

# MARCH 30, 2017 WORSHIP COMMISSION MINUTES

## INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

- Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM in Sister Bay
- Prayer
- Marian Irmen moved to approve February 2017 minutes, Connie Brandt seconded. Minutes approved.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY UPDATES

- **Ministry Training** – Michelle shared that Becky Nash sends her the names of new ministers and then Michelle arranges for training. There are new ushers in Sister Bay, a new reader and usher in Egg Harbor, and a new server. Michelle stressed that personal invitation and word of mouth seems to work best in recruiting new ministers.
- **Ministry Scheduling Update** - Sign-up for the next schedule has begun. Triduum scheduling was done via a special sign-up and many phone calls by Michelle to fill all the slots.
- **Ministry Description Update** – Kathy e-mailed the ministry descriptions out to the ministers in late March. There is a binder at each church containing the ministry descriptions, FAQ, and enrollment forms at the back of each binder. They also discussed the need for a policy for money collectors. As it stands now, the ushers are responsible for putting the collection in the money bag, while money collectors are supposed to take the bag to the bank.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Blessing of the Throats** held at all Masses **February 4-5.**
- **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** held at all Masses **February 11-12.**
- **Proposal for a Policy for Parish Entryways and Bulletin Boards** - Connie and Mary will present the proposal that they worked on. **Father Dave asked us to consider how welcoming and hospitable our gathering spaces are and whether they help worshippers transition from the outside world into the liturgy inside church.** There was a lively discussion related to the messiness of our bulletin boards and entryways, questioning whether we actually need all the things that are in the entryways. It was decided that Worship Commission members would meet on April 18<sup>th</sup>, drive to all 5 churches, look at the entryways and what is in them, and make suggestions. After that, the Worship Commission

*will re-visit the policy that Connie and Mary wrote up, develop a policy that can work for all our churches, and present it to the Parish Leadership Team for their decision.*

- **Lent / Triduum 2017**

- **Lent 2017 homily theme --- The Discipline of Discipleship**
- **Lenten Reflection Books** - Little Black Books and Renewing Our Discipleship booklets – *We ran out of Lenten reflection books this year. The same number had been ordered as last year and parishioners were asked to take one reflection book per family. It may depend on when Lent & Easter fall. With a later beginning to Lent this year, perhaps more parishioners were around.*
- **Bulletin insert** *listing all the Lenten prayer opportunities for our parishioners was well-done and useful.*
- **Lenten banner** *designed by Ryan Miller brought many positive comments.*
- **Ash Wednesday:** *An extra Mass was added in the evening, but was not well-attended. After a discussion, it was decided that we will base our decision to have or not have an evening Mass on Ash Wednesday based on whether Linda wants to have 2 Masses for Faith Formation.*
- **Lenten Music** - *Lenten Psalm Guides, The Kyrie (in Greek), “Take Up Your Cross”, other songs from previous Lents all added to our Lenten liturgies.*
- **Stations of the Cross** – *Scheduled every Wednesday evening at BH at 5:45 in hopes that Faith Formation families would attend. This didn’t necessarily happen. Friday afternoon Stations were added at SB, but then cancelled because of very low attendance. It was suggested that before scheduling this devotion next year, the people who regularly attend will be contacted as to what might be the best time.*
- **Parish Lenten Reconciliation service** – *Sister Bay at 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.*

- **Holy Week**

1. **PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND:** *All information on this weekend will be sent out weekend of April 1 & 2. Request for standing microphone in SB hall so people are able to hear the blessing of the palms prayers.*
2. **TRIDUUM REHEARSAL** – *Will be held Wed., April 12 at Fish Creek: 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. Mary will clean and set up the north wing room, prepare hot sandwiches, chips, & pickles, Connie will bring a veggie platter, Michelle will bring cookies and a fresh fruit salad.*

- 3. TRIDUUM MINISTERS** – *As of March 30<sup>th</sup>, almost all the Triduum minister positions have been filled thanks to Michelle's diligence. There are still many openings for the two Easter Sunday Masses at BH.*
  
- 4. HOLY THURSDAY** – *7 PM at FC. The wall to the north wing will be open in hopes that more people will take the time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament at the altar of repose after the Mass.*
  
- 5. GOOD FRIDAY** – *3 PM at FC. Church open for prayers from 12-3 PM. Marian and Mary will cover the open prayer time. Kathy will lead the Stations of the Cross at 7 PM at BH Good Friday evening.*
  
- 6. EASTER BANNER** – *Ryan Miller is designing Easter Banner and Jimmy Nowlan has schedule to place banner in churches.*
  
- 7. EASTER VIGIL** – *8:15 PM at FC. Garey Bies offered to be our new fire starter this year.*
  
- 8. EASTER SUNDAY** – *8:00 AM at EH, 9:00 AM at BH, 10:00 AM at SB, and 11:30 AM at BH. Extra 11:30 am Mass at Baileys Harbor was added.*

**New Psalm Guides** *beginning Easter Sunday and continuing through to Precious Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi weekend, June 18<sup>th</sup>) are completed. Marian will help place them in the pews in BH, Connie and Mary will help with SB, ushers or Pat Gureski will place them in the pews at EH.*

**Fr. Dave had suggestion** *about having something to welcome and give to all who come to worship on Easter Sunday. At this late date, it is hard to come up with something. Next year, we will look for something earlier when we do Lenten & Triduum planning.*

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Inviting new members to the Worship Commission** – *Several names were suggested of people who might be prospective members for the commission. If any of these people who work during the day accept an invitation, we'd need to change our meeting time to the evening.*
- **Request by Wayne Kudick** *asking if the liturgical offerings around Earth Week might harmonize with homilies, petitions, and music that expresses environmental/green concerns, water concerns, clean energy concerns, and life-style actions. It was decided that Kathy would include the song "Canticle of the Sun" and a petition in the universal prayer. If Father Dave is able to weave something into his homily for that day, that would be nice.*
- **Parish Group Evaluation Questions** – *Commission members reviewed/answered the questions ahead of time. We discussed the questions and Mary took notes on our answers. Our answers will be presented at a future Parish Leadership Meeting.*
- **Plastic Hymnbook Covers** – *Kathy shared that the hymnbook covers are now 10 years old and many are torn and shabby. She presented several options about what we could do to replace them. The Worship Commission chose the cover that they thought would work best and protect our hymnals. Kathy estimated the cost of that choice to be \$4125.00. Father Dave approved the purchase of the hymnbook covers.*
- **First Holy Communion** – *Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM Mass in SB*
- **Confirmation** – *Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM Mass in BH*
- **Stella Maris Feast Day Celebration** – *Will not be held in May. Faith Formation will not be part of the celebration this year. Attendance by the general parish has been poor. We may try to do something in October, but not sure at this time.*

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

**Reminder: Next Worship Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 25 at 1:30 in Egg Harbor!**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Gomoll*