mlsna, Beth Munns, Laura Graney, Julie Bulkow, Mary O'Malley, Jeanne Bitkers

Not able to attend: Fr. Nick, Pam Yoder

Opening Prayer/Meeting Chair: Jeanne Bitkers

Review of Minutes

No corrections were made to the Minutes from the previous meeting. The year 2025 was added to the October date.

During the meeting Candy Canes were prepared for distribution on the weekend of December 13-14. They will be finished at the December Prayer and Worship Meeting

Calendar Updates

- 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.

Evaluation

- Confirmation went well. Deacon Tom Hunt, Master of Ceremonies, was very helpful. Altar Servers did a fine job as did the combined Choir etc. The Saturday morning Confirmation was very well attended! Thank you to Jennifer, Jo, Beth, Fr. Nick and all who were involved in planning and preparing!
- "Breaking Bread" books will be changed over in the Volz Lounge after the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass on November 23rd just as was done last year.

Upcoming Events and Concerns

- The Thanksgiving Mass will once again be held at Holy Name Parish. Since this is a Bilingual Mass, parishioners from St. Dominic's are not asked to serve as Lectors etc. In the future it would be good to have people from all three parishes as well as member of the Hispanic Community serve in various liturgical ministries at Bilingual Masses.
- Jo is working with Julie to find volunteers to light the Advent Wreath during this season. The Bulletin states that anyone interested should contact Mary. Julie will check with Lori Biebel or Mary Petrie to see if any St. Dominic Parishioners have volunteered.
- Beth reviewed Organ Repair Proposals with Committee Members. She and Fr. Nick will be moving ahead with the proposal which will best meet the needs of St. Dominic Parish.
- Advent candle-lighting procedures will be similar to last year.

- **“Alma Redemptoris Mater” will be used from the first Sunday of Advent until February 2 during the vessel purification following the reception of the Eucharist.**
- **Shout Outs/Thank Yous to Parish Volunteers were discussed and a list for December was compiled.**

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2025 / 6:30 PM – Francis Room

Follow-up Agenda Item: Recruitment of Altar Servers

Chairperson: Jo Mlsna

Recorder: Jeanne Bitkers

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Bitkers