

APPROVED MINUTES
St. Nicholas Parish Worship Committee
May 7, 2019

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

April 2019 minutes: Approved with one correction

Pastor's Comments: April server of the Month – Kohen Daul; Bishop's Appeal has been reached with the goal of completion by May 1st accomplished; Thank you to everyone for a very good Lent, Holy Week and Easter; Many attended the Anointing of the Sick mass on April 23rd; Two infant burials were held on Monday, May 6th – very nice service – did discuss two items to change for next service; Choral Academy Director – goal is to have in place before September 1st.

Guest: Jennifer Jochman to discuss Youth Mass coming up on Sunday, May 19th at 10:30am; These are not working out as planned. Mrs. Jochman will solicit middle school and/or high school participation to cantor when she is scheduled. Lectors and ushers have been difficult to recruit. This will be re-addressed sometime in the future. We will continue to encourage the Youth to participate.

Update on Corpus installation: Father stated that the targeted date for the installation will be Saturday, September 14th – Exultation of the Holy Cross.

Stations of the Cross: Time remained at 2pm on Fridays and 1pm on Sunday. All went well.

Lenten Reconciliation Service: Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30pm. Three additional priests were available, turnout was OK.

Reflections on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday: All were very nice. Additional discussion regarding the clacker used on Holy Thursday. Is effective, but is there a way to incorporate into Good Friday? The somber sound is a wonderful addition to the service. Father stated that the sung reproaches were beautiful. The Good Friday petitions were read, not sung, which is also the preference. Will continue clacker discussion before Lent next year.

Easter Vigil: No audio in church for the opening part of mass (outside by the fire). This needs additional testing for next year. Overall, an awesome mass. The trumpet was a beautiful addition and there was an expression of interest for additional inclusion into other masses.

Easter Morning: 8:30am and 10:30am masses. Easter Sequence was sung. Worship aid created at last minute for new parish hall seating. Overall, both services were beautiful. New Parish Hall was full and people seemed to enjoy the space and were respectful during mass. Hopefully, next year, we can project words onto a split screen for congregation participation.

Sprinkling song: Worship Committee requested Rain Down – which will continue every week either before the Gloria or after the Nicene Creed through Pentecost.

Prom mass: April 28th 4:00pm mass/Divine Mercy Sunday – very nice. Great turnout of high schoolers.

May Crowning: Will take place at the school mass this week, Thursday May 9, 2019

First Communion celebrations this past weekend: No rosary should be said before mass, the people were too loud and were not respectful during the attempt at saying the rosary at the 10:30am mass. No rosary was completed at 4:00pm as pictures with Father occurred before mass began. The 7:00am rosary was fine – only two children received their First Communion. Otherwise, the masses went well and the children were all very well prepared.

May Rosary: It was decided by the Worship committee that if there is a large gathering at mass, such as First Holy Communion, during the month of May, the Rosary before mass will NOT be said.

Confirmation is Saturday, May 11th: 7:00pm at St. Edwards with Abbott Neville officiating

Ascension of Our Lord: To be celebrated June 1st and 2nd

St. Nicholas graduation on June 6th: Father had asked Anne to arrange music and cantor, Mrs. Joyce Smudde to arrange a lector. Father explained that the purpose of including Mrs. Smudde and Anne was that we are the lead person for the lectors and the music respectively. It would be preferable that the lector is a confirmed St. Nicholas graduate. As Mrs. Smudde is familiar with all the lectors, her knowledge is invaluable. For music, Anne does not need to be involved. Mrs. Groh can play/direct the SNS Choir and have them sing, with cantors from 7th grade or under. Invitations to high school (or above) siblings of the graduates could also be included. Anne will update all involved with graduation.

Pentecost: to be celebrated June 8th & 9th – sequence to be sung. Anne to approach Tim Clark to play trumpet for this weekend.

Holy Trinity: to be celebrated June 15th and 16th – Anne is to approach Tim Clark to play. Will also ask choir to sing this weekend for one of the masses.

Corpus Christi: to be celebrated June 22nd and 23rd – This is also Countryfest weekend. Sequence to be sung. Guest band for the 10:30am mass. Also, discussion regarding the homily. This would “normally” be Deacon’s weekend to preach. However, as there will probably be a crowd from outside the parish, the Worship committee felt it would be best if Father offered the homily instead. He graciously accepted the suggestion.

Summer keyboardist discussion: Shortage. Continue with recorded music – yes if the cantors prefer recorded music, that is fine. Acapella (no music – just voices) – yes, if the cantors are comfortable with no music support. Anne also brought up that she was approached by a youth (who will be confirmed next year) who asked if she could get some people (peers/teens) together to form a Praise and Worship group to sing a few times before masses this summer. Worship committee supports this youth in her endeavor. Anne is to supervise and provide any guidance this new group might need.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mass at St. Edward 6:30pm on the 14th; Mass at St. Nicholas at 8:15am on the 15th.

Any other Business: Snowstorm Sunday, February 24th – dangerous driving conditions (big pileup on Hwy 41), Father out of town, Deacon off this weekend – should there be a new protocol developed for these retired priests travelling the country roads in blizzard conditions? Tabled until fall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 6:30pm

Respectively submitted by Anne Thelen