

FEBRUARY 2017 WORSHIP COMMISSION AGENDA

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

- Called meeting to order at 1:00 PM at Sister Bay – Marian Irmen, Father Dave, Kathy Sedan, Connie Brandt, Mary Gomoll, Marilyn Holland
- Prayer
- Approval of December 2016 minutes - Connie moved to approve, Mary seconded.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY UPDATES

- **Ministry Training** – *No updates*
- **Ministry Scheduling Update** – *No updates*
- **Ministry Description Update** – *Kathy is finishing up the ministry descriptions and they'll be put on the MSP for ministers to read.*
- **New Rite of Marriage Update** – *Kathy has been working on this for several months and has distributed the information to the people for 2017 weddings. Packets of 60+ pages with revised Scripture readings. Letters to visiting priests. Templates for worship guides.*

GENERAL OLD BUSINESS

- **Advent 2016** – *Problem with taking down the Advent candles in order to set up the crèche. Jacksonport took it down too early because that is the same place they set up the crèche. In Sister Bay, no one took down the Advent candles, so Kathy had to do it. Many positive comments on the banner and explanation. Children & families bringing up the Advent candle at SB was very special.*
- **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**– *Masses were held on Dec. 8th, 8:00 AM at SB and 6:00 PM at JP.*
- **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (36)** – *Mass in Spanish was held on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4:00 PM in FC. A meal of delicious Mexican food prepared by parishioners followed. Bad weather may have affected numbers. How can we encourage more parishioners to attend?*

- **Advent Reconciliation Service** - *Was held on Tues, Dec. 13 at 2:00 PM at Fish Creek. There were 3 priests available and 30-35 parishioners attended.*
- **Christmas Masses** – *Positive comments from all involved!*
Christmas Eve, Sat., Dec. 24, **4:00 PM at SB (442)** with musicians and cantor
Christmas Eve, Sat., Dec. 24, **6:00 PM at FC (330)** with parish seasonal choir
Christmas Day, Sun., Dec. 25, **10:00 AM at JP (149)** with cantor and musicians
- **Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God** – *Regular weekend Mass schedule.*
- **Epiphany** - *celebrated on January 7-8 this year.*
- **Weekend of January 28-29**
 - Mass Schedule changed 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.*
 - Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity** – *Was held at SB at 3:00 PM on Sunday afternoon. It was a lovely service with a variety of denominations and pastors present. Terrific job planning the service, Kathy! All enjoyed the snacks, treats, and fellowship afterwards.*
 - Cantor Practice** *will be held at BH every Wednesday at 2:30 PM during the next three months.*

GENERAL NEW BUSINESS

- **Blessing of the Throats** *will be held at all weekend Masses **February 4-5**. Two people will be doing the blessings.*
- **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be held at all open churches on the weekend of **February 11-12**. *No extra priests available to help Father Dave anoint this year. It will be announced on Feb. 4-5 to come 10 minutes early so Father can do the laying on of hands before Mass. Then come forward for the anointing portion of the sacrament after the homily. Ushers will also help by reminding people what to do when they come into church.*
- **Discuss date and time for April and June Worship Commission meetings!**
We looked at our calendars and decided to hold the meetings the week before they were scheduled. Next two Worship Commission meetings are:
Thursday, March 30 at 11:00 AM in Sister Bay *(The Lent Reconciliation service is scheduled for 2:00 PM in SB that day.)*
Thursday, May 25 at 1:30 PM in Egg Harbor

- **Discuss what to do about church entryway clutter** (diaper drives, Christmas shoeboxes, food pantry, pamphlets, etc.). *What is the policy? What does this say about our cluttered entryways? Enforcement? Is this a welcoming vision for worship? What are we trying to do? Who actually looks at the bulletin boards? The more clutter we have posted, but what do people actually see? The same for announcements – how much do you actually hear? Shorten announcements to just be “This is going on --- check the bulletin.”* Connie & Mary will work on a proposal for bulletin boards and entryways and bring it to the next meeting. When the Worship Commission is done working on the proposal and agrees on it, it will be presented to the Parish Leadership Team for their decision.

- **Lent / Triduum 2017** – After Father Dave and Kathy Sedan conferred on the theme, the Lenten sub-committee of Burnie, Connie, Kathy, Michelle, Marian, and Mary met to discuss and plan the following:
 - **Lent 2017 homily theme --- *The Discipline of Discipleship***

 - **Lenten Reflection Books** - *Little Black Books* and *Renewing Our Discipleship* booklets and **Rice Bowls** will be available in all open churches beginning on February 18-19. Parishioners are asked to just take one book per household.

 - A separate **Bulletin insert** listing all the Lenten prayer opportunities for our parishioners will be available in the **February 19th bulletin**.

 - Once again, there will be a beautiful **Lenten banner** designed by Ryan Miller hanging in all the open churches. Ryan is also creating Easter banners for us.

 - **Ash Wednesday is March 1**. Mass times are:
 - 8:00 AM, Egg Harbor
 - 4:15 PM, Baileys Harbor
 - 7:00 PM, Sister Bay

 - **Parish Lenten Reconciliation service – Sister Bay at 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 30th**.

 - **Music** - There will be new Lenten Psalm Guides in the pews. The Kyrie (in Greek) will be sung each week at Mass. Kathy will be using several **songs** we’ve learned in the past few Lents (Mercy, O God, Make Me Holy, There Is a Well) to enhance our sung prayer during the Lenten season, as well as learning *Take Up Your Cross* in our blue worship guides.

 - **Change** in the **Stations of the Cross** - every Wednesday evening at BH at 5:45 PM, followed by a simple meal prepared by the Knights of Columbus

(except on Good Friday, when Stations will be held at 7:00 PM). We have had a variety of Stations of the Cross services over the past years. Father Dave questioned why the Stations are changing since they have worked well for the past several years and asked if anyone had contacted the regular attendees. In hopes that more young families will stay after faith formation classes, Faith Formation and the Knights are trying something new. The format for the Stations of the Cross will be handled by the Faith Formation group. The Knights will offer some type of sandwiches afterwards.

- **Holy Week** – *One goal this year is to encourage as much participation as possible with as many ministers sharing their gifts as possible! We went through the lists of needed ministers for these three services, so Michelle is able to ask for volunteers. Readers will be hand scheduled.*
 1. **TRIDUUM REHEARSAL** – *Wed., April 12 at FC: Light supper at 5 PM, Holy Thursday practice – 5:30-6:30 PM, Good Friday practice – 6:30-7, Easter Vigil practice – 7-8 PM*
 2. **HOLY THURSDAY** – *7 PM at FC. Open the wall.*
 3. **GOOD FRIDAY** – *3 PM at FC. Church open for prayers from 12-3 PM. Marian and Mary will cover the open prayer time.*
 4. **EASTER VIGIL** – *8:15 PM at FC, per diocesan guidelines; We'll be using all 7 Old Testament readings again this year, since Father Dave hasn't seen any change in attendance during the two years we cut back on readings. We will need a new fire starter this year.*
 5. **EASTER SUNDAY** – *8:00 AM at EH, 9:00 AM at BH, 10:00 AM at SB, and 11:30 AM at BH. Father Dave feels the Mass numbers last year and the later Easter warrant having a 4th Mass on Easter Sunday. There are no priests available to help at an 11:00 Mass, and Father Dave will be saying the 8 and 10 AM Masses, so the last Easter Mass was moved to 11:30 at Baileys Harbor. Hopefully this will allow time for Father and Kathy to arrive in time!*
 6. *Discussion regarding the sending out of postcards to parishioners (or people in zip codes). We will print postcards in house to publicize Holy Week Triduum and Easter Sunday and send them to parishioners.*

As members of the Worship Commission, we should all be visible during these three holy days.

Connie volunteered to help Mary set up art & environment at FC for the Vigil.

CLOSING PRAYER