

## **Unapproved Minutes for the St. Nicholas Parish Worship Committee for the April 30, 2024**

The meeting called to order at 6:35 PM.

Members: Fr. Robert Chinnapan, Deacon Gary Vanness, Jim Newhouse, Karen Court, Kelly Bekkers-Graham, Ron Koepke, Joel Powers were present. Those absent were Vicky Wolf, Glenda Saylor, and Adee Peterson.

Father Robert led our opening prayer.

Reviewed the minutes from last meeting and the motion was made by Karen Court to accept it as read and seconded by Ron Koepke.

Review of Agenda: Motion to approve by Kelly and seconded by Karen.

### **Discussion items:**

Pastors Comments: Father did not have any comments.

### **Old Business:**

Stations and Soup: Week 1- 54 attended, week 2- 68 attended, and the remaining weeks had 70+ in attendance. Soup and sandwiches was very well received. Hopefully the Hospitality Group will continue to do this. The concept of Stations and the Soup and sandwiches following seemed to be well received by everyone. The people also really enjoyed the weeks we used the children's version "Step Up Close to Jesus" because of the simplicity of the meaning. We will be looking into ordering more books if possible.

Recap Palm Sunday: We had plenty of palms for everyone and nearly everyone came down to the Saint Therese Room to participate in the procession into church.

Recap Good Friday: Special Collection for the World's Poor was forgotten this year. Next year Father Robert will be celebrating services here so that should be a solution.

Recap Holy Thursday: Everything went well, except we will need one more large white towel for the drying of feet. There were only 11, so they used 2 smaller hand towels. We had the Altar Servers come an hour and fifteen minutes before each of the services (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday Evening).

Recap Holy Saturday: Very well received by everyone, had an RCIA person received in the faith through, Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. We had plenty of flowers, and the question was raised if more of the Lilies (flowers) could be moved the Sanctuary area next year. Difficult to walk with them in the aisles.

Recap Easter Sunday: All went very well. We noticed however that the number of people in church for Easter was down and we attributed it to Freedom School System was on Spring break.

Recap 4/7 of Divine Mercy Sunday was fine.

Book study update went very good, there were approximately 23-25 in attendance in the morning and about 10-12 in the evening.

Sound system / organ updates as per Father Robert, he is currently working with the Parish Council regarding new microphones.

Sunday Evening Mass Update: Will be taking place in the Fall with one Mass a month on a trial basis. Randy and Michelle Mielke will be the leading this program with Father. Hoping to have Confirmation students help with the Mass parts, (reading, ushering, etc).

## **New Business**

First Communion: May 4/5<sup>th</sup>, the 4PM Mass has 26 students, 7AM Mass has 1 student, and the 10:30 AM Mass has 16 students.

May Crowning May 12, will be taking place at all the Masses. The First Communion class will be invited to participate if they want to.

5/9 Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated 5/12 which is the same day as May Crowning.

5/19 Pentecost: There will be a Sequence & Sprinkling. Adee Peterson will be decorating the church for this.

5/26 Holy Trinity Sunday: there will be no Sequence. **Beginning this weekend we will need 2 Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)**

6/2 Corpus Christi there will be a Sequence. **This weekend we will have the Most Precious Blood along with the Eucharist (Host). So we will need 5 EMHC in total, 2 for the Precious Blood and 3 for Hosts.**

Graduation for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade June 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 PM Mass: The students will do the readings. We do need to provide a EMCH minister. There are 8 students graduating.

**New Agenda Item for August's Meeting:** we should discuss the idea of inviting The Graduates from High School and Public School to Mass on the weekend in May 2025.

Closing Prayer/Blessing was done by Deacon Gary.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday August 6, 2024 at 6:30PM.

Reminder No meetings in June or July unless need arises.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Court for Vicky Wolf