

Worship Commission Minutes September 6, 2022

1. **Opening Prayer and Check-in** – *In person attendees included Father Tom Farrell, Deacon Tony Abts, Beth Screnock, Debi Anderson, Connie Brandt, Pat Daubner, Mary Gomoll, and Mickie Mostardi; those attending via Zoom were Marian Irmen and Diane Kahlscheuer*
2. **Discussion and Approval of July 27, 2022 Minutes** – *Connie moved to approve the July 27th minutes, Pat and Debi seconded the motion. Minutes approved.*

3. LITURGICAL MINISTRIES UPDATES

- a. **MSP Updates** – *Nothing new to report. Beth will be initiating the next MSP signup later in September or early October.*
- b. **Leaders / Trainers needed for each ministry** – *The process for finding leaders in each of the ministries will continue and may take a few years to complete.*

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Fall / Winter Mass Schedule continued discussion and decision** – *This summer, Deacon Tony asked, “Should we consider adding Masses at EH and/or JP for part or all of the late fall/winter/early spring schedule?” Because we don’t offer any weekend Masses south of Baileys Harbor from November through May, many of our parishioners who live in the southern part of our parish have chosen to attend church in Institute or Sturgeon Bay. A lively discussion ensued! We don’t “need” another mainland weekend Mass, but we do want to include those parishioners who are feeling ignored because of their geography. Father Tom is willing to add another Mass but doesn’t want to flip back and forth between EH and JP every week or every month. He prefers consistency in the schedule. The suggestion was made to add a 6:00 PM Saturday Mass during the offseason and that for one offseason (Oct. 29, 2022 – May 20, 2023), it would be held at Egg Harbor. During the following year’s offseason, (Nov. 4, 2023 – May 18, 2024), the 6:00 PM Saturday Mass would be held at Jacksonport every week.*

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** *Our goal was to offer a Christmas Mass at each site and to give musicians, singers, and Father Tom enough time to travel between the two busiest Masses (SB and FC) on Christmas Eve.*

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

- c. **Adapt the 2023 summer schedule beginning Memorial Day 2023** – *Since we have extra priests here to officiate during the summer months, we discussed adapting our summer schedule by offering two Masses at the same time in our northernmost and southernmost locations. This will also offer more consistent Mass times throughout the year for most of our churches.*

Beginning May 27/28 and running through October 28/29, 2023, our Summer Mass Schedule will be:

Saturday: 4:00 PM Fish Creek
6:00 PM Egg Harbor
Sunday: 8:00 AM Baileys Harbor
10:00 AM Sister Bay
10:00 AM Jacksonport
1:00 PM Washington Island

The entire parish will be contacted in a mailing which lists and explains the changes for off-season, Christmas, and summer Mass schedules.

- d. **Organ Concert** – *Val Bartlein gave an organ and choir concert on Sunday, August 14th at 3:30 PM in Sister Bay with the free-will offering of \$3000 going towards the new organ for Baileys Harbor. Special thank you to Val and the choir for the beautiful music and to the Stella Maris Baileys Harbor (St. Mary's of the Lake) Sodality, Connie & Greg Brandt, Marilyn Holland, Debi Anderson, and Mary Gomoll for refreshments, serving, and set up and clean up!*
- e. **Church Key concerns** – *Concern was expressed at the last meeting regarding a lack of care in making sure the tabernacle and cupboard for the chalices are locked and that those keys are properly stored. People wanted to know about the number of church keys distributed and if there is an inventory. There is not a list of people who presently have church keys. A number of options were discussed and it was decided that Beth will contact the sacristans and whoever is in charge of those bringing communion to the homebound to remind them to lock the tabernacle, remove the key, lock up the chalice cupboard(s), and return the key to its proper place. An announcement could also be made asking people to please return church keys they are no longer using.*

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Music Updates and Info**

- *Supplement Replacement – Replacing our current supplement is in the talking stages. Additional music suggestions and possible mass settings will be discussed. It was suggested that a basic order of worship with responses could be included in the front of the supplement to help visitors, and new and returning Catholics, etc. Our current supplement was printed at Innovative Printing for \$2232 and has served us well for nearly four years.*
- *Choir Update – Beth has 10-12 singers who are meeting on Thursday afternoons at 3:30 PM at Fish Creek to practice for the newly formed choir. She is planning on them singing every 3 weeks and rotating through the different sites. More info and updates will appear in the Worship Column in the bulletin.*

b. Looking Ahead to Fall Ordinary Time:

1. **Rosary** – *The Respect Life Committee would like to extend praying the Rosary before weekend masses to include churches in addition to Baileys Harbor. The Worship Commission suggested that the Respect Life Committee will need to find volunteers to lead the rosary at all open churches. The rosary should begin 30- 35 minutes prior to Mass to allow the accompanist and cantor time to warm up.*
2. **A Blessing of Animals** *will be held on Tuesday, October 4th, at 10:00 AM outside of the church at Egg Harbor. Deacon Tony will bless any animals people bring.*
3. **November, the Month of Remembrance of our beloved dead** –
 - *We will create a poster listing the names of those buried through Stella Maris from November 2021 through October 2022. Lorie will compile the names.*
 - *Mickie, Pat, Kriss, and Mary will check to see if we have enough clear glass votive holders for our open churches.*
 - *The posters and candles will be in place for the weekend of November 5/6 and the names of the deceased will be read on that first Sunday in Nov. Posters and candles will remain until Advent begins.*
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. **An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** *with Immanuel Lutheran on Wednesday evening, November 23 was strongly supported. This is something that had been done in the past as a joint service between the two churches. Mary will contact Shirley Raasch to find out who is the contact person at Immanuel to see if this will work out this year.*
7. *Diane also asked about an evening **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** that is held each year on **Washington Island**. She asked if Father Tom or Deacon Tony could come over and be part of the service. Father said it could work out if the service was moved to noon so they could make the ferry to return to the mainland that afternoon. Diane will check out the possibility.*
8. **Thanksgiving Mass** – *Thursday, November 24 – Mass at SB at 8:00 AM*
9. **Advent** - *Begins the weekend of November 26-2.*
 - *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.*
 - *Beth asked about holding a Lessons and Carols service and chose Thursday, December 15th at Egg Harbor for the setting.*
 - *Mary will order more Advent reflection booklets from both Liturgical Press and the Diocese of Saginaw (Little Blue Books).*
 - *We'll check with Father Tom about extra Reconciliation times.*

6. Closing Prayer + **NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, OCT. 25TH, 10:30 AM**