

APRIL 2016 WORSHIP COMMISSION MINUTES

Members present: Fr. Dave Ruby, Michelle Piatek, Carol Eaton, Mary Cerra, Mary Gomoll, Marian Irmen, Connie Brandt, Pat Gureski.

- Call meeting to order – All mentioned how their day/week is going.
- **Prayer** – We read and shared from the letter of Paul to the Colossians 3:12-17
- February 2016 minutes were approved as provided.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY UPDATES

- **Ministry Training** Server Training is being worked on. Ushers are needed for Baileys Harbor and Jacksonport masses.
- **Ministry Scheduling Update** Michelle spoke to some of the issues for people updating their profile in order to create the next schedule.

GENERAL OLD BUSINESS

- Lent 2016 Evaluation

Lent 2016 theme for Worship guides was “Experience God’s Love and Mercy through the Gospels of Lent”-

Lenten Reflection Books - *Little Black Books* and *Not By Bread Alone* – NBBA –

Rice Bowls not as many were used this year but they are helpful.

Bulletin insert – this was effective to help people know the times of liturgies.

Lenten banner – the banner was well accepted and graced the parish sites.

Ash Wednesday is February 10. Mass times were:

8:00 AM, Egg Harbor (53)	4:15 PM, Baileys Harbor (Combined,
12 Noon, Sister Bay (126)	7:00 PM, Baileys Harbor 172)

The Baileys Harbor 7:00 PM mass was not well attended.

Year of Mercy pamphlets were handed out on Ash Wednesday.

Father Dave’s homily focus for Lent used the Gospel story of the woman caught in adultery.

Lenten songs - #417, *Mercy, O God* and *Come to Me*. “*Mercy, O God*” were well received by the congregation.

Soup and Stations of the Cross every Friday noon at Baileys Harbor – Were well received- people liked the new stations book this year written by Fr. Timothy Radcliffe.

The Worship Commission - Mother Mary Catherine from the Missionaries of the Word spoke about “**The Mercy and Discipleship of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta**” on March 3rd in Egg Harbor. Very well received; visitors also attended.

Parish Lenten Reconciliation service - At BH, 3:00 PM on March 17th. More people there than expected around 40, compared to 20-25 at previous Reconciliation services, so perhaps changing the time to the afternoon was effective. Kathy suggests having the reconciliation service at Fish Creek, possibly during the Triduum Week since Fish Creek is now known as our Triduum location. Fish Creek is centrally located, on one level, and can accommodate more priests, if we need 3.

- **Year of Mercy banner update** – Posters were placed at each site.
- **Christian Unity Prayer Service – Sunday, February 14th at 3:00 pm in Sister Bay**
Bethel Baptist won the UNI Award, they also brought their Praise Band which was great.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick - weekend of **Feb. 20-21**. Went well and many people experienced the anointings.

Triduum / Easter 2016 Evaluation

1. **PALM / PASSION SUNDAY-** It was suggested to collect the old palms one week earlier so there is no confusion between the old and new on Palm Sunday.
2. **TRIDUUM REHEARSAL-** Rehearsal went well.
3. **HOLY THURSDAY (98)-** Numbers most likely down due to snow storm.
 - The ringing of the bells at the Gloria was fantastic!
 - This year, it appeared that some of the people having their feet washed didn't know what to do with their chairs at the end. Perhaps in the future, we would have a sheet to give them explaining the process. Or, if we have enough people ahead of time, they can meet with the Master of Ceremonies before Mass begins.
 - Father wants the Song for the Oils by Rosemary Campbell sung for next year. He didn't want it in previous years. This will also smooth out the ritual for presenting the Sacred Oils.
 - Mary suggested opening up the wall more so that people could actually see what was going on at the Altar of Repose. Perhaps they'd also be more inclined to spend a little more time in silent prayer after the Mass.
4. **GOOD FRIDAY (154)**
 - Kathy is going to add additional directions on the worship guide; people responded too early to the sung General Intercessions.
 - Greg and Connie did a fine job holding the candles and servers did a great job during the adoration of the cross.

A number of people commented on feeling rushed during the adoration time. They wanted to be able to show their love and thanks in their own way. Our cross is not real big and perhaps we need to allow folks to come approach the cross as they see fit. Let's re-visit our decision to encourage people to venerate the cross two by two. An additional comment was made that silent veneration is also desirable.

- With only having two bread ministers, the choir should be instructed to take communion first using the center aisle.

5. EASTER VIGIL (123)

- The RCIA portion of the liturgy was beautiful with Angela being received into the Church.
- There were several glitches in the music from Kathy's perspective. Choir members were not always on track and some seemed confused trying to keep all the ritual music in order. Mary suggested possibly having a temporary director to help keep the choir members on the right page at the right time.
- Excellent job by all the readers!
- Ushers did a great job.
- There was a little mix-up with the lights being turned on too high and too soon. Next year, just have one person in charge of turning on the lights before the Exultet is sung.
- Sacristans forgot to turn off sound system after the Vigil. Kathy found it still turned on Monday morning. We will add this task to the job list

6. EASTER SUNDAY-

8 am	EH	178	9 am	BH	160
10 am	SB	346	11 am	EH	157

Catholicism / Mass booklet – *These cost \$49 for a pack of 50 booklets or \$15 for 10 booklets. Is this something we want to invest in and how many would we order? How and when would they be distributed?* Have a pack of 50 and put them in the entrance, especially at weddings. We can always order more.

Marian bookmarks are available to use during May.

GENERAL NEW BUSINESS

First Holy Communion – Sunday, April 24th at 10:00 AM in Sister Bay.

Stella Maris Feast Day - Wednesday, May 4th at 4:00 PM in Sister Bay. Michelle spoke to the planned liturgy. The theme is Mary's Garden.

Ascension Sunday – May 7 and 8 + **ALL Churches open** this weekend:

Saturday - 4 pm FC, 6 pm EH

Sunday - 8 am BH, 10 am SB, 12 pm JP

Pentecost Sunday – May 14/15 – We will plan to have a new banner for masses. There is an option to have more readings at the Vigil mass at 6:00 pm.

Father Dave's 25th Anniversary of Ordination – May 15, 2:00 PM at Sister Bay, Mass followed by dinner. The Committee will meet on May 2nd to make final plans.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – May 21 and 22, and **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** - May 28/29 + **Summer Mass Schedule begins:**

Sat. 4 pm FC, 5 pm SB, 6 pm EH

Sun. 7 am EH, 8 am BH, 9 am FC, 10 am SB, 11 am JP & 1 pm WI

Suggestion regarding bulletin prayers for sick parishioners and/or service people

A suggestion was made to have a space in the weekly bulletin to list military people and sick persons with a prayer.

Family Concert by Amanda Vernon- Sunday evening, June 19 – 7 pm at Fish Creek. Amanda will be playing the piano at several Masses that weekend and will have a concert Sunday evening at Fish Creek.

Dan Schutte presentation – Thursday, July 28th at 7:00 PM in Sister

CLOSING PRAYER - Mary Cerra shared with us the prayer and spiritual interpretation of the Lord's Prayer used at her Father's military funeral last week.

NEXT WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING IS PLANNED FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 2 AT 1:30 PM IN EGG HARBOR.

Submitted by Pat Gureski