Worship Commission Meeting

15 April, 2023

**PRESENT:** Althea Burrier, Beth Campshure, Martha Endejan, Patty King, Maggie Meyer, Judy Pollard, Fr. Edward Sanchez. Harry Schneider, Brian Seel, Joanne Streeter, Paul Thelen

**EXCUSED:** Ben Skifton, Lisa Sutton, Dave Ransom

The meeting was opened with the members singing “We Walk by Faith”..

Minutes from the January meeting:

* No changes.

Holy Family and Sacred Heart merged choir:

* From a musical standpoint, the merged choir is working well.
* This week, the Children’s choir will be singing for the First Communions. It is good to be utilizing Eva’s Certification as Music Instructor.

Triduum:

* Patty reported that the new resin-based incense is working well and that she had experienced now allergic symptoms when it was used.
* Paul reported that the numbers of people in attendance looked like pre-COVID attendance.
* Sacred Heart ran out of palms on Palm Sunday. He will adjust next year’s order accordingly.
* Martha reported that the Tenebrae service was well attended. Everyone stayed after, in silence, for 10-15 minutes.
* In Easter Sunday at the 10:00am mass, the distributors ran out of consecrated bread.
* Harry reported that it looked like 50-75 people watched the Easter mass on live-stream. Fr. Ryan wants to encourage people to come back, but there are some who aren’t able to.
* It is possible that some families that usually attend other sites, may have been at Holy Family and Sacred Heart because of the Easter egg hunt. Fr. Edward said that reveals our mission-to have the churches full!
* The Day of Reconciliation went well. People were waiting 45 minutes.
* On Holy Thursday, we should place the oils in back/to the side when they are brought forward. The focus should be on the institution of the Eucharist. UPDATE: next year the oils will be placed in front of the altar at the start of Mass. As the oils are described by the deacon, they will process back up the main aisle and be reposed in their permanent holders near the font.

Tabernacle Placement at Holy Family:

* Fr. Luke Strand suggested to Fr. Ryan that if the Tabernacle is placed in the Sanctuary, it could be raised up on a platform that mimics the steps to the Sanctuary, with the Processional Cross being placed behind the Tabernacle.
* Paul met with a representative from Capelle-Diedrich who thinks that could work. He is drawing up a plans showing 1 step and 3 steps. The back of the Tabernacle would be even with the front of the columns. The platform would fit between the pillars. The platform would be large enough to allow genuflecting safely in front of the tabernacle, 4-6 feet. A simple candle holder could be hung from one of the pillars.
* One thought for using the current Eucharistic Chapel is as a side-chapel, with an altar built by Louis Paynter. It could be used for small services. The existing iron work could be left in place and place a white candle in the holder.

Fr. Ryan’s Letter:

* The letter was sent out/published already.
* It is possible that communion could be offered on special occasions, such as First Communions, The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, etc.

Publication of dates/times for Holy Day masses:

* Paul will talk to Sarah about trying to get the information out sooner.

Patron Saint Feast Days:

* Our Risen Savior is planning a breakfast after the mass on the 23rd to celebrate their feast day. All members of the Holy Family Parish are invited.

Future meetings, 9am, in the Board Room at Holy Family:

* We will leave Saturday, July 15 on the calendar for now.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Campshure