

Sacred Worship Committee Minutes

February 2, 2023

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

Prayer: Tari Wallner

Featured Discussion:

Review / Preview Christmas through Lent

Christmas Eve - December 24 - Full house. Things went very well. Earlier start would be better. Start at 3:45 Seal the doors during the pageant. Take a little break between the pageant and Mass.

Christmas Day - December 25 - All went well. Not as well attended as Christmas Eve.

Mary Mother of God - January 1st - Regular weekend Mass schedule.

Epiphany - January 6

Ash Wednesday - February 22 - Masses with ashes will be the 9:00 AM School Mass at St. Stephen, 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph and 6:30 PM at St. Stephen for CCD children and families. Ashes will also be distributed at Portage County Health Care Center.

Stations of the Cross - Will be held after daily Mass. Father Hennes will do these when he is available. Mary Davidson or another volunteer will carry the Cross.

Lenten Reconciliation - March 21 at St. Joseph at 6:30 PM. Recorded music will be played during the confession time.

Other Lenten Practices -

Lenten Music - There will be no entrance song. Lamb of God will not be sung.

Should readers do petitions at Mass? We will continue as we have been doing and will revisit this issue after Minister sign-ups.

Nativity Set - We have a replacement Nativity set that the Diocese had offered. We will be looking at quotes on restoration and checking with Cindy Mazoch.

Mission March 5-7th at St. Joe's - We will be hosting a mission this year. "Take Your Catholic Faith to the Next Level" with Keith Nester. Sunday evening Keith's Conversion Story will be told. Monday will talk about What's So Great About Being Catholic and Tuesday will be about Owning Your Faith. St. Anne's will provide refreshments on Sunday evening. Bev Derezinski and Sandy Cekosh will be in charge. Monday - St. Stephen will host. Tuesday - St. Peter will host.

Social -- September??? - Sacred Worship will host the Socials the fourth weekend of September.

Goal of a Welcoming Parish - What is a "Welcoming Parish?" Can we do more? We are looking for a speaker. Possibly Chris Carstens to speak on Evangelization and the Liturgy. This will be discussed at a later date.

Christmas / Easter Cards - Christmas cards went out in January. They were very beautiful and very well received. Easter cards will go out after Easter.

Eucharistic Revival / Bulletin Articles etc. - The Eucharist should be re-emphasized during Lent. Stories and articles will be put in the bulletins and posted in the Family Center. Books that emphasize the Eucharist are "Eucharistic Miracles Around the World" and books about Carlo Acutis - a modern day teenager on a journey to sainthood.

Lockbox for office - A mail slot has been talked about and would be the most cost effective. This will be discussed again at the next Building and Grounds Committee meeting.

What are we hearing? / Seeing

Decorating for Christmas went well. The trees and large items were set up on December 17. We are looking at different options for holiday flowers. Perhaps parishes could order from out of town suppliers and have delivery on one date. General donations will be taken. There will no longer be donation cards for each plant. A listing of memorials and donors will be posted. This would be started at Easter.

Ellen and Kris will work on communications to the choirs and gift bag coordinators as to when there will be a Baptism.

Can a book be given at Easter? "Holy Moments" or "The Wisdom of the Saints" by Matthew Kelly. This could be done at the Eggstravaganza to allow for greater distribution as Triduum services will be held at St. Stephen this year. Carrie will be notified about the book.

Leo Jacoby has agreed to do the Seder Meal this year if there is enough interest. A notice will be placed in the bulletin and e-mails sent to determine if there is enough interest to hold this event.

The Hallow app will be available without charge through Lent.

The Deanery may subsidize bus transportation to LaCrosse for the Chrism Mass. A visit may be scheduled to the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, Viterbo or some other places.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 9 at 1:00 PM

Prayer Leader for next meeting: Jean Bablitch

Closing Prayer & Blessing: Fr. Hennes

Respectfully submitted by: Jean Bablitch