

Sacred Worship Committee Minutes

February 11, 2020

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

Opening Prayer: Kathy Hansen

Featured Discussion:

- 1. Christmas - how did it go?** It was nice to see all the people in church. Christmas Eve was well attended. There were also about 10 people in the Family Center. Christmas Day attendance was sparse. Decorations were great. The Manger looked very nice in front of the altar. The placement was good for videotaping. Next year the Gathering Space will be decorated.
- 2. Mary, Mother of God - how did it go?** Small, but went well. Epiphany - Blessed chalk was available.
- 3. Ash Wednesday / Lent - devotions, weekday stations** - The Little Black Books will be available for Lent. Decorations for Lent will be very simple - bare branches in the vases. The beginning of Mass during Lent will be announced by using the clacker.

Ash Wednesday Masses at St. Joseph will be at 8:00 AM and Noon. St. Stephen will have Mass at 6:30 AM and 6:30 PM. Ashes will be blessed. The Remembrance words will be spoken to the entire congregation - not to each individual. Ashes will then be distributed European style - sprinkled on the top of the head. Ellen and Kris will be on standby to distribute ashes in the event of a large attendance. Jim Krueger will be the server. 100 copies will be made of the Worship Aid. The ushers will distribute these to the people. There will be no Holy Hour.

There will be Stations of the Cross after daily Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Participation aids that we have on hand will be used. There will be a Cross bearer only if one is available.

- 4. Triduum?** Reservations should be made for Good Friday and Easter. These can be made online or called in. There will be no need for tickets. Additional seating will be available in the Family Center.

Holy Thursday - Mass will be at 5:30. There will be adoration after Mass until 7:30. The procession will go from church into the Family Center. There will be a tabernacle set up in the Family Center for Adoration.

Good Friday - Veneration - something should be done but what exactly has not yet been decided.

5. **St Joseph Day?** Will be celebrated at the morning Mass. There will be a special blessing. This will be recorded and available online. St. Joseph medals will be given out. A prayer to St. Joseph will be in the Worship Aid for the month of March.
6. **Communal Reconciliation?** There will be no communal reconciliations. Lenten Penance at St. Joseph will be at 11:30 AM on Sunday. Penance at St. Stephen will be on Friday from 4 - 5 PM and following Stations and on Saturday at 7:00 PM. A sheet with all Penance opportunities in Portage County will be printed and inserted in the bulletin.
7. **Decorations Lent/Easter** - Decorating for Easter will be done on Saturday morning. There will be a blessing of the Easter food at noon on Saturday. Flowers can be ordered by mail or through the office.
8. **Gluten free hosts procedure** - There are 2 known individuals who absolutely cannot have gluten. Wine can be made available for them. The priest should be notified before Mass if they are attending. Notices will be placed in the bulletin.
9. **Ushers/Daily Mass Servers** - Additional daily Mass servers are always needed. Ushers are needed for the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday. Dale gets these as needed. The 10:30 AM Sunday schedule is full.
10. **Reservations for Mass** - Not needed at this time.
11. **What are we hearing?**
Picnic – Will this happen? This has not been decided.
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:** Kris Hansen

Closing Prayer: Fr. Hennes

Respectfully submitted by: Jean Bablitch

Next meeting: March 4