

## **Worship Committee Meeting Notes**

Thursday, September 29, 2022, 6:30 PM

Attendees: Father Robert Chinnapan, Lynn Collom, Pat Coonen, Diana Van Straten, Bob Varick, Jane Varick

Meeting opened with a prayer led by Father Robert.

The Worship Committee has not met since May, nor since Father Robert's arrival, therefore Pat provided a list of discussion points.

### ***Mass on Thursday, October 13, feast of St. Edward the Confessor***

Mass will be held at 6:30 PM, Thursday, 10/13, for the feast of St. Edward the Confessor. It will be live streamed. Jane will let Erin know and an announcement will be made at the upcoming Masses. Lynn will arrange for music.

### ***Weekday School Mass Servers***

Students were not coming from school on non-school Mass days to serve. Father Robert is fine with the students staying in class.

### ***Mass with Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, November 5, 10:00 AM (was originally scheduled for 10/26)***

It is discussed that the Anointing Mass be on a weekend rather than a weekday so possibly more could attend. Father suggested having Mass with the Anointing of the Sick two times per year, the first Saturday of the month after confession, at 10:00 AM. Mass with the Anointing of the Sick is scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 10:00 AM.

### ***Prayers for the dead; Marriage blessing***

Pat shared with Father Robert our practice of praying for the recently deceased at the end of the Prayers of the Faithful, as it's been missed by some. We also talked about the marriage blessing for couples one time each month. Father Robert will continue both. Pat will put a reminder in Father's binder.

### ***Holy Hour***

First Friday and Third Friday after Mass

### ***Confessions***

First Saturday of each month

Advent and Lenten reconciliation services – Father Robert will coordinate with Celia for this. He mentioned it can be difficult to get other priests. A thought is maybe Wednesday for students, another day for parishioners.

### ***Font repair/rebuild***

Father would like the font to be repaired (versus having it replaced). This has been (or will be?) brought to Finance. Father Robert suggested contacting DeWitt. Pat will investigate this.

### ***November – month to remember loved ones***

Pat shared with Father our custom to display pictures of deceased loved ones in November, through the feast of Christ the King. At Father Robert's previous parish, a candle was lit, and names of those who passed away during the year were announced at Mass. Father would like to do this at both Masses, the first weekend of November (11/5-6). November 2 (All Souls' Day) is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

### ***November 1: All Saints' Day***

Mass at St. Edward will be Monday, October 31, 6:30 PM.

### ***Christ the King: November 19-20***

Diana will coordinate the environment, including a display in front of the ambo.

### ***Thanksgiving, November 24***

Mass at St. Nicholas will be at 8:15 AM.

Mass at St. Edward will be at 9:30 AM (with music).

Pat shared with Father our collection for the Burundi Education Fund in previous years. We will continue to support this. Pat will plan for this, with possibly a speaker at Mass the weekend before Thanksgiving.

### ***Advent begins November 26-27***

Gathering hymn – Yes (vs. Antiphon)

Meditation books – Yes

Environment – Diana will use banners, wreath, etc.

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Father Robert asked about families lighting the candle each week. Pat will contact Celia and Renee to coordinate. The first week the lighting is after the Gospel, the other weeks the lighting is after the gathering song.

### ***Christmas Masses***

Christmas Eve – 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Christmas Day – 8:45 AM

Father Robert will be at St. Edward for all three Masses.

### ***2024 – The year we celebrate 175 years of the Holy Mass in Mackville***

Bishop is scheduled for Mass on Sunday, October 13, 2024, the Feast of St. Edward.

Planning is happening. Artifacts will be displayed, a memorial board will be created.

### ***Music Report***

Mike provided a handout to generate discussion regarding church security/safety concerns during non-office hours and non-Mass times, especially evenings, since the usage of fobs versus key. His recommendation, based on various circumstances and observations over the past months, is to only unlock the doors with fobs locally, rather than remotely, and continue to use the panic bar, when necessary, as was previously done prior to the fobs. (Handout attached)

### ***Environment – St. Edward statue***

Father Robert asked that the statue of St. Edward be located permanently inside church, in a prominent location. This will go to Pastoral Council, and it should be in place before the 2024 anniversary.

### ***Liturgical Ministry – Invite, Train, Refresh***

There continues to be a need for lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, and servers. We discussed ways to get more participation: individually invite, make an announcement to appeal to all, sign-up sheet, etc. New volunteers will receive training and be commissioned.

***Paul Hofacker***

We discussed how greatly Paul will be missed, and how it will be so difficult to fill in for all he did for St. Edward. Who will unlock church 30 to 45 minutes prior to Mass, change votive candles, greet people, etc.?

***Additional***

Father Robert suggested that for Saturday 5:30 Mass, David unlock the doors, ushers use the panic bar, David locks the door at 6:00. Father will talk to David regarding this.

Extra Masses will be streamed.

December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Mass at St. Edward will be Wednesday 12/7, 6:30 PM. (No Mass 12/8).

Next Worship Committee Meeting will be November 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Meeting adjourned with a prayer.

*Submitted by Lynn Collom*