

Approved Minutes

St Nicholas Parish Worship Committee

April 1, 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 6:32 PM.

Opening Prayer: Father Robert led the opening prayer.

Review of the minutes from the March 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: Father Robert will be leaving our Parish the end of June. On April 26/27, the new priest will be announced. St Nicholas Parish/School and St Edwards Parish/School will each get their own priest. As a result, the pastoral council is reviewing mass times and a survey will be sent out to get feedback on options for how to change mass times.

Old Business:

Lent/Easter:

- **Ash Wednesday** was March 5. Everything went well.
- **Stations & Soup.** Attendance has been good: Week 1: 72; Week 2: 66; Week 3: 59; Week 4: 50-60. Soup after Stations has been a great way to boost attendance and encourage parish camaraderie.
- **Palm Sunday** is on April 13. Palms have been ordered. See March minutes for details of this mass.
- **Holy Thursday** is on April 17. The church will be set up for adoration on Wednesday at 1pm; take down will be Friday at 10am. All worship committee members are encouraged to come and help. The alter of adoration will be set up on the St Joseph side of the church and it will be available until 10pm. Jim has arranged with Dave Everson that the church doors will be unlocked until 10pm. Jim is working on getting 12 people to have their feet washed. So far, we have the following: Lauren Weyenberg, Deacon Don, Michael Rew and Connie VanWycken. Jennifer will be getting one confirmand and one first communicant.
- **Good Friday** is on April 18. Father Dennis Ryan will be doing this service. We will use the smaller cross but we need someone to help carry and hold it because Deacon Gary's shoulder will not be strong enough yet. We will look to see if we can get Landon Otto, Matthew Murphy and Jasdner VanderLinden. Kelly will be talking with Father Ryan to determine on reproaches. Also, Father Robert will make sure all readers and musicians have a copy of the readings for the masses. Jim will talk with Addee to determine if there are any special decorations for Good Friday; the committee can help get it set up since she may be unavailable due to working.
- **Holy Saturday** is on April 19. Father Dennis Ryan will be leading this mass starting at 8:15pm. Vigil candles will be prepared and set out after the Good Friday mass. All worship members are encouraged

to help after mass. We need to have at least 300 candles.

The readings are 1-3&5 Epistle and Gospel. The exultant will be done by Dennis Henrickson. Jim verified that Paul Jochman will handle the fire. Jim will coordinate with the sacristan and Deacon Gary to ensure the lights are turned on at the time of the Gloria and altar servers ring the bells through the Gloria. The lighting will be dark for the first 3 readings. For safety, we need to have the 3 readers sit behind the ambo due to the darkness.

- **Easter Sunday** is on April 20. We need to instruct the servers to ring the bells through the Gloria. Sprinkling will be done at the Easter Octave and Pentecost only. Everything else is “normal.”

Prom Mass – Prom mass is at the 4pm Saturday, April 5 mass. Father will be giving a blessing to all prom participants. The two readers are Sophia Huss and Abby Vosters.

First communion will be at the April 26 and 27 masses. There is a survey out to the First Communicants families to determine which mass they will be attending that weekend.

May Crowning is the first weekend in May. Jennifer will try to get at least one First Communicant at each mass to carry the crown of flowers to place on Mary. All other First Communicants will carry a carnation to place in a vase by Mary.

New Business:

Penance Service is Monday, April 14th at 6pm. Kelly will ensure a musician is available for this service. Karen can do a reading at this service and she will see if we can get one more reader.

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 27th. It is the same weekend as first communion.

Rosary in May. We will try doing the rosary after each mass (as opposed to before). We are hoping to get a better attendance. We also discussed adding the words “who died for our sins” after Jesus in the Hail Mary. Jim will talk to Doris Schuh who coordinates the people leading the rosary to determine if after mass will work and adding the words. Glenda will talk with the social committee to see if they will do a social after the Rosary one weekend in May.

Worship Committee Members. All members would like to remain on the committee this year.

Future 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 Trinity Sunday is June 15
- Corpus Christi is June 22.

Closing prayer was led by Father Robert. Father has a special request to the committee to pray for his friend Father Jay who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Upcoming meetings:

*Tuesday, May 27 at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, Vicky Wolf