

Approved Minutes

St Nicholas Parish Worship Committee

May 27, 2025

Members in Attendance: Jim Newhouse, Father Robert Chinnapan, Karen Court, Kelly Bekkers-Graham, Glenda Sayler, Joel Powers and Vicky Wolf.

Members not Present: Ron Koepke.

Meeting came to order at 6:55 PM.

Opening Prayer: Father Robert led the opening prayer.

Review of the minutes from the April meeting: Motion to accept was made by Glenda Sayler and seconded by Karen Court. Motion passed.

Review of the Agenda: Motion to accept was made by Vicky Wolf and seconded by Joel Powers. Motion passed.

Pastoral comments: None

Old Business:

Lent/Easter:

- **Holy Thursday:** For foot washing, the 12 people moved to the front rows which were reserved. Having everyone in one place worked well. Also, the people getting their feet washed liked being upfront too; we received positive feedback. Only reminder needed is to purchase one more white towel. For the Altar of Adoration, the placement on the St Joseph side of the church went well. An agenda item for next year is to ask Fr. Judah if we need a Sanctuary light by the side of the tabernacle.
- **Good Friday:** Overall everything went well. The servers did a great job holding the cross. Another agenda item for next year is to ask Fr. Judah about the décor – especially in front of the altar. Some last minute changes were made as requested by Fr. Ryan.
- **Holy Saturday:** Paul Jochman took care of the outside fire and Keith Roskowski handled the video screen – both went well. The Rose window lights were not turned off so we need to remember to do a reminder for next year.
We were short on candles and holders for the Easter Vigil; we need to order more for next year.
Another reminder is to check with Fr. Judah about décor – can flowers be in the sanctuary at Holy Saturday Mass? Last minute changes were made to move them out of the sanctuary and then they needed to be moved back before the 7am mass on Easter morning.
- **Easter Sunday:** Overall, this went well.

Prom Mass – The two junior girls that did the reading did a nice job; however they had bare shoulders and were not wearing a shawl. A reminder for next year is to have a shawl available in case this happens again. Also, a reminder should be given to any readers about the dress requirements.

First communion: It worked very nice having the communicants sit in the front rows and come forward first individually. We agreed that it allowed the communicants to focus on their first communion with no distractions. Father did receive feedback from a few parents who wished to come forward with their child; but he explained why we were doing it this way. It also worked well that the EMHC stood back next toambo until the first communicates had received their first communion and then moved to their position. A reminder for next year is to schedule two EMHC to serve the precious blood.

May Crowning: Unfortunately, there were no first communicants that came to the May Crowning, which was the first weekend in May. In past, first communicants had come (dressed in their first communion outfits) and processsed up at the beginning of mass to crown Mary. A consideration for next year is to schedule first communion on the first weekend of May; this will ensure we have some 2nd graders to carry the crown.

Rosary in May. We tried to have the rosary prayed after mass this year. This was done in hopes to encourage more people to stay and pray the rosary. The feedback has been that it is best to have it before mass. After mass, many people stay and visit in church right after mass; so it is not conducive to praying. Also, before mass gives the people praying a way to center and prepare themselves for mass.

New Business:

Ascension of the Lord is June 1.

Pentecost is June 8. This mass will have both Sprinkling and Sequence. The 4pm mass will use the vigil readings; whilst both Sunday mass reading will be for the day. Holy Communion will be offered in both forms so we will need additional EMHC; Fr. Robert will take care of updating MSP asking for more volunteers.

Holy Trinity Sunday is June 15. There will be no sequence for this mass. Holy Communion will be offered in both forms so we will need additional EMHC; Fr. Robert will take care of updating MSP asking for more volunteers.

Corpus Christi is June 22. There will be no sequence for this mass. Holy Communion will be offered in both forms so we will need additional EMHC; Fr. Robert will take care of updating MSP asking for more volunteers.

Father Robert's last Worship Committee Meeting: The committee expressed our appreciation to Fr. Robert for everything he has done for our parish and our committee. He has always been so

easy to work with and such a fantastic shepherd for our parish. We wish him the best of luck at his new assignment. He will be missed greatly.

Closing prayer was led by Fr. Robert.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Upcoming meetings:

*Typically, we do not have a meeting in June/July. With Fr. Judah coming July 1st, we may schedule a special meeting to get to know him and understand his wishes for our committee. Jim will check with him.

*Tuesday, September 2 at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicky Wolf