

**Approved Worship Minutes**  
**St. Nicholas Parish Worship Committee**  
**April 5, 2016**

**Members Present:** Dennis Henrickson, Katie Jadin, Tom Murphy, Father Walter Stumpf, Anne Thelen, Deacon Gary Vanness

**Approval of March Minutes:** approved.

**Discussion:**

**Pastor's Comments:** (1) Compliments to all involved in the Masses from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday. (2) Chrism Mass homily was really good. 11 new priests in the next three years! Highlighted good things going on in the Dioceses; concerns of the Diocese (such as mass attendance is down, people receiving sacraments is down) and noting that the Green Bay Diocese has the lowest ratio of priests to parishes. (3) Something to think about for future discussion – Do we want to designate a Principal Mass of the Day and the other masses not as elaborate? [a few pros and cons were noted]

**Dr. Carol Masuga – Prayer Seminar** has been cancelled.

**New member.** Marny Clark is interested in joining the Worship Committee. Anne will add her to the e-mail distribution list.

**Palm Sunday, Easter décor and Environment.** Mrs. Jochman did a wonderful job again this year. However, it was noted that we should cease using the fan palms on Palm Sunday. They die too quickly and look ragged for the cost involved.

**Stations of the Cross.** Went well overall. We should select lay persons leading the Stations at least six weeks before Lent starts (note for next year).

**Lenten Reconciliation Service:** Went well.

**Palm Sunday.** Procession at the 10:30 mass, Entrance Gospel upstairs at the other two masses. At the 4:00pm and 6:00pm masses, the congregants will grab a palm on the way in and Father will bless them at the blessing. This worked very well – will continue “tradition”. See note above about the fan palms.

**Altar Servers and Holy week practice.** First item to note was that timely arrival of all servers was not achieved. Because of the late arrival(s), instructions were not followed. Secondly, practice for each of the services; Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday should be held – even if it's 45 minutes before mass starts. Lastly, only experienced servers should be selected. The new ones are nice, but we need the experience to have the masses flow more smoothly.

**Good Supplement:** Deacon Gary created a booklet with listings of what needs to be done when – very helpful for this entire Holy Triduum. We worked on suggestions and updates for this booklet during the second part of the meeting.

**Holy Thursday – Adoration after 6:30pm mass** – church open until 11pm. Father requested that a lighter pitcher and bowl (weight wise) be used. Would be easier to have all foot washing participants sit in the front row – rather than in the pews. Participants need to be confirmed at least one week prior to the mass. Short discussion on whether or not we use the “Oils Song” at the entrance for the presentation of the oils. Noted that we probably should have three people for the oils (one person for each oil). Will need to re-visit the presentation/opening for next year.

**Good Friday** – Service begins at 3:00pm and the Church will be open for quiet reflection until 6:00pm. Should the intercessions be sung? Anne requested that if this be wanted, please supply her with the music – she will add chords and give to the musicians assigned to the service.

**Easter Vigil Fire** – Paul Jochman set up. Dave Everson to video stream into church. 7:45pm start time. Worked well, except there was no sound in the church. Microphone issues?

**Easter Vigil:** Ushers need to be more attentive to lights – for instance, the stair lights need to be turned on while everyone moves back into church. Then the lights need to go off until the lights are turned on in church. Also, candle collection by the ushers was a distraction. They should not pick up the candles during mass. We had a family lined up to do that after mass was completed. First and second readings have shorter optional version – we will use the short version. We should have mentioned that the shorter versions were being used. Regarding altar servers – they did a good job – they were more experienced and had attended an hour training session that morning. Other than those items – wonderful service!

**Easter Morning.** Only complaint was that the ushers directed people to walk through the choir area – while they were singing preludes. This is a total distraction and moves music on piano. 10:30 was a highly attended mass, additional hosts were brought out. Here we needed more experienced altar servers.

**First Communion bread distribution/Divine Mercy Sunday.** Focus should be on the reason for Mercy Sunday (not the Bishop's Appeal) and there was too much emphasis on giving the bread to "grumpy people". (It was noted that one person received two loaves/the second he refused to take.) Maybe, "bring a smile with your bread to share" would have been more diplomatic.

**First Communion** will be celebrated the weekends of April 9 (12 children)/10 (8 children) and April 16 (7 children)/17 (11 children) at 4:00pm and 10:30am masses.

**Faith Formation End of Year Masses:** April 13 4:00pm (grades 1-5); April 20 7:15pm (grades 6-8) and April 27 7:15pm (grades 9-10)

**April 30th<sup>rd</sup> 4:00pm mass – Prom Mass**

**Ascension of Our Lord, celebrated May 7/8 (Mother's Day)** Two options for second reading – use Ephesians

**Pentecost May 14/15.** Use the Sunday readings on both days; use 1 Corinthians for the second reading; Sequence will be sung after the second reading on Sunday.

**The Most Holy Trinity** May 21/22

**Confirmation:** May 22, 2016 @ 2:00pm. Bishop Morneau to preside.

**Corpus Christi May 28/29**

**Other Business:** Anne asked about the possibility of learning a new mass setting from our new books. May Crowning – May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am mass – First Communicants? Should get ½ from School and ½ from the New Evangelization program to participate in the crowning.

**Meeting moved from Notre Dame room at 6:30 to adjoining room. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday May 3, 2016 at 6:30pm**

**Respectfully submitted by Anne Thelen**