

Approved Minutes
St. Nicholas Parish Worship Committee
April 10, 2018

Members Present: Marny Clark, Mary Jochman, Fr. Walter Stumpf, Anne Thelen, Deacon Gary Vanness

Approval of February Minutes: approved (no March meeting)

Discussion:

Pastor's Comments: February Server was Eric Wolf; March Server was Olivia Bast; Mass journals were introduced one weekend at the 7am and 10:30am masses on March 18th; the 4pm mass will be introduced May 5th. Pastoral council liasons will be contacting various committees on their new objectives.

Stations of the Cross reflection. Friday 2:15pm – loved the variations used; Sunday 1:00pm – noticed a change in the books used during Lent, but enjoyed the services

Lenten Reconciliation Service reflection: Tuesday, March 13th at 6:30pm 4 confessors, attendance was a little less than for Advent

Palm Sunday procession. Procession at the 10:30mass beginning in the basement, Entrance Gospel upstairs at the other two masses. Worked well, will order less palms for next year.

Reflections on Holy Thursday. Oils were presented by Mark, Jessica and Jacob VandenHeuvel. Farther Dan announced each oil, processed up the aisle during song – worked well; Washing of the feet will be after the homily. Adoration after mass – church open until 11pm. The Bob Schommer family rang bells during the Gloria (in the middle of the church) and processed with a wooden clacker – very powerful. Paul Jochman would like to process with the clacker in 2019.

Reflections on Good Friday. Church open for quiet reflection until 5pm. Worked well; volunteers for Easter set up need to come a little later – no decorating until after 5pm.

Reflections on Easter Vigil and two confirmations. Need to get confirmation announcements in the bulletin a few weeks before the event.

Reflections on Easter Sunday: Very well attended – filled the basement for both masses, as well as the chairs in the front of church

Additional Triduum observations: (1) Deacon Gary needs assistance. He will assemble a crew to help him out. **(2)** Two or three weeks ahead, a list of all ministers needed for Holy Week should be placed out for sign up.

Anointing of the Sick Mass/Inclement Weather Discussion: Tuesday April 3 @ 5:45pm mass. About 12 people attended. School was cancelled for the day due to adverse weather, but mass was not cancelled. This might have caused some confusion. Father Walter suggested a policy change – that when the school is closed doesn't necessarily mean mass will be cancelled. He will discuss at the Pastoral Council to get their opinion.

First Communion bread distribution. This year was on Divine Mercy Sunday – about 20 children participated. This year's First Communion will be celebrated at the 4:00pm and 10:30am masses of the weekends of April 14/15 and April 21/22.

Faith Formation Masses: April 25 4:00pm (grades 1-5); April 18 ????pm (grades 6-8) and April 11 7:15pm (grades 9-11)

Prom Mass: April 28th 4:00pm. Anne was asked to see if the musicians could be changed/switched.

May Crowning: Will be held on Thursday, May 2nd at the 8:15am school mass. Anne will notify Stephanie, Mr. Gerritts and Mrs. Groh.

Confirmation/Ascension/Mother's Day: May 13th 10:30am with Bishop Ricken; Rose sale will occur

Pentecost May 19/20: tabled for next month's meeting

The Most Holy Trinity May 26/27: tabled for next month's meeting. Sequence is needed

Corpus Christi June 2/3: tabled for next month's meeting

Other Business: **(1)** Adverse weather policy change (see above – Anointing of the Sick Mass); **(2)** Musicians are to take the lead on “O Sacrament Most Holy”. As the last vessel is handed to the server and Father turns, the musician should start playing an introduction to the refrain and then play/sing the refrain three (3) times as usual. The change is to keep this tradition consistent when we have a visiting priest. **(3)** The First Annual gathering of all Weddings, Baptisms, New Members and their mentors will occur on April 29th after the 10:30am mass. Tacos will be served, games will be played – a fellowship gathering for all. **(4)** The table where Countryfest tickets are sold seems to be messy. Anne will bring this issue up at the next Countryfest meeting to see if they can help keep the area neat.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Anne Thelen