

Worship Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 1, 2023, 4:30 PM

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

Opening Prayer: Deacon Jeff led the opening prayer.

Minutes: Bob approved the minutes from the March 6, 2023 meeting. Mike seconded the approval. Passed by voice vote.

Pat met with Fr. Robert and his notes are in blue added to these minutes.

Review/Updates of Old Business

1. Holy Week – All was beautiful. Note: good attendance, quite a few people remained for adoration on Holy Thursday.
2. Worship Budget – Mike submitted to Erin. Increases in the budget are:
 - Candles – probably due to more being lit. We are using recyclable jars.
 - Media Equipment – Mike contacted R&R to discuss the life cycle of our media equipment for future planning.
 - Music – additional needs are another microphone, camera and hardware for outside and gathering space.
 - To be done – music education program
3. Font repair is complete! Thanks to Larry Hansen, Dan McClintock, Gene Wild, Don Coonen for their time and work.
4. Statue placement of St. Edward, Mary and Joseph – waiting for quote from Jim Hofacker, which is needed for the proxy.
5. Anointing of the Sick – March 15 – good advertising, good turnout.
6. First Communion, April 22-23, was beautiful. It will be investigated for next year to possibly have First Communion only at one of the weekend Masses (maybe Saturday).

New Business

Rosary

The rosary will be prayed before Wednesday and Friday Mass during the month of May.

It was suggested that a policy be set to do this each year in May (month of Mary) and October (month of rosary).

Crowning of Mary – May 6-7 after Mass

- The large heart will be possibly used as a backdrop for the statue of Mary. Diana, Pat and Jeff will freshen it up and set up after the Saturday 5/6 wedding.
- Vases will be put out for flowers to be presented to Mary.
- Per Celia, the service will begin after the closing song. Music is arranged for by Celia.

Seed Blessing – Friday, May 12

- Information in the bulletin.
- Fr. Robert said to make it easy and put the seeds on the steps to the Altar.
- Bob will check with Father Robert regarding the Litany to St. Isidore and the blessing.

Ascension of the Lord and Graduation Blessing Mass—May 20-21

- Blessing will be for any school, any grade.
- Last petition will be the blessing.
- Include the blessing song.

Pentecost - May 27-28

- Procession with banner.
- Fire
- Sequence will be sung.

Most Holy Trinity - June 4

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - June 11

- Father Robert said Bp. Ricken wants parishes to have an outdoor procession. That weekend a Missionary Co-op priest will be here. Father Robert will be able to stay Sunday morning and have the procession concluding with Benediction. The processions could include a stop and prayer in the cemetery for the repose of departed, a walk on the sidewalk back to a blessing of school and of our church. We bring Jesus to the world as much as we can in Mackville.
- Lynn will check to see if the sequence can be sung.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Friday, June 16

Immaculate Heart of Mary - Saturday, June 17

- No Mass at St. Edward due to Tractor Pull

There was a discussion regarding streaming of the Polka Mass. Since Mike does not know about the licensing for the music done at that Mass, maybe the Saturday Mass could be streamed instead. Mike will check with David Everson or Lynn Schuh.

- Father suggested that our website link to the St. Nicholas 4:00 p.m. Mass so that they could have their home viewing at their regular time of 8:45 a.m. We could make that known ahead of time

The Transfiguration of the Lord - August 6

The Assumption of the Blessed Mother Mary -Tuesday, August 15

Father agreed that Mass could be celebrated on the Vigil on Monday, August 14 at 5:30 PM at St. Edward.

Columbarium

Per Deacon Jeff, the Diocese asked at our audit to look into getting a columbarium.

They anticipate that within five years, 85-90% of the deceased will be cremated. Jeff will talk with Deacon Gary, who has done research regarding this.

Father thinks this should now be turned over to the Cemetery Committee to look into.

St. Nicholas has just installed a columbarium there. All this information has just been gathered and that they are knowledgeable. Perhaps they would come to speak at a Cemetery Committee meeting so we might get an idea of pricing and companies.

St. Nicholas also has a memorial/gravesite to babies who were lost during pregnancy.

Another item that the Cemetery Committee could look into.

There are unmarked graves in the SE corner of the cemetery and Dcn Jeff can look into reasons for exclusion.

Next Worship Meeting : September 11, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting was closed with a prayer led by Pat.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Collom with notes from Father by Pat Coonen