

*Worship and Spiritual Life Commission
Saint Christopher Catholic Parish
April 22, 2015
2:30 – 3:30 pm, Fireplace Room – Parish Office
Minutes*

Present: Sue Dahms, Joan Gerhards, Beverly Hartberg, Fern Reilly, Fr. William Vernon and JoAnn Wainwright

Absent: Cathy Schneider, Paul Matenaer and Dorothy Scheffelman

Minutes: The minutes of the February 4, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Opening Prayer: The Committee prayed an opening prayer together called, "Easter Prayer".

Review of Liturgical Events: The Committee was complimentary of the music and liturgy during Holy Week and Easter. Fr. William thanked all who helped with decorating the church for Easter. Some expressed appreciation of Fr. William's explanation of using the option from the Missal instead of washing the feet of men on Holy Thursday. He mentioned that washing the feet of men was a remembrance of priesthood and the institution of the Eucharist. The Committee also discussed the possibility of extending the length of Adoration on Holy Thursday evening. It was decided to not extend Adoration at beyond 9:00 pm.

Liturgical Events for Preparation: Fr. William reviewed the upcoming scheduled events:

May Crowning – Saturday May 2, 5:00 pm, and Sunday, May 3, 7:30 am
The Ascension of the Lord – Solemnity, Weekend of May 16-17
First Communion – Saturday, May 16 5:00 pm, and Sunday, May 17, 11:00 am
Pentecost – Weekend of May 23-24
Memorial Day – Monday, May 25, 8:00 am
The Most Holy Trinity – Weekend of May 30-31
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – Weekend of June 6-7

Fr. William informed the Committee that there would be 25 children receiving their First Holy Communion at the 5:00 pm and 11:00 am Mass times. Both species would be offered to the First Communicants and the congregation during these two Mass times. Fern and Joan will meet outside of the Liturgy Committee meeting to discuss environment changes for the upcoming events.

Other Business:

St. Therese Lecture: Fr. William announced that our parish would be hosting the St. Therese Lecture for the Diocese on May 7 at 7:00 pm. Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart will give a presentation on "From Baghdad to Boston, a Journey under the Shadow of Our Lady".

Items for Future Meetings: Fr. William asked that if members had items for discussion or liturgical documents they would like to consider for review at a future meeting to forward him the information.

Update: Fr. William updated the Committee on the Priests for our Future Campaign.

Next Liturgy Meeting: Fr. William proposed changing future meetings to 3:00 pm. The Committee was agreeable. The next Liturgy Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2 at 3:00 pm in the Fireplace Room (later rescheduled to October 7).

Closing Prayer: The Committee prayed the closing prayer together.

Submitted by Fern Reilly, Member, Worship and Spiritual Life Commission