

Worship Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 22, 4:30 PM

Attendees: Dcn. Jeff Hofacker, Diana Van Straten, Bob Varick, Jane Varick, Pat Coonen

Opening Prayer (Lectio Divina for the 5th Sunday of Easter)

Minutes: Diana approved the minutes from the March 4, 2024 meeting. Jane seconded.

Review/Updates of Old Business

- Music Leadership Update – The candidates interviewed did not work out for our needs. Dcn. Jeff will ask Erin if she would refresh the ad on **Indeed** to move it to the top again.
 - Cathy Lombardi was trained in Ministry Scheduler Pro, a new scheduling program for musicians/cantors. It is working great for them.
 - Chris and Kevin Flood were introduced to it for liturgical ministry scheduling.
- Pat received the list of EMHC who attended the Diocesan Training. There are new summer opportunities. Pat will touch base with those who are usual EMHCs and have not attended Training. She will prepare an ad for the bulletin, slide show, and announcement to be sure the word is out.
- There are 8 new volunteers who would like to be trained as EMHC at St. Edward. Pat contacted Father Robert. If the volunteers have gone to the Diocesan training, they may be trained for St. Edward and begin. We have some who are new and went to the training. Even though trained at St. Edward, they cannot begin to serve at Mass unless they go to the Diocesan training. Pat will contact them.
- Consideration for improvement –

Could Mass with Anointing be in the evening one time in the year, perhaps on a Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Mass? People with disabilities often sit in the very front and in the very back. Does that work? Some need rides and mornings don't work. Our next is scheduled for Wed. Nov. 13, 2024 at 8:15 a.m.

Holy Thursday -Washing Feet at the end of the pews worked well for everyone. With the pilgrimage arriving at 11 p.m., varying opinions were expressed as to the time between Mass and the visitation. Several different groups stop to pray before the pilgrimage arrives. A suggestion for Fr. Michael to use a mic to lead prayer was made. There was good attendance at all Holy Week Masses and Good Friday service.

Bob informed us about the Chrism Mass celebrated at the Cathedral on Tuesday of Holy Week. The bishop renews the commitment of the Clergy and the sacramental oils used in each parish are blessed. It is very beautiful. There is a YouTube viewing available for all. Perhaps next year we could advertise? gather to watch at church? offer an Adult NE experience? Bob will be adding a slide on it for the media that week.

Divine Mercy Sunday—the Chaplet before Mass was appreciated. Next year we need to close the doors into church and add a sign reading, “Quietly enter to join in the Divine Mercy Chaplet” or some such...

New Business

- The Budget was shared and will be presented at Finance Council on April 24, 2024.

- Bishop Ricken created a letter giving the background of and stating when the Eucharist under both kinds would be available to the congregation. It will begin with Corpus Christi. “the Distribution of Holy Communion from the CUP **may** only take place and is *encouraged* on the following liturgical celebrations:”
 - All the faithful who participate in the Easter Vigil, particularly newly baptized;
 - The Christmas Mass during the Night (Midnight Mass);
 - Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Supper;
 - All weekend Masses on:
 - Divine Mercy Sunday;
 - The Solemnity of Pentecost;
 - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity;
 - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi);
 - The solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.
 - It is left to the discretion of each Pastor to distribute the Precious Blood to all at these celebrations:
 - First Holy Communion (Only First Communicants);
 - Wedding Mass (Only Bride and Groom);
 - The Mass celebrating the patronal feast of each oratory, church, parish, or mission;
 - The anniversary Mass celebrating the dedication of each church.

- May 4-5th will begin Mass with the May crowning by the First Communicants. People will be invited to remain seated. The children will process in with flowers and crown Mary. Once finished, the opening hymn will begin, and people will stand. (There needs to be a choir/music representative on Worship committee)

- Seed Blessing - St. Isadore’s feast is May 15, 2024 (Wednesday). Renee agrees that the Friday School Mass would be wonderful for the children to participate by bringing seeds and seedlings. Pat will prepare a slide to be used in media, bulletin, and an announcement which invites parish participation as well.

- May 11-12 –the Ascension of the Lord (Diana will adjust the environment to fit.) It’s also Mothers’ Day. Jeff will ask Father if there may be a blessing for all Mothers.

- Pentecost – May 18-19, 2024 The Sequence will be sung. Pat will show Bob and Diana how to set and start the fire before May 11. There is a wedding on Saturday. They want the color to be white in church. Diana will add in red after the wedding Mass.
- 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. Pat will look over the prayers used last year and consult with Father to edit as needed for this year's procession which will include going around the north end of school. Pat checked with David Eversen who doesn't have a way to enhance sound in the moving procession. There is a Bluetooth speaker system that several people have. Maybe something like this would work? Father may know someone who has one.
- Tractor Pull – June 13-16, 2024 No Mass at St. Edward on Saturday, June 15. Sunday Morning Mass is at 10:00 a.m. and it is with polka music.
- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15. There is the usual Wed. morning Mass on Aug. 14 at 8:15 a.m. and a Vigil Mass for the Assumption at SE-Wed. 5:30 pm. SN-Thurs. 8:15 a.m.
- We are all keeping an eye out for people who may be interested in joining the Worship committee to give them a personal invitation. No meetings are over the summer; we will resume meeting in August. We'll help each other over the summer months as needed.
- Meeting ended with the Lection Divina closing prayer.

Next Worship Committee meeting – Monday, August 12, 2024, 4:30 PM. Bring a friend!

Respectfully submitted by Pat Coonen.