

FEBRUARY 2016 WORSHIP COMMISSION MINUTES

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

- Meeting called to order: Kathy Sedan, Burnie Cerra, Carol Eaton, Marian Irmen, Michelle Piatek, Connie Brandt, and Mary Gomoll were present.
- Prayer – We used **Lectio Divina** to read, reflect, discuss and pray Joel 2: 12-14
- Michelle moved to approve the January minutes; Marian seconded the motion.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY UPDATES

- **Ministry Training** – Michelle shared that Barb Pasquesi would be trained as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist on Friday. There are also several new ushers at Sister Bay. We're in desperate need of all ministers at Baileys Harbor.
- **Ministry Scheduling Update** - Michelle told us that the latest ministry schedule is up and running. Triduum ministers will be scheduled at a separate time. We hope to include as many ministers as are available. People will respond to Michelle's request and then will be hand scheduled. Michelle also shared that she is using a new procedure for those who don't have e-mail to request subs. Michelle will ask them to call her for a sub request and then she will post it to the available ministers.

GENERAL OLD BUSINESS

- **Baptism of the Lord** – celebrated on Jan. 9-10 with reading and posting names of those baptized, a sprinkling rite, and a Baptism in Fish Creek.
- **January 22 – Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children** – Prayer for the unborn was included at daily Mass as well as at the Sunday Masses.
- **Weekend of January 30-31**
 - a. **Mass Schedule changed for the remainder of winter and early spring** –4:00 PM Mass at Baileys Harbor, 8:00 AM Mass at Egg Harbor, 10:00 AM Mass at Sister Bay. Fish Creek and Jacksonport closed for 3 months.
 - b. **Blessing of the Throats** was held at all weekend Masses.
- **Lent / Triduum 2016**

- **Lent 2016 theme** --- Experience God's Love and Mercy Through the Gospels of Lent
- **Lenten Reflection Books** - *Little Black Books* and *Not By Bread Alone* booklets and **Rice Bowls** were available in all open churches beginning on January 30-31. Parishioners were asked to just take one book per household.
- A separate **Bulletin insert** listing all the Lenten prayer opportunities for our parishioners was included in the February 6-7 bulletin.
- There will be a beautiful **Lenten banner** designed by Ryan Miller hanging in all the open churches. [Jimmy Nowlan will hang these banners.](#)
- **Ash Wednesday is February 10.** Mass times are:

8:00 AM, Egg Harbor	4:15 PM, Baileys Harbor
12 Noon, Sister Bay	7:00 PM, Baileys Harbor
- **Year of Mercy** pamphlets will be placed on the gift tables near the main entrance and at the side entrance at all Ash Wednesday Masses.
- **Father Dave's homily focus for Lent** will be using the Gospel story of the woman caught in adultery.
- Kathy has chosen several **songs** and new psalm responses to enhance our sung prayer during the Lenten season: #417, *Mercy, O God* and *Come to Me*. [Kathy also created a Lenten Worship Guide](#) containing the psalm response and a short gospel reflection for each week, along with *Come to Me*.
- **Soup and Stations of the Cross every Friday noon at Baileys Harbor** (except on Good Friday, when Stations will be held at 7:00 PM). The KOC will make toasted cheese sandwiches and ask people to bring vegetable soups to share.
- **Adult Faith Formation** has scheduled Deborah Gretzinger who will present "**Praying with the Women who Followed Jesus**" on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 1:00 pm in Sister Bay.
- On Thursday, March 3 in Egg Harbor, **The Worship Commission** will offer Mother Mary Catherine from the Missionaries of the Word speaking about "**The Mercy and Discipleship of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta**". A simple lunch will be served from 12:00 -12:50, followed by the 1:00 PM presentation. [Burnie volunteered to make soups while others will help set up, serve, and clean up.](#)
- **Parish Lenten Reconciliation service - Baileys Harbor at 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 17th.** [There will be two priests available to hear confessions.](#)
- **Year of Mercy** – [We hoped to have small banners containing the Year of Mercy logo made to on the doors of each of our parish churches. But the diocese did not have a large enough image available . So we will make posters with a copy of the official logo backed up with brightly colored posterboard.](#)

- **Christian Unity Prayer Service** – scheduled for **Sunday, February 14 at 3:00 pm in Sister Bay.** Stella Maris is once again the site of this prayer service. We are responsible for providing the coffee and for setting up and cleaning up the social hall. Connie & Marian volunteered to help Kathy set up the hall after Mass this past weekend. Carol and Connie volunteered to take attendance at the event. Marian will help make the coffee. Carol and Marian plan to help clean up.
- **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be held at all open churches on the weekend of **Feb. 20-21.** Fr. Dave and Fr. Tony will administer the anointing.

GENERAL NEW BUSINESS

- **Bishop's Appeal** – The bishop sent out a 6 minute audio message to be played the first weekend of February, followed by the DVD announcing this year's Appeal to be played at all Masses on the first weekend of Lent.
- **Carol Eaton** announced that she will no longer serve as sacristan and that Pat will stop ushering at Jacksonport. Carol will continue to be an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist at Baileys Harbor and Egg Harbor and will continue on with the Worship Commission.
- **Triduum Update** – ALL services will be held at Fish Creek.
 1. **PALM / PASSION SUNDAY** – March 20, red is the liturgical color; we will need two readers for the Passion.
 2. **TRIDUUM REHEARSAL** – Wed., March 23 at Fish Creek. Mandatory for sacristans, ushers, and servers.
 3. **HOLY THURSDAY** – Thur., March 24 at 7:00 PM
 4. **GOOD FRIDAY** – Fri., March 25 at 3:00 PM
 5. **EASTER VIGIL** – Sat., March 26 at 7:45 PM. Angela Packard will be welcomed into the Church with the Sacraments of Initiation.

As members of the Worship Commission, we should all be visible during these three holy days. Can you help Mary with setting up the art and environment for the sacred space for any of the three services? Burnie, Marian, and Connie will assist.

- **How do we get across to ALL our ministers that they need to participate at Mass?** That means praying, singing, paying attention, using the worship guides and hymnals, looking and acting engaged in the sacred words and actions taking place. Discussion included the fact that all ministers are role models and need to be involved. Servers especially are visible and need to participate a little better. Mary will write a reminder and then Michelle will send it in an e-mail to all people on the ministry schedule encouraging active participation. This may be repeated a few times during the year. Also, when training new ministers, of any kind, they should be taught how important their actions are during Mass.

- **Father Dave's 25th Anniversary of Ordination** – Pentecost Sunday, May 15th at Sister Bay, Mass at 3:00 PM, followed by a reception and dinner afterwards in the social hall. Father Dave is choosing the music for this special Mass. Sylvia Kostiuk and Mary Kay Gordon are in charge of the kitchen, while Marian Irmen will be finding helpers to serve the meal, coffee, etc. and clear tables. There will be a bulletin insert in April asking people to RSVP by May 1.
- **Stella Maris Feast Day Update – Wednesday**, May 4th in Sister Bay at 4:00 PM The theme is Flowers of Mary. They hope to plant flowers near the statue of Mary outside at SB.
- **Catholicism / Mass booklet** – How do we want to use this resource? When is the best time to introduce / distribute this booklet? All agreed that the booklets contained useful information on the Catholic Church and the Mass. Suggestions were made to have them available in the back of church for visitors, especially for weddings and funerals. Father Dave could mention / introduce the booklets to our parishioners. Burnie suggested that she could tell those at wedding rehearsals about their availability. Kathy will check on the price and report back.
- **Possible Dan Schutte visit** – Kathy received a message from OCP offering some open dates at a reduced price during April and May. We discussed whether it would be a good idea to bring Dan here at a reduced rate of \$1950 for a 1 Night or 2-Day mini-Mission called “Becoming a Church of Mercy”. OCP would also kick in \$200 towards airfare. We agreed that either a Friday night or a Sunday presentation would be best. Kathy will check to see if we have any funds available or whether we'll have to ask for donations or sell tickets.

CLOSING PRAYER – Kathy brought a lovely prayer, “Prayer of St. Anselm of Canterbury”, and we prayed it together to close our meeting.

NEXT WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING IS PLANNED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 1:30 PM IN EGG HARBOR!

Next Worship meeting topics include:

- ❖ Triduum and Easter evaluation.
- ❖ First Holy Communion discussion.
- ❖ Discussion of plans for various post-Easter solemnities.
- ❖ Final prep for Stella Maris Feast Day.
- ❖ **Father Dave's Ordination Anniversary updates**