

Worship Committee Meeting Minutes^(updated) **Monday, August 12, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.**

-Introductions: We welcomed 3 new members: Lisa Remiker-DeWall, Sara Hickey, and Cathy Lombardi who were present along with Fr. Robert, Dcn. Jeff, Diana Van Straten, Bob and Jane Varick, and Pat Coonen.

-Opening Prayer—Lectio Divina

-Approval of Minutes-Jane Varick motioned to approve the minutes from our April 24, 2024 meeting, with Diana seconding the motion. Approved by voice vote.

-Old Business—review and updates

***Music Leadership update**—Father explained there were several who applied for our open position and the ones that were a good fit, wanted a full-time position. We will keep trying and are blessed to have the talent we have in people who share the music ministry. Cathy has been using the program to schedule musicians/cantors for Masses. No one has complained. Father explained there is a stipend available for the accompanists and cantors. Keep scheduling as is unless we need to change that way. Patrick Berg is now selecting the music for liturgies.

* EMHC training continued at area sites. Lisa provided a list of the Diocesan trainings available into Fall. Pat will post these in case someone still wishes to attend. There are new people now getting involved. We may consider scheduling EMHC.

*175th Pictorial directory—all were pleased with the layouts and work put into the directory. There are a few extra ones if someone didn't order them.

New Business

- St. Michael Prayer Cards-Since the prayer is on the screens, do we need the cards in the pews? A few elderly use them, we can put them in a spot where we know they sit. Let's watch for those who use cards and let Pat know. Then we will take them out and put some on the prayer table.
- Scheduling accompanists and cantors. (Was rolled into the Old Business item)
- Liturgical Roles:
 - Sacristans –Explain the role and **offer** the opportunity to be trained.
 - Altar Servers—Need Servers especially on Sat. night, but Sunday too. Dcn. Jeff trains new servers in the Spring and Fall. Father asked that Celia, at the start of NE, would invite families who may wish to have a training session. Servers are encouraged at the end of 3rd grade and after First Communion. New

servers do wish to serve with someone older for a while. We may invite parents to serve with their child and offer training for them as well.

- August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass for the Vigil-Wed. 5:30 p.m. SE; Thurs. 8:15 a.m. SN Environment- Mary V. Virgie S., and Pat.
- October 13—closing Mass for 175th with Bishop Ricken will be at 3:00 p.m. There will not be an 8:45 a.m. Mass on that day. We need to advertise it. We most likely will be able to have Holy Communion under both kinds at this Mass. Pastoral Council is working on the meal and invitations. Will the meal be at Romy's? Do we bring anything? Mike and Lynn committed long ago to planning the music for this celebration. Cathy will reach out to them after Labor Day. There is a Packer game at noon on that day.
- November 1, Friday, All Saints' Day 8:15 a.m. Mass-SE (School will be involved and provide Music), Vigil Mass Oct. 31 5:45 p.m.-SN
- Nov. 2, Saturday, All Souls' Day 5:30 p.m. and 8:45 a.m. The Readings will be the usual for Sunday. Both Masses will allow family members to light a candle for their departed. (We will invite families of those who have passed in the prior year to participate.) November Environment will reflect our prayers for the dead.
- **Nov. 20**, Mass with Anointing at 8:15 a.m. It was raised that early morning is difficult to get disabled people to Mass. There will always be the 8:15 a.m., if later, it would be a special time, or on a Saturday. Let's think this over and discuss at our next meeting.
- Nov. 24, Christ the King—Holy Communion under both kinds
- Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Mass. If Mass is with Fr. Robert at 9:30 a.m. Dcn Jeff will find out from Bp. Felton if he will be in the area. Then we will ask for 9:00 a.m.
- Advent begins, weekend of November 30/December 1
- Confirmation date—February 23, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

It was brought up that our NO MASS time on Saturday for Tractor Pull Weekend and the change of time on Sunday morning needs a completely different sign to draw attention to the changes. Pat will contact the Tractor Pull committee to see if they can make a visible sign, different than our announcements, media, bulletin, and scrolling sign.

--Next Meeting **September 23 @ 4:30 p.m.**

Prayer—Fr. Robert led us in our closing prayer at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Coonen