

Worship Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 23, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

-Opening Prayer—Lectio Divina

-Approval of Minutes-Lisa Remiker-DeWall motioned to approve the minutes from our August 12, 2024 meeting, with Diana seconding the motion. Approved by voice vote.

-Old Business

***Music Leadership update**—Father, Cathy Lombardi, Colloms, and Becks met to discuss the future of our music ministry, especially leadership. Jim and Shari Beck agreed to lead choir. Patrick Berg will choose music. Cathy Lombardi will do scheduling and pull music for when the choir gathers. The talented small groups of cantors/musicians will continue to be responsible for themselves. Bob Varick brought up that it's important that music choices are ones that engage people and therefore be able to be displayed with media. What are the licensing issues? Should those songs be used for preludes to Mass in which people aren't invited to sing? Cathy will check on the copyright situations. It would be desired that at most one unknown song (to the parish) be used during a Mass. All groups need to be aware of the position in the Mass of the music. Sometimes offertory songs are during the prayers Father will pray aloud. Father will continue to pray silently under a song, and that's not the norm. Sometimes songs need to be finished after Communion time which cuts into the silence people need for their own meditation. Father mentioned that the song could even end when all people have received Holy Communion. He wants to have the song end in a good place, not ended abruptly. If all are aware we can sing, pray, and meditate appropriately during Mass.

New Business

- Priesthood Sunday (Sept. 28-29)—We all wish to give thanks for Fr. Robert. He has blessed us here at St. Edward. Dcn Jeff will include a blessing for Father at Mass.
- Liturgical Roles:
 - Sacristans –Lisa Remiker-DeWall has been trained. Lombardi's inquired into this role.
 - Altar Servers—Fall is the time for Server Training. May the Lord send some. Dcn. Jeff trains new servers in the Spring and Fall. Pat contacted Celia with the invitation to ask youth to be trained.
- October 13—3:00 pm Mass: Bp Ricken-Celebrant; Concelebrating: Fathers Robert Chinnapan, Walter Stumpf, Ron Belitz, Judah Pigon, Kris Mekela, John Hephner, and Msgr. Jim VandenHogan. Deacons Jeff Hofacker and Steve VandeHey Altar Servers, Lectors, Sacristan, and Ushers are scheduled

Environment: a special vignette honoring St. Edward using fresh flowers throughout Signs, announcements, bulletins, and media alert people to the Mass changes
Colloms are leading the whole choir in music and song
Meal catered by Van Abels to our cafeteria. Please register.

- November 1, Friday, All Saints' Day 8:15 a.m. Mass-SE (School will be involved and provide Music), Vigil Mass Oct. 31 5:45 p.m.-SN. If we need ushers, we must find them.
- Nov. 2-3, Saturday-Sunday. We will incorporate an All Souls' Day celebration of our loved ones who have departed at both Masses with the regular weekend liturgy. Families may choose the Mass they will attend. Members are invited to light a candle for their departed. Diana will lead the November Environment to reflect our prayers for the dead. Dcn Jeff will provide a list of those deceased since Nov. 1, 2023 and we will update as needed up to Oct. 30, 2024. Lisa will contact the families to invite participation and identify which Mass they will attend. Pat will ask Amy about her round table and get the candles ready. There is a wedding on Saturday, Nov. 2.
Environment be aware of staging for candles.
- Nov. 20, Wednesday, Mass with Anointing at 8:15 a.m.
- Nov. 23-24, Christ the King—Holy Communion under both kinds. Pat will contact and schedule the EMHC for Precious Blood and the Body of Christ
- Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Mass. Bishop Felton will celebrate Mass at 9:00 a.m. Chris is scheduling. We'll need music.
- Environment will need to change to Advent on Friday, Nov. 29 or Saturday, Nov. 30.
- Advent begins, weekend of November 30/December 1
 - First Communion families will be invited to present the new Advent candle at each Mass in Advent. Pat will get a list from Celia.
 - Advent daily reflection booklets, Waiting in Joyful Hope, Liturgical Press. These will assist in Pope Francis' Jubilee year of 2025 with the theme Hope Does Not Disappoint. The book chosen to gift at Christmas is Matthew Kelly's 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory. Pat will contact Amy to see if she would like to offer an adult program leading to consecration.
- Reconciliation in Advent—Saturday, Dec. 7, 9-10 a.m. and Dec. 9 after Mass for the Immaculate Conception, about 9:00 a.m. Father will check with Celia for an evening time as well.

- Christmas Liturgies: December 24 at 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. December 25 at 8:45 a.m. Bob or Jane Varick will post a sign-up sheet for lay ministers during Advent.
- January 1, Wednesday, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—8:15 a.m. We need lay ministers and music scheduled.
- Confirmation date—February 23, 2025, 2:00 p.m. Confirmands are from St. Nicholas and St. Edward. Lay ministers and music ministry necessary. Communicate with Celia

--Next Meeting January 27 @ 4:30 p.m. (First Reconciliation is at 6:00 p.m.)

Prayer—Fr. Robert led us in our closing prayer at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Coonen