

# Minutes of Worship Commission Meeting – February 9, 2022

1. **Welcome Beth, Opening Prayer, and Check-in** – *present were Father Tom, Deacon Tony, Matthew (visiting seminarian), Beth Screnock, Pat Gureski, Mary Gomoll + via Zoom, Diane Kahlscheuer, Kathy Wolff, Marian Irmen, Connie Brandt, and Marilyn Holland*

## Psalm 145: 8-10

*The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.*

*The Lord is good to all, showing compassion to every creature.*

*Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let all the faithful bless you.*

*We shared our thoughts on “What are you most thankful for today?”*

2. **Approval** of January 12, 2022 Minutes – *Kathy moved to approve, Connie seconded the motion*

## 3. **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES UPDATES**

- a. Director of Music and Worship – Beth Screnock
- b. Ministry Scheduling – Deacon Tony and Beth – *has been installed as an administrator and will take over the MSP scheduling.*
- c. Have Eucharistic Ministers been contacted regarding how and when they should be sanitizing their hands? *Beth will check on this, but the consensus is yes, they have been contacted.*
- d. Recruiting and Training of new ministers – Who specifically will be training new ministers? *Beth suggested that we think about have “captains” for each ministry who would help train and teach new ministers and update existing ministers.*
- e. Should we offer a Ministry Evening (or Afternoon) to update and refresh ministers? *This suggestion was greeted enthusiastically by the Worship members. We agreed that an event scheduled in May would be a good time to have it, before the next MSP schedule goes out. There would be:*
  - *Emails sent + bulletin announcements advertising the ministry event for present and interested ministers*
  - *A keynote speech on ministry addressing how do we encourage discipleship through our ministry.*
  - *Breakout sessions for each ministry updating ministers on any new procedures*
- f. *There is a ministry binder with descriptions of each ministry, updated in late 2017, located at each church. This will need to be updated again.*

## 4. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Jacksonport Update – *Outdoor tv screen for summer will be ready to go + the glass covered message board is installed on the front exterior of church. Interior remodeling is proceeding slower than planned based on diocesan approval and getting bids from contractors. Building and Grounds meets next week.*

- b. Literature in entryways – *Deacon Tony and Jim Charles will purchase and install cork strips for hanging posters in each entry.*
- c. Social Distancing & Masking Updates – *The north wing in Fish Creek was opened up for distanced seating and signs encouraging mask wearing were hung on entrance doors. As this wave of Covid-19 recedes, these precautions may be amended.*
- d. Pat's Environment Log for Advent /Christmas Update – *Beth will keep these logs in a binder. Logs from BH, EH, FC, and SB have been turned in.*

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Planning for Lent

- **Lenten reflection booklets** *will be placed at the front entrances to each church beginning Feb. 19/20. A few booklets will be placed at JP and EH for those who only attend weekday Masses. Announcements will appear in the bulletin and at Mass.*
- **March 2, Ash Wednesday Masses:** *EH, 8:00 AM; SB, 12 Noon; BH, 5:30 PM*
- **Distribution of Ashes** – *Ashes will be distributed as usual. Father Tom & Pat Gureski will distribute at 8:00, Father Tom, Deacon Tony, and Marilyn Holland will do 12 noon, and Father Tom and a catechist will distribute at 5:30.*
- **Stations of the Cross** *will be at SB at 4:00 each Friday during Lent. Garey Bies will check with the Knights of Columbus and let us know if they'll be having a fish fry after one or more of the Friday Stations of the Cross. Ca*
- **Holy Week Reconciliation Times at Fish Creek** – *Father Tom will offer individual confessions from 4-6 PM at Fish Creek on Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup> plus after the Good Friday service until 4 PM.*
- **Music ideas for Lent** – *Beth shared that music selections for Lent have been chosen. We'll be using the Mass of Creation mass setting. Two songs that were used in prior years will be included three times during Lent. Beth will continue to work on music for Holy Week and Easter.*

### b. Planning for Holy Week

- **Palm Sunday, April 10** – *We have a standing order for palms, so those will be ready. Palms will be blessed and the Palm Sunday Gospel read from a) the north wing in FC, b) the basement in BH, c) the social hall in SB. A short procession will follow. Ushers will be key in making this all run smoothly. There will be detailed info for ushes in the Worship Notes.*
- **Triduum** – *All services held at Fish Creek – Father Tom, Beth, and Deacon Tony to plan. Triduum rehearsals for ministers will take place an hour before each service.*

**Holy Thursday, April 14 – 7:00 PM** – *There will be foot washing this year. Father will invite anyone interested to come forward to have their feet washed. Pange Lingua will be sung while a procession with the Blessed Sacrament moves through church to a side altar set up in the north wing. People will be invited to stay and pray for a while after the service ends. Altar will be stripped.*

**Good Friday, April 15 – 1:00 PM** – *Church will be open for prayer before and after the service. Congregation will process up the center aisle for Adoration/Veneration of the Cross. Deacon Tony or Beth will sing the petitions. Individual Reconciliation is offered after the Good Friday service until 4:00 PM.*

**Easter Vigil, April 16 – 8:15 PM** – *Father Tom will start outside under the carport with sacred fire. There will be 4 Old Testament readings plus the Psalms. Deacon Tony will chant the Exsultet.*

- **Ministry Sign-up** for Triduum and Easter Sunday – *An email will be sent out via MSP to all ministers a month ahead of time to allow sign-up for the various Holy Week and Easter Sunday ministries.*
- **Easter flowers** will be ordered from Schroeder Flowers for all 6 Stella Maris churches by Mary Gomoll. Flowers will be delivered during Holy Week to Fish Creek and distributed to the other churches by Holy Thursday.

**c. Easter Sunday Masses**

SATURDAY 10:30 AM Washington Island

SUNDAY 6:00 AM Jacksonport  
7:30 AM Baileys Harbor  
9:30 AM Sister Bay  
11:30 AM Egg Harbor

- d. **Expanding the Worship Commission** to include people with connections to BH, EH, and JP. *Becky Hawker and Diane Kiehnau were suggested as possible new members. Deacon Tony or Beth will contact them.*

**e. Other business**

- *Diane shared that Jonathan Bass, who has accompanied many of our summer masses for the past 4-5 years, is playing a live-streamed concert from Lawrence University on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM and a solo concert in person at the Kress Center in Egg Harbor on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. All are invited!*
- *Beth came to us with a proposal by Sheri Masiakowski who would like to give an organ concert at 12 noon on March 24<sup>th</sup> in Sister Bay. The piece she wants to play was written in honor of Don Richter, the former choir director and organist at SB. Sheri would charge us \$150 and we would need to publicize the event and take a free-will offering. It is common in larger cities to offer lunchtime concerts that people can listen to while eating their lunch. After discussion, it was agreed that eating in church probably wouldn't work and that March is one of our quietest months. There probably wouldn't be enough parishioners and visitors around to make it worth our while. Members asked if Sheri could do this another time when we'd have more people here. Beth will check on it.*

**Closing Prayer** – *Lord help me open my eyes to the heritage You have given me as a Child of God. Open my heart and open my hands to share all You have given me. Thank you for pouring out Your blessings on my life. Amen.*

**Next Worship Commission Meeting – Tuesday, April 26 at 10:30 AM**