

Sacred Worship Committee Minutes

March 4, 2021

Present: Fr. Jeffrey Hennes, Diane Dietsche, Deb Frisch, Kris Hansen, Ellen Miskowski, Anne Swenson, Dale Tetzloff, Kathy Tetzloff, Tari Wallner and Jean Bablitch

Opening Prayer: Kris Hansen

Featured Discussion:

1. Ash Wednesday/Lent/Stations - how is it going

Ash Wednesday attendance at 8:00 AM was about 60 people. Noon was well attended. There were about 85 people. Ellen did assist at the noon service to keep it moving for the working people. There was a little confusion with the ashes but Communion distribution went better.

Monday Mass attendance is about 20 - 25 people with 8 - 10 staying for Stations of the Cross. Attendance on Wednesdays and Fridays is about the same. Father Hennes does the Stations on Wednesdays and Fridays.

2. Triduum -

Father Hennes, Father Todd, Ellen and Kris met.

Palm Sunday - Reservations will not be required for Palm Sunday. The Family Center will be open for overflow. Ushers will help seat people. Palms will be handed out to individuals along with the participation aids. (There will be the regular participation aid along with the printed Passion). Palms will be blessed as people hold them. Father, Deacon and the Lector will participate in the reading of the Passion. After Mass kneelers should be left down where people sat so cleaners know which pews to sanitize.

Holy Thursday - 5:30 Father Todd will preside. There will be no washing of feet. As an act of service there will be a collection taken for Operation Bootstrap. There will be music played during the collection. An announcement of this will be in the bulletin so people can be prepared. There will be no procession after Mass. There will be adoration in the church until 7:30 PM

Good Friday - 12:30 There will be the regular participation aid today along with the Passion. Ushers will direct the Veneration of the Cross. There will be no touching or kissing the Cross. A genuflection / bow will be allowed. There will be a collection after the Veneration.

Easter Vigil - 8:30

There will be no fire outside. The Easter Candle will be blessed at the front entrance of the church and then procession will go into the church to the altar. Candle light will be passed from the ushers to the congregation. Bells will ring and altar candles will be lit before the Gloria. Water will be blessed after the homily. The congregation will relight their candles for the renewal of Baptismal Promises.

Easter Sunday - 10:30

3. **St Joseph Day - change banner and candles to Red?** - Mass will be at 8:00. Altar cloth will be white. Banners and candles will not be changed. St. Joseph medals and prayer cards will be blessed and distributed after Mass. There will be no Stations of the Cross. As this is our patron Saint a plenary indulgence will be received if conditions are met.
4. **Decorations for Easter** - There will be a form in the bulletin for ordering flowers. The deadline for orders will be March 19. Lilies will be priced at \$12.50 and other flowers at \$25. An assortment of other flowers will be purchased. Decorating for Easter will be done on Saturday morning starting at 7:30.
5. **Low Gluten hosts/wine, any takers yet?** Wine will be made available for gluten free people. There will be an announcement about this in the bulletin.
6. **Reservations for Triduum** - Reservations will be needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. These can be made online or by calling the office. There will be additional seating in the Family Center if needed.
7. **Blessing of Food on Holy Saturday** - Food will be blessed on Holy Saturday at noon. There will be a note in the bulletin.
8. **Note cards to ministers** - Many people do not attend church in person. As a way to stay in touch cards are being sent in the mail. Senior members were the first group of people to receive cards. The next group to receive cards will be families with children in school. Members of various ministry groups (Eucharistic ministers, readers, ushers, etc.) will then be sent cards.
9. **1st Communion** - This will be held the weekend of April 24 / 25. Alternative arrangements can also be made. Each family will be given one pew. There will be overflow space available in the Family Center.
10. **May crowning / Rosary in May** - May crowning will be the weekend of May 1 / 2. Music will be Mary songs. The Memorare to the Blessed Virgin will be in the participation aid and recited at Mass during the month of May.
11. **What are we hearing?**

Should people come into church during adoration before Mass? Yes

Newest hymnals are 20 years old. Should new books be purchased? We will wait on this to see if choirs come back.
12. **Next meeting?** March or April. We will have a meeting in March to discuss Holy Week / Easter in more detail.
13. **Prayer Leader for next meeting:** Ellen Miskowski

Closing Prayer: Fr. Hennes / Memorare to St. Joseph

Respectfully submitted by: Jean Bablitch

Next meeting: April 8