

Worship Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 4, 4:30 PM

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

Opening Prayer (Lectio Divina for the Fourth Week of Lent): Deacon Jeff read the Gospel from John for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, followed by reflection.

Minutes: Jane approved the minutes from the January 15, 2024 meeting. Diana seconded the approval. Passed by voice vote.

Review/Updates of Old Business

- Music Leadership Update – Two candidates have been interviewed. The first person will not be available long term, as he will be returning to school. The second person is a possibility for consideration. An interview with a third candidate will take place on Friday, March 8.
- Sign-up sheets for liturgical roles during Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday are in the gathering area.
 - Deacon Jeff will be at all Masses and at the Good Friday service.
 - No additional mics need to be set up for the reading of the Passion, Voices will use the Ambo.
- Consideration for improvement – Stations of the Cross
 - Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. – Deacon Jeff said it has been slow. Possibly stations could be attached to Mass. Father Robert shared that people don't necessarily want to make an extra trip to church. St. Nicholas combines Mass, stations, and soup dinner, and have had good attendance. Father suggested possibly having stations after Saturday Mass, followed by a chili or soup dinner. This will be a discussion and consideration for next year.

New Business

- Vicariate meeting with Bishop Ricken (EMHC)
 - Father Robert said that Bishop Ricken has not given an answer regarding when the Cup will be reinstated. Bishop will communicate this before Holy Thursday.
 - There are several more training sessions for EMHC throughout the Diocese upcoming. All who wish to continue in this ministry are expected to go.

EMHC will be commissioned by Bishop after training. They will be commissioned for five years, then recommissioned for five years, etc. Additional upcoming training is in Pulaski, Chilton, Kaukauna on June 11, at the Cathedral on August 6, along with others.

- Mass with Anointing, March 13, 2024, 8:15 a.m.
 - Lynn will arrange for musicians for this Mass, Deacon Jeff will chant the psalm.
 - Jane will organize a reception for after.

- Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024, Mass at both parishes, 6:30 p.m., Fr. Robert @ SE.
 - Per Diana, the pilgrimage will come to St. Edward around 11:00-11:15 p.m. Diana, Bob and Jane will be there, and lock up.
 - Mass
 - Entrance hymn
 - Penitential rite
 - Presentation of the Oils
 - Gloria sung (after intro from Father Robert) Bells are rung during Gloria.
 - Incensing three times – Beginning of the Gospel, Offertory, Procession to the Altar of Repose. Incense will not need to be re-lit during Mass.
 - Washing of the feet – There are sign-up sheets for twelve volunteers. Per Father Robert, those people can sit/stay at the end of the pews on each side of the main aisle. Father will come to them for the washing.
 - Prayers of the Faithful are needed .
 - Vigil Candles will be blown out after Communion and covered until Vigil.
 - The main crucifix is not lit.
 - Deacon Jeff will lead the singing of Pange Lingua/Tantum Ergo while kneeling before the tabernacle of repose.

- Good Friday, March 29, 2024, Service: 1:00 p.m. SE, 3:00 p.m. SN with Fr. Robert.
 - The Gospel of John will be read in 5 blocks with the 'Jesus, Remember Me' sung as an interlude.
 - There will be signs placed on the doors for silence.
 - The Offertory is always for the Holy Land.

We need to CHECK INDIVIDUAL CANDLES for VIGIL.

- Easter Vigil, March 30, 2024, 8:00 p.m. both parishes, Fr. Robert @ SE
 - Jeff will sing the Exultet. He will need a light at the ambo. He will send the script to Pat, as this will be helpful when turning on the lights.
 - Bells will be rung during the Gloria and the Consecration.
 - Kristen Heenan will be confirmed following the Sprinkling Rite, and receive her First Holy Communion (at the usual Communion time). Reserve a pew for them.

- There is a sprinkling rite.
 - Readings – Readings 1, 3, 5, and Epistle
 - Easter candle is ordered.
 - If it's not windy, the fire will be under the portico. Jeff will raise the candle and sing 'Christ, our Light' at the font, in the back of church, and in front.
 - Father suggested he and servers light their candles there and proceed around to the back of the main aisle. After that, all may light personal candles from them.
 - Per Jeff, the Prayers of the Faithful are needed. The same will be used for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.
 - 2023: Easter Vigil attendance – 251, Easter Sunday attendance - 500. Our church seats 550, and ushers will be ready to set up chairs.
- Easter Sunday, March 31, 8:45 a.m. with Fr. Robert
 - Sprinkling Rite and Sequence
- Divine Mercy Sunday – April 7, 2024
 - Jane will lead the Chaplet before Mass on Sunday only. She will arrange for a note in the bulletin.
 - Diana will take care of the environment.
 - Noted by Father Robert: St. Pius has a huge celebration for Divine Mercy Sunday.
- First Holy Communion – Weekend Masses – May 4-5, 2024
 - Communicants will receive Communion with their parents first.
 - Distributors will wait by the altar.
- May Crowning
 - Father Robert suggested doing May crowning the same weekend as First Communion. Sue and Celia will take the lead on this. Pat will communicate with them.
- Seed Blessing - St. Isadore's feast is May 15, 2024 (Wednesday). School Mass is Friday, May 17.
 - Few participated last year. It was suggested to do the blessing on Friday instead of Wednesday so students will bring seeds. Pat will confirm this with Renee.
- Pentecost – May 18-19, 2024

- Pat and Don will be out of town that weekend. Father Robert would still like to have a fire. Pat will get it ready. Diana will take care of it on Saturday; Bob and Jane will take care of it on Sunday.
- Sequence will be sung.
- The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – June 1-2, 2024
 - Sequence will be sung.
 - There will be a procession after Sunday Mass.
 - Father Robert wants to process also around the school this year.
 - Pat is going to check with David Everson regarding a portable sound system for the procession. Father may know someone who has one.
- Tractor Pull – June 13-16, 2024
 - No Mass at St. Edward on Saturday, June 15.
 - Polka Mass on Sunday.

Next Worship Committee meeting – Monday, April 22, 2024, 4:30 PM.

No meetings over summer, will resume meeting in August.

Meeting ended with the Lection Divina closing prayer read by Father Robert.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Collom and Pat Coonen.