

*Worship and Spiritual Life Commission
Saint Christopher Catholic Parish
April 6, 2016
3:00 – 4:30 pm, Fireplace Room – Parish Office
Minutes*

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

Minutes: The minutes of the January 27, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Opening Prayer: The Committee prayed an opening prayer together, "Love Overcame".

Review of Recent Liturgical Events:

Holy Week/Triduum and Easter Sunday: Everyone commented the music was wonderful during Holy Week and Easter. Father William added the music, planning, and decorating was all done very well. Joan Gerhards stated we had several parishioners assist with decorating the Easter environment and decorating went smoothly.

Fr. William explained to the Committee that this year, there was clarification on the options for the foot washing on Holy Thursday, Fr. William decided to use a good representation of our parish family of different ages, gender, single, and married to have their foot washed during Holy Thursday Mass.

This year, Fr. William planned two priests available to hear confessions on the morning of the Easter Vigil. As anticipated, a large number of people came for sacrament of reconciliation.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Sue Dahms commented that many people prayed the Divine Mercy after Mass. Fr. William added that there many people were also praying the Novena prior to Divine Mercy Sunday. He scheduled two priests to be available to hear confession on the first Saturday of April, the day before Divine Mercy Sunday, and a large number people came for the sacrament of reconciliation.

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

May Crowning: Saturday, April 30 at 5:00 pm in Verona, and Sunday, May 1 at 7:30 am in Paoli.

First Holy Communion: First Holy Communion Mass will be held on Saturday, May 14 at 5:00 pm, and on Sunday, May 15 at 11:00 am (43 children will be making their first Holy Communion).

Ascension: Weekend of May 7-8, also Mother's Day weekend.

Pentecost Sunday: Weekend of May 14-15, also First Holy Communion weekend

Book Chapter Discussion: The Liturgy Committee read, The Joy of the Gospel, Chapter 3, "The Proclamation of the Gospel", by Pope Francis in preparation for a discussion at today's meeting. Cathy Schneider led the discussion. Cathy also announced, this summer beginning in

June, a six-week book discussion session on this book will be held in our parish. More information will be provided to the parish soon.

Catholic Funerals Workshop: Cathy Schneider shared that Pat Gorman will be presenting a workshop on Catholic funerals and planning at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish on April 21. Pat Gorman offered to any parish to present this workshop in their parish. Cathy recommended the Liturgy Committee host Pat Gorman to present this same workshop in our parish. Fr. William suggested the presentation could be scheduled in the fall at St. Christopher Parish.

Next Liturgy Meeting: The next Liturgy Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7 at 3:00 pm in the Fireplace Room.

Closing Prayer: The Committee prayed the closing prayer together.

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