

Worship Commission Minutes October 25, 2022

1. **Opening Prayer and Check-in** – *Kathy Wolff led us in prayer with St. Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity. Present at the meeting were Father Tom, Deacon Tony, Beth Screnock, Debi Anderson, Connie Brandt, Pat Daubner, Mary Gomoll, Marilyn Holland, Marian Irmien, Shirley Raasch, and Kathy Wolff.*
2. **Approval of Sept. 6, 2022 minutes** – *Marian moved to approve the Sept. 6th minutes as written; Connie seconded the motion.*

3. LITURGICAL MINISTRIES UPDATES

- a. **MSP Updates** – *Beth stated that the MSP schedule for November 1 – February 19 is public. There is a person from SB who wants to be a sacristan, but would like to begin as a server. There is also a new seasonal sacristan starting next spring in BH. Jodi is working on site-specific ministry documents for some of the ministries. Kathy asked about being assigned to 2 or 3 ministries at one Mass and it was discussed which combinations could work and which wouldn't. She also requested that a set of the new ministry guidelines be sent to FC, which Beth will do. Kathy asked about what could be done if a minister finds they won't make it to mass at the last minute. Is there a number to call? The consensus is that there really is no one for a missing minister to call. The sacristan will just try to replace the missing minister from the congregation gathered for mass. Father Tom said that if there is no server assigned, he does not need one. If the Gifts are being presented at Offeratory, the hospitality ministers should find a person or persons to bring up a single ciborium and cruet of wine. Deacon Tony shared that there are several usher updates that will be coming out: There will be AEDs placed in all the churches and training on their use provided for each site. Also, we are replacing apple juice kept in the refrigerator for diabetics with glucose tablets, which don't expire.*
- b. **Leaders / Trainers needed for each ministry** – *Be on the lookout for people who would be good leaders / trainers in the given ministry, either for all sites or a specific site. Get those names to Beth!*

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Fall / Winter Mass Schedule begins October 29/30!**

The new offseason Mass schedule will be:

Saturday: 4:00 PM Fish Creek

6:00 PM Egg Harbor for 2022/2023 (Jacksonport for 2023/2024)

Sunday: 8:00 AM Baileys Harbor

10:00 AM Sister Bay

2:00 PM Washington Island, through Dec. 4 / 10:30 AM beginning Dec. 10

- b. **Christmas 2022 Mass Schedule**

Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022

10:30 AM Washington Island

4:00 PM Sister Bay

7:00 PM Fish Creek

9:00 PM Egg Harbor

Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022

8:00 AM Baileys Harbor

10:00 AM Jacksonport

Deacon Tony will create a bulletin insert which lists the upcoming Mass schedules and explains the changes for off-season, Christmas, and next summer Masses.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Music Updates and Info

- Supplement Replacement – *Beth will create a new supplement in 2023.*
- Choir Update – *The SMART choir rehearses most Thursdays and sings at a different church every 3 weeks. Beth is working with the choir on Lessons and Carols for Advent, to be offered on Thursday, December 15 at Egg Harbor at 7:00 PM. Pat and Connie will ask CCW if they'd be willing to offer refreshments after the concert.*

b. Fall Ordinary Time:

1. **Rosary update** – *There are currently volunteers to lead the rosary before weekend Masses at BH and SB. They are still looking for volunteers to lead prayers at the other church sites. How do we pray the rosary while folks are welcoming each other? One suggestion is to shut the inside church doors (for those sites that have them) and that ushers can remind incoming people to be respectful while the rosary is being prayed. Until the rosary is completed, usually 15 minutes or so before Mass begins, one usher can help with the outside doors while another opens the inside doors to allow folks to enter.*
2. **A Blessing of Animals** – *Was held on Tuesday, October 4th, at 10:00 AM outside of the church at Egg Harbor with Deacon Tony. Only two people with dogs, one of them from Deacon's family, showed up for the blessing. We'll plan on publicizing it better next year.*
3. **November, the Month of Remembrance of our beloved dead** –
 - *Lorie compiled the names of the deceased parishioners buried through Stella Maris from November 2021 through October 2022. Beth created a poster with the names and had it printed. Mary was asked to put the posters together and get them to the churches.*
 - *10-hour votive candles will be delivered to the churches on the 31st.*
 - *The posters and candles will be in place for the weekend of **November 5/6** and the names of the deceased will be read at the end of the Universal Prayer on Nov. 5/6. Posters and candles will remain until Advent begins and candles can be lit for both weekday and weekend Masses.*
4. **All Saints Day Masses** –
Monday, October 31 – 4:00 PM at EH
Tuesday, November 1 – 8:00 AM at Jacksonport, 12 Noon at Sister Bay
5. **All Souls Day** – *Wednesday, November 2 – Mass at 8:00 AM at EH*
6. **Update on Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service with Immanuel Lutheran** on *Wednesday evening, November 23. Deacon Tony will contact Pastor Gary.*

7. **Update on possible participation in the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Washington Island** – *Stella Maris may possibly participate, but no definite plans were in place yet.*

8. **Thanksgiving Mass** – *Thursday, November 24 – Mass at SB at 8:00 AM*

c. **Advent** - *Begins the weekend of November 26-27.*

- **Environment** includes a natural green Advent wreath with 4 large candles (3 purple, 1 pink) and hurricane glass around them, the inclusion of purple either in the altar cloth or as a banner or on the wreath table music. Each environment minister will decide how to create the wreath for their site.
- **Advent reflection booklets** from both Liturgical Press and the Diocese of Saginaw (Little Blue Books) have been ordered.

d. **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary mass times**

Wednesday, December 7 – 5:30 PM at BH

Thursday, December 8 – 8:00 AM at SB

12:00 Noon at EH

e. **Update on Our Lady of Guadalupe** – *It was decided that the celebration last year was well attended, so it will be repeated. The Sunday Mass at SB at 10:00 will be followed by a brunch after Mass in the social hall. Deacon Tony will work with Father Tom and talk with Martha Newkirk about contacting the Hispanic families to help with food preparation. .*

f. **Lessons and Carols** – *Thursday, December 15th at EH at 7:00*

g. **Advent Reconciliation times** – *Father Tom will be offering opportunities for Reconciliation from 4-6 during the week of December 12-16 at whichever church has daily Mass (below)*

Dec. 7 – Faith Formation students

Dec. 12 – FC

Dec. 13 – JP, in St. Michael's community center

Dec. 14 – EH

Dec. 15 – SB

Dec. 16 - BH

h. **Ordering Christmas Flowers** – *Poinsettias will once again be ordered for the entire parish through Schroeder Flowers. They will all have dark green foil, no bows. Debi and Mary will contact environment ministers at each church before ordering.*

i. **Decorating for Christmas Timeline** –

*Trees (no lights turned on) may be put out **before Dec. 10.***

*Creche may be put up **after Dec. 11.***

*Animals and shepherds may be placed **after Dec. 11.***

*Advent wreath and candles should be removed **after Dec. 18th Mass.***

Poinsettias will arrive during the week before Christmas. Environment ministers will be notified. **Please make sure there is someone available to water the plants several times each week!**

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are placed in creche on **Dec. 24**. At the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass at SB ONLY, Santa Claus will quietly come in and kneel down in prayer by the baby Jesus in front of the altar. After that, Santa will invite the children present to come up and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus. Then he will leave. Father Tom wants the lights dim as he processes in while we quietly sing Silent Night. At all the other Christmas Masses, Father Tom will process in carrying the Baby Jesus and place him in the manger in front of the altar. Then he will bless the Baby.

3 Wise Men and camel arrive in the creche **Jan. 6**. **Epiphany** - celebrated at weekend Mass, Jan. 7/8.

Baptism of the Lord – Monday, Jan. 9. Season of Christmas is officially over after this day.

Winter Ordinary Time begins on **Tuesday, Jan. 10**. Take down tree, creche, etc. after this date. If poinsettias are still looking good, they can stay through January.

- j. **Looking ahead**, Lent begins on February 22, 2023. The Bishop has asked that parishes find time to allow churches to be open during the day for prayer. This was briefly discussed at what could work for BH and EH. More discussion will take place at next meeting.

Closing Prayer

Next Worship Commission Meeting – TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 AT 10:30 AM