

JANUARY 2018 WORSHIP COMMISSION AGENDA

January 11, 2018 1:30 PM Fish Creek

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

- Meeting called to order at 1:30. Members present include Father Dave, Marian Irmen, Marilyn Holland, Connie Brandt, and Mary Gomoll
- Prayer
- Connie moved for approval of the November 2017 minutes; Marian seconded the motion.

GENERAL OLD BUSINESS

- **Update on Music & Worship Minister search** – Father Dave shared that the search committee rewrote the ad and job description for this position. The ad is running at the top level of the American Guild of Organists and with Purple Briefcase, the firm that universities use to help their students find jobs.
- **Advent 2017** – All present felt that the plans for Advent went well. They liked the songs used, the banner, the Advent candle procession & prayer, and Father's homily series. Pat Gureski, who was unable to attend the meeting, responded in writing that she would have liked the prayer to be included in the Psalm guide as it was during the previous year. Mary explained that the white Psalm guide for Advent and Christmas had been created by Kathy Sedan in the fall and was printed before the plans were made to have a prayer said with the procession. We will certainly try to include that next year. Pat also mentioned that the plan had been to say the Apostles Creed during Advent, but we didn't.
- **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**– There were two Holy day masses held: Dec. 7th at 6:00 PM in FC and Dec. 8th, 8:00 AM at SB. Small numbers at the evening mass indicate we should possibly just offer one daytime mass next year.
- **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** – Mass in Spanish was held on Dec. 12 at 5:00 PM in FC. A meal of delicious Mexican food prepared by parishioners followed. This celebration went well, as it always does, and was enjoyed by all.
- **Advent Reconciliation Service** was held on Tues, Dec. 13 at 2:00 PM at Fish Creek. There were 3 priests available, but only 12-15 parishioners attended. Those who attended liked the service, but it was a disappointing turnout.
- **Christmas Masses**
Christmas Eve, Sat., Dec. 24, **4:00 PM at SB (453)** with cantor
Christmas Eve, Sat., Dec. 24, **6:00 PM at FC (247)** with parish seasonal choir
Christmas Day, Sun., Dec. 25, **10:00 AM at JP (145)** with cantor

There were about 75 less in attendance this year than in 2016. All the Christmas masses went well with cantors, choir, and substitute organists,

- **Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God** was not a holy day of obligation this year. Masses held at 4 PM in FC on Dec. 31 and 9 AM in SB on Jan. 1. The evening mass had low attendance.
- **Updates on Entryway Progress** – Jim Charles removed the bulletin boards from the Egg Harbor and Baileys Harbor entryways and painted the walls. The pictures of Pope Francis, Bishop Ricken, and Father Dave will be moved to the front entrance in Egg Harbor and hung on the walls. Mary brought samples of the various pamphlets, booklets, and cards that have been in the entryways and Father Dave went through them and decided which will stay at this point. Connie and Mary will get upright plastic display cases for each church to neatly display the printed materials. Egg Harbor and Baileys Harbor entryways will be completed by the time the new mass schedule begins in late January. Fish Creek and Jacksonport entryways will be worked on while they are closed and will be ready for May. Sister Bay's front and rear entryways will be done during the next few months as well.

GENERAL NEW BUSINESS

- **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be held at all open churches on the weekend of **January 20-21**. Lorie Orthober confirmed that Father Anthony Birdsall will be helping Father Dave at the mainland masses.
- **Mass Schedule will change January 27-28 for the remainder of winter and early spring** –4:00 PM Mass at Baileys Harbor, 8:00 AM Mass at Egg Harbor, 10:00 AM Mass at Sister Bay. Fish Creek and Jacksonport closed for 3 months. This weekend will also kick off the 2018 Bishop's Appeal.
- **Blessing of the Throats** will be held at all weekend Masses **February 3-4**.
- **Lent / Triduum 2018** –Father Dave and Mary met briefly in early January to decide on the general focus of Lent.
 - **Lent 2018 theme** - Build around idea of **Covenant**: It was decided that the theme will be "Renew Our Covenant With the Lord".
 - **Lenten Reflection Books, Rice Bowls, and Lenten Bulletin Insert** – Little Black Books, Lenten reflection books, and Rice Bowls will be available in all open churches beginning on February 3-4. Parishioners will be asked to take just one book per household. There will also be a bulletin insert listing all masses, services, and prayer opportunities this same weekend. Extra copies will be available for the next several weeks in the entryways. Mary, Marian, and Kathy Sedan will work on this.
 - Ryan Miller is designing a **Lenten banner** to hang in all the open churches.

- **Ash Wednesday is February 14.** Mass times are:
 - 8:00 AM, Sister Bay
 - 12:00 Noon, Egg Harbor
 - 4:15 PM, Baileys Harbor
 - 6:30 PM, Baileys Harbor

- **Parish Lenten Reconciliation service – *Sister Bay at 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 15th.***

- **Music** – There will be a Kyrie sung during Lent (no Gloria!), a Lenten Gospel Acclamation using verse 4, a change in the Memorial Acclamation to “When we eat this bread . . .”, and two songs which are both in our hymnal that will be used as our theme songs: Dwelling Place and Covenant Hymn. Kathy Sedan will be creating a white Psalm guide for the Lent and Easter seasons.

- **Stations of the Cross** – Connie will check with Kitty Eagan, who had expressed an interest in leading the Stations of the Cross this year.

- **Special prayers or quiet time during Lenten Masses** – Father Dave will continue “Pray with the Pastor” several times each month during Lent.

NEXT MEETING and CLOSING PRAYER

We will have one more meeting before Lent begins on **Thursday, February 1st at 10:30 am in Fish Creek** to discuss the Triduum and Easter and make sure that all the Lenten plans are in place.