

Worship Commission Meeting

12 July, 2025

PRESENT: Beth Campshure, Martha Endejan, Dawn Meyer, Michelle O'Brien, Judy Pollard, Dave Ransom, Amy Ruppert, Fr. Kevin Tanel

EXCUSED: Harry Schneider

The members opened the meeting with prayer.

Introduction of Amy Ruppert: Amy Ruppert is the new Worship Commission representative from Adoration.

- **Adoration Update:**
 - Amy shared notes on the activities of the Adoration Committee with the members.
 - The initial campaign to increase the number of adorers was successful.
 - The move of Adoration to PBVM went smoothly.
 - Elain Graf is in the process of contacting adorers who missed their scheduled time to determine the reason: was it a case of not signing in or were they really no shows.
 - The Committee is continuing to engage adorers.
 - Moving forward, the Committee will be building upon what Lisa started.
 - Newsletter.
 - Working toward filling the 10:00pm-11:00pm hour.
 - Plan to use the video that Fr. Kevin, Lisa and Sarah. It is currently posted on the parish website.
 - Develop additional strategies to grow.
- **New Crucifix and Ciboria (Holy Family site):**
 - All the reported comments on the crucifix to date have been good.
 - Beth added that she has received several comments that the crucifix is too large in proportion to the altar.
 - The use of the new ciboria seems to be working out well. Several people have expressed that they can be difficult to handle.
- **Temporary relocation of Sacred Activities to St. Mary and /or Holy Family:**
 - A good team worked to make the transition go smoothly.
 - Fr. Kevin expressed that he enjoys having a daily mass at St. Mary, and that Fr. Kirk would agree
- **New Mass Setting:**
 - Michelle is working with the musicians on a new mass setting, The Mass of Renewal by Curtis Stephan.
 - There is a beautiful simplicity to the melody.
 - It favors piano over organ, which fits with the majority of our musicians.
 - The current plan is to introduce it the weekend of July 20-21, with 15 minutes of practice ahead of the beginning of mass. This will probably be done the following weekend also.
 - Worship aids are being printed up on cardstock, as the Mass of Renewal is not in our Gather books.
- **Lector Training:**
 - The date for the Lector Training has been set for November 13. It will be for all new and current lectors, probably beginning at 6:30pm.
 - This will allow for consistency of training. It will include the basics of lecturing.

- The 2026, Cycle A Workbooks and Sourcebooks have been ordered.

- Summer gathering:

- Wednesday, July 23, from 5:00pm to 9:00pm, has been set for the Summer Gathering at the Rectory for all volunteers and staff.

- Other Business:

- Dave mentioned that during Adoration at PBVM, the ciborium is poorly lit.
- Amy stated that this has been discussed with the members of the Adoration Committee.
- During the Spanish hours of Adoration, the ciborium is very well lit.
- Amy has purchased an LED light that can be set behind the ciborium.
- Dave said he has found 2 cannon lights that can stand behind the candles on either side of the ciborium. There is an outlet on the floor they can be plugged in to. They would just need to be removed for mass, then returned.
- Fr. Kevin said he will also look into how the Hispanics are lighting the ciborium and that method could be used during all Adoration if it isn't too distracting.
- Dave also mentioned that the Knights of Columbus might be a group to reach out to for the 10-11pm Adoration and/or later hours.
- Dave also mentioned that it would be nice to bring back the Traveling Lady of Fatima.
- Martha inquired about new albs for the servers at ORS. All the existing ones there are polyester. With no air conditioning it is very warm and one young server passed out. She stated that all the male servers wear cassocks and surplices. The girl servers wear the albs.
- Martha and Michelle met in the Vesting Sacristy after the meeting to look at the albs there for fabric type.
- Fr. Kevin stated that all the other sites use albs only.
- Amy asked if there are any plans to add AC to ORS.
- Michelle stated that Fr. Ryan has mentioned that there is renovation planned for all sites, but she has no information on a timeline.
- Amy also asked if there are thoughts about continuing to use the other sites more after Sacred Heart reopens.
- Michelle stated that staffing with volunteers has been an issue at St. Mary as well as the numbers of attendees.

Future meeting dates are:

October 11, 2025, 9:00am
January 17, 2026, 9:00am
April 11, 2026, 9:00am

The meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Campshire

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- Connecting prayer partners in the hours they oversee
- Touching base with adorers who haven't shown up for multiple weeks in a row - through calls, emails, and texts
- **Forward movement:**
 - **Adoration Newsletter** - using it differently and increasing to monthly production instead of quarterly
 - **Working toward opening up the 4am hour**
 - One committed adorer to 4am hour M-F
 - Need to secure at least one, but hopefully two additional adorers for 4am
 - Need to secure adorers for Saturday & Sunday at 4am
 - **Promotion of current Adoration opportunities, such as:**
 - **Our Risen Savior** Wednesday evening adoration hour, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 - **"Special" Adoration Hours**
 - Sunday evening Adoration for young adults
 - Thursday evening Adoration in Spanish
 - Thursday evening Adoration for Vocations
 - Friday afternoon Hour of Purity
 - Friday evening Adoration closing with night prayer
 - First Saturday 24-hour Adoration led by hispanic parishioners
 - Last Saturday 24-hour Adoration led by hispanic parishioners
 - **Developing a plan to utilize the Adoration video that was created** (*with thanks to Lisa Sutton, Elaine Graf, Sarah Razner, and especially to Fr. Kevin Tanel and the adorers who agreed to have their witness recorded for the video*)
 - **Creating additional Adoration opportunities**
 - **Creating plans/strategies to:**
 - Continue to bring parishioners into adoration
 - *Stretch goal is to increase by .25% (29 people) by December 31, 2025*
 - Help 46 "substitute only" members to make an adoration commitment that is comfortable to them in hopes they continue to increase their commitment over time
 - Help 117 adorers with accounts in WeAdoreHim system, but no commitment, to make an adoration commitment that is comfortable to them in hopes they continue to increase their commitment over time

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you, your family, and friends to visit PBVM for a holy hour, if you haven't already been there for adoration. Please feel free to drop in at any time between 4:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

If, at any time you feel like you want to make a commitment, whether as a substitute or for a designated hour (at the frequency of your choice), please reach out to any one of us on the Adoration Committee.

Committing as a substitute is easy. You would be alerted via text or email when someone requests a substitute for their holy hour. You have the option to accept the hour if you'd like, or decline if you are not available.

Jesus looks forward to you spending time with Him there!

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Where we are at:

- Currently, 377 adorers are in the WeAdoreHim database
 - 260 adorers have active, recurring Adoration commitments
 - *That is 4.5% of Holy Family Parish's 5,700 families*
 - If each family has an average of 2 members = 11,400 individuals
 - *Only 2.25% individual parishioners have Adoration commitments*
 - 46 adorers are substitutes only

Multi-faceted Adoration Campaign 2025

- **Initial push:**
 - **Two separate sign-up weekends, one in February and one in March, in which:**
 - Priest team incorporated adoration into their homilies
 - Following their homilies, priests gave direction and time to parishioners to complete sign-up forms that were in the pews
 - Teams of volunteers stayed after each of the masses at each of the 6 churches to collect the sign-up forms, share adoration information, and answer questions
 - Lisa Sutton and Elaine Graf recruited parishioners to witness and share their adoration stories at the conclusion of each mass at each of the 6 churches
 - Following each of those weekends, those volunteers who are a part of the adoration committee made phone calls, emailed, and texted parishioners who had completed a sign-up form
 - **This two-weekend campaign resulted in**
 - 38 Spanish-speaking adorers made perpetual commitments
 - 35 English-speaking adorers made perpetual commitments
 - 25 people signed up as substitutes to adore when needed and able

Adoration move from Sacred Heart church to Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary church

- **Process went smoothly due to collaboration and the unified efforts of Holy Family staff, the Priest team, Adoration Committee members, and some very dedicated and devout adorers**
 - Very few hiccups
 - Minor issues have been resolved
 - Solutions have been created for identified on-going needs
 - Elaine Graf is taking the lead on contacting adorers who missed their adoration commitment(s) since the move to PBVM (*was it a case of not signing in or did they really not show up, etc.*)
 - If the adorers didn't show up, why not?
 - Adoration Committee is troubleshooting and trying to come up with solutions for those who have reasons for not showing up.

Current focus:

- **Maintenance of that "initial push"**
 - **Adoration committee continues to work to engage adorers, especially the new adorers by:**
 - Hourly coordinators making themselves available to the adorers in their assigned hours, sometimes meeting with them in person