

Worship and Spiritual Life Commission
Saint Christopher Catholic Parish
February 8, 2019
3:15 – 4:30 pm, Fireplace Room – Parish Office
Minutes

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

Absent: Sue Dahms

Minutes: The minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Opening Prayer: The Committee prayed an opening prayer together.

Review of Recent Liturgical Events:

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 2016: The Committee reviewed the attendance at each Christmas Mass:

Christmas Eve

4:30 pm in Verona 654

8:00 pm in Paoli 223

Christmas Day

8:00 am in Verona 104

10:00 am in Verona 250

The Committee will need to take into consideration for the 2018 Christmas Mass schedule that Christmas Eve will be on Sunday, and Christmas Day is on Monday. Fr. William had suggested that we consider the same Mass schedule for 2015 with three Masses offered on Christmas Eve at 4:30, 7:00 and 9:00 pm; and one Mass offered on Christmas Day at 10:00 am.

Review of Upcoming Liturgical Events: Fr. William reviewed the Lent, Holy Week and Easter schedule.

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017: Mass will be offered at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm on Ash Wednesday. Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes will be offered at 12:00 pm and 5:30 pm. Fr. William and Cathy Schneider will arrange for distribution of ashes at area nursing homes: Badger Prairie, Noel Manor, Willow Point, and Four Winds Nursing Home. The church will be decorated for Lent on February 28 following the 8:00 am Mass.

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be offered on Fridays during Lent at 5:30 pm. On March 3, the Stations will be offered in Paoli. Eucharistic Adoration will be held in Verona from 9 am – 9 pm on March 3. The Stations will be held in Verona on March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, and April 14 (Good Friday). The PLC is in process of coordinating Soup Suppers to follow the Stations on March 10, 17, 24, and 31. On April 7, Eucharistic Adoration will be from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. Fr. William will have Benediction at 5:30 pm, and begin the Stations of the Cross at 5:45 pm. Following the Stations, he will then expose the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 pm.

Palm Sunday, Weekend of April 8-9, 2017: Fr. William has placed an order for ashes, palms, and the Easter Candle. The church will be decorated for Palm Sunday on April 8 at 10:30 am.

Holy Week Schedule:

April 11 - Chrism Mass, St. Maria Goretti Parish, 7:30 pm

April 13 - Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00 pm (Decorate on April 13 at 8:00 am)

April 14 - Good Friday Service, 3:00 pm (Decorate on April 14 at 8:00 am)

April 15 - Easter Vigil Mass, 8:00 pm (Decorate on April 13 at 9:00 am)

April 16 - Easter Sunday Mass, 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Other Business:

Flowers for Easter: Fern will contact Liturgy Committee members to ask for volunteers to help with collecting donations for Easter flowers after each Mass on the fourth weekend of Lent (Laetare Sunday) March 25-26. The flower donation form will be stuffed in the parish bulletin the third weekend of Lent. Flowers have been ordered and will be delivered on Holy Thursday.

Expanded times for Confessions during Lent: Fr. William will offer time for reconciliation during Lent on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Lenten Presentation: Cathy Schneider has invited Abbott Rooney to present an overview of the liturgical year on Tuesday, March 28 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. She will be contacting Liturgy Committee members to assist in preparing for his visit.

Next Liturgy Meeting: The next Liturgy Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19 at 3:00 pm in the Fireplace Room.

Closing Prayer: The Committee prayed the closing prayer together.

Submitted by Fern Reilly, Member
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