

Minutes for September 9, 2025

Worship Committee Meeting

Members present: Father Tom Farrell, Larry LePorte, Marilyn Holland, Sharon Fitzgerald, Shirley Raasch, Kathy Wolff, Mary Gomoll, Mickie Mostardi, Diane Kahlscheuer, Mike and Lynn Collom

Opening prayer: Marilyn Holland

Review of minutes from July 8, 2025 Mary Gomoll

Kathy moved to accept the July minutes; Shirley seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Reports, questions and suggestions from the ministries

- Music – Mike stated that they need to have the schedules for the holy days and holidays for the next MSP schedule from Oct. 25-26 through Feb. 14-15. Most of these were discussed and are listed later in the minutes.
- Sacristans
- Art and Environment – Larry said that each church site could spend up to \$50 on fall flowers, pumpkins, etc. The chairs at Sister Bay are being reupholstered and will be ready for the Anniversary Mass. Shirley said that a table is missing from the front entrance at Baileys Harbor.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Lectors
- Altar servers
- Ushers/greeters
- Larry shared that, beginning with the weekend of Oct. 25-26 and running up to Memorial Day weekend, one mass per weekend will be without a paid accompanist. This decision is to help save money and will include the 4 mainland churches that are open and Washington Island. Mike asked about Christmas and holy days, some of which are already scheduled. Larry said that accompanists will be paid for those special masses. Mike and Lynn will figure it out with the scheduling so this works.

At this point, much of the discussion was related to the 20th Anniversary Masses and celebration.

- Father Tom stated that the rosary should not be prayed on September 28th prior to the Masses at Baileys Harbor and Sister Bay.
- Bishop Ricken needs a private room to vest in at both churches. In Sister Bay, he will use the small conference room across from the back sacristy. Father will arrange for a suitable place for the bishop to vest in Baileys Harbor.
- No flowers or decorations should be placed in front of the altar at BH or SB for the Masses with the Bishop.
- There will be 2 sacristans present for each Mass: Baileys Harbor – Shirley Raasch and Pat Daubner. Sister Bay – Mickie Mostardi and Marilyn Holland.
- There are 4 altar servers scheduled for each Mass: Baileys Harbor – Ed, William, Leo, and Doug. Sister Bay – Ruby, Angel, David, and Henry. Father Tom and Sharon will work with them.
- Father suggested that people should only be doing one ministry per mass, unless they are subbing or helping out in case of an absence. Since several people were double or triple scheduled, Larry will replace them so they only have 1 ministry.

- *Father Tom asked Karen Shanahan to read at Sister Bay. Kathy is going to ask Sharon Brabson to read at Baileys Harbor.*
- *There will be 2 deacons at each Mass: Deacon Tony and Deacon David at the 8 am in Baileys Harbor; Deacon Tony and Deacon Kurt at the 10 am in Sister Bay.*
- *Holy Communion will be distributed under both species.*
- *We have enough Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at BH, where the 2 deacons will offer the cup.*
- *At SB, we'll need 5 cup ministers (2 deacons + 3 others) and 5 host ministers (Father, Bishop + 3 others) total. The host ministers will stand to the left of the altar to receive, while the cup ministers will stand to the right to receive.*
- *Communion will be distributed to those in the choir loft. However, the Precious Blood will not be brought upstairs. Choir members who want to receive from the cup will have to go downstairs and receive at the altar.*
- *After Communion, the deacons will handle the ciboria. Cup ministers are asked to consume any excess Precious Blood at the credence table.*
- *A discussion was held regarding parking in Sister Bay on the 28th. Because of tents and catering trucks, some of the parking spaces will be used. Larry secured permission to use the old ShopKo parking lot, which is 0.6 miles south of church, for overflow parking. Two trolleys would cost \$3000 to transport people back and forth. Larry hoped that we could save that money by having people walk. Concerns about crossing the highway in traffic, distance for older people, communication to let folks know how early they'll need to arrive at church to park or walk, etc. were brought up. Mike asked if the choir people, who are driving up after the Baileys Harbor mass could park in the spots in front of church so they wouldn't have to walk. It was decided that the parking in front of church will be reserved for the Bishop, the choir, other ministers, and extra handicapped spots. Larry will contact the trolley company again to try to hire them.*

Seasonal planning:

November as the month of Remembrance Mary

- *Who makes list of deceased? Angela Packard will do this. Mary will coordinate with her and check with the printing company.*
- *Cut-off date for name to appear on poster – October 26*
- *Poster and prep – All agreed that last year's poster with white lettering against a darker sky was good. The parishioner's death date will be printed. Mary will pick up the posters. Marilyn and Mary will place the new posters in the frames and get them to the 6 churches. Mary will communicate with the other environment ministers regarding votive candles and placement of poster. Posters and candles will be in place for the weekend of Nov. 1 / 2 with names read at all weekend Masses.*
- **Ordering books for Advent** – *It was agreed that we would order Advent reflection booklets from Liturgical Press.*
- **Confirm Mass times and locations:** All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Feast of the Immaculate Conception:
 - **Nov. 1, Sat, SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS** – 8 am Baileys Harbor

[not a Holyday of Obligation this year]

- **Nov. 2, Sun, THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls Day)** – *Regular Fall/Winter Weekend Mass schedule: 4 pm Fish Creek, 6 pm Jacksonport, 8 am Baileys Harbor, 10 am Sister Bay, 2 pm Washington Island*
- **Dec. 8, Mon, SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** – *8 am Fish Creek, 6 pm Baileys Harbor, TBD Washington Island*

Discussion: Mass times and churches

1. Will we have a special celebration for “Our Lady of Guadalupe,” 12/12/2025? If so, what, where, when? *This topic was accidentally skipped and will be discussed at the October meeting.*
2. Review decision about Christmas schedule made earlier this year. *Looking back at April 2025 minutes:*

Christmas Eve (Wednesday, 12/24)

10:30 am Washington Island, 4 pm Fish Creek, 4 pm Sister Bay, 10 pm Egg Harbor

Christmas Day (Thursday, 12/25)

8 am Baileys Harbor, 10 am Jacksonport

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Wed, 12/31 – 4 pm Fish Creek; Thur., 1/1 – 8 am Sister Bay

Next meeting – Because there will be diocesan people at the parish office on October 14 & 15, there is a **DATE CHANGE:**

Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 10:30 am, Egg Harbor office

Three questions:

1. Preferred time? *10:30 am*
2. Because I will miss this meeting, will one of you please consider volunteering to chair that meeting? *Mary will lead the meeting in Kathy's absence.*
3. Who will lead an opening prayer for that meeting? *Sharon will lead prayer.*

