

Worship Commission Meeting

3 March, 2025

PRESENT: Althea Burrier, Beth Campshure, Martha Endejan, Patty King, Dawn Meyer, Maggie Meyer, Michelle O'Brien, Judy Pollard, Fr. Ryan Pruess, Dave Ransom, Lisa Sutton, Fr. Kevin Tanel

EXCUSED: Harry Schneider

Michelle led in singing "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" in memory of Michael Ketterhagen.

Review of Holy Week: Overall, it seemed that the numbers were up overall for attendance at the Holy Week services!

- Palm Sunday:
 - We ran out of palms at St. Peter and cut it tight at Holy Family. Michelle has made note to adjust the order for next year.
 - One of the bags at ORS was quite moldy. The ones at Holy Family were on the edge. It helps to cut just a corner off the bags to let them air out, but not too much to avoid having the palms dry out too much.
 - Michelle would like help in the future in distributing the palms to the other sites. Each site would then be responsible for handling their palms accordingly to avoid either mold development or drying out.
 - Michelle stated that at the last minute they discovered that there were only 2 books with the Passion readings at several of the sites. She has ordered more now, but in the future, each site should check for the books 3 to 4 weeks before Palm Sunday to allow time to order more or to print up a set for the site. Three books are needed at each site.
- Tenebrae:
 - There were more than 100 in attendance, but that is fewer than last year. The new music was beautiful. Michelle expressed her thanks to Martha and the choir.
- Holy Thursday:
 - There was a small snafu with the washing of the feet. Several people who weren't on the list went up, so 2 of the scheduled folks did not have chairs.
 - The music was provided by the combined choir plus the Hispanic choir. It went well.
 - Comments on the Altar of Repose were positive. It seemed that there were fewer people staying for Adoration. We have never made an announcement, but most would follow over to the Altar of Repose.
- Good Friday:
 - The comment was made that having only 1 cross for veneration seemed more reverent.
 - St. Peter was very well attended.
- Holy Saturday:
 - The preparations went well.
 - Scheduling the practice in the afternoon to allow for decorating at Holy Family on Saturday morning went well. We will keep that schedule for next year.
- Easter Sunday:
 - At the 8:00am mass at Holy Family, we ran out of hosts at Communion. There was a new Sacristan who wasn't aware of putting extra hosts on the Gifts table so that the ushers could add them if they saw the count was up. This is an opportunity for training.

Adoration Update:

- The 2 pushes for recruiting for Adoration went well. 16 new people have signed up and 25 people have signed up to be substitutes and our visitors.
 - The Committee is still calling people who expressed an interest.
 - Only a few more people are needed for Saturday and Sunday at 4:00am to extend the hours from 4:00am to 10:00pm.
- Moving Adoration site during the renovation work at Sacred Heart:
 - The plan is in place to have benediction at 10:00pm pm June 20 and make the move to Presentation.
 - At PBVM, the entrance to be used is the side door by the road, near the lift. Plans are in the works to make sure that other parts of the church are secure. Those who open and close will have a key and/or code. The lift will be available during the open hours.

I Am Prayer Ministry:

- A new group 10 to 12 people have been trained for a healing ministry called “I Am Prayer”. It has been in place for several years. The ministry is made available to anyone who is need of healing. 2-3 trained people spend in the area of 10-30 minutes talking and praying with the person who requests healing. Currently it is available to anyone after the 6:00pm mass, Wednesday evening, at Sacred Heart.
- The concept/program stems from the JPll center, an outreach of the “Encounter” nights. For a person to become part of the group, he/she goes through the healing, then attends training.
- It is a “work in progress”/
- Fr. Ryan spoke of the need to fit the program into the Parish structure, that it should come under the auspices of one of the Directors/Commissions. FR. Kevin and Fr. Matthew are currently involved when they are available, but they could be moving on next year. The Priest Team will discuss what ministry it should fall under.

Ciboria:

- The ciboria used at Holy Family currently (the silver plates) are getting worn. Fr. Kevin shared a possible new “gold” ciborium. The thought is to make the change in conjunction with the Eucharistic Renewal and the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Holy Family.
- Fr. Ryan would like to place them at the altar and bless them on Pentecost. We would order 8.

New Cross:

- The plan is to hang the new crucifix on or around June 5.

Special Recognition:

- As this is to be Lisa’s last official meeting on the Worship Commission, Michelle wanted to take a few minutes to express thanks and appreciation to Lisa for all the lives that she has touched with her passion for Adoration.

Sacred Heart Renovation and scheduling:

- Sarah is working on the announcement about the scheduling of masses, etc. during the renovations at Sacred Heart.

- As of now, the plan is to move the 7:00am Sunday Hispanic Mass to PBVM and the 4:00pm Saturday and 9:00am and 11:00am Sunday masses to St. Mary. The 6:00pm Wednesday mass will be moved to Holy Family, with the admonition that the mass must be over by 6:30pm because there is choir practice at that time.

Other:

- Patty expressed appreciation to Martha for pulling together the Worship Commission Strategos Plan. She suggested it should be a point on our agenda every quarter. Michelle explained that she is updating the plan as things are carried out. She did not include it as a point on the agenda because we spend a lot of time on it, and she would like to keep the meetings to 1 hour.
 - She presents the Worship Commission plan to the Pastoral Council in January and will provide us with it at that time. If anyone notes something that has been completed, feel free to send Michelle a note to that effect and she will add it to her summary.

Fr. Kevin closed the meeting by leading us in prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Campshure