Worship Committee Meeting Notes

March 10, 2021 – 7:00 am

Attendees: Father Walter Stumpf, Deacon Jeff Hofacker, Mike Collom, Lynn Collom, Diana Van Straten, Jane Varick, Bob Varick, and Kim Hofacker

Minutes prepared and submitted by Kim Hofacker.

Meeting opened with prayer led by Father Walter.

Liturgical season needs:

- Father Walter has been singing the penitential rite; however, he doesn't feel this is coming across as meaningful. Going forward, Father will recite the penitential rite.

Incarnation of our Lord:

- Thursday, March 25, 2021, Mass at St. Nicholas.

Media and Music:

- All Holy Day events will be streamed.
- Parish meeting on March 11th to discuss upgrading the organ.
- Mass streaming times: the streaming start time versus the actual Mass start time needs to be corrected online. Mike C. will request for Erin to fix.

Stations of the Cross:

- No stations of the cross on Good Friday; silence only.

Holy Week:

Holy Week Mass schedules and preparations:

- Per diocesan guidelines, there will be modifications to the Holy Week Masses this year due to COVID.
- Follow-up: Mike C. requested that Bob V. send him the diocesan guidelines.
- Temperatures will be omitted during Holy Week.
    - a thermometer will be available if people want it.
    - masks will be available as a courtesy.
- Environment: Diana will order the flowers.

Palm Sunday, March 27-28, 2021:

- Erin already ordered the palms.
- There will be no procession.
- Palms will be blessed beforehand (and as soon as they are delivered to church):
    - Father Walter will announce at church that the palms are already blessed.
    - Diana will make a sign for the table, i.e. "Blessed Palms".
- Hymnals will be available for use:
    - Jeff Hofacker to separate hymnals onto two carts. Half the hymnals will be set out for the Saturday Mass, and the other half will be set out for the Sunday Mass.

- If all goes well for Palm Sunday weekend Masses, we will use hymnals again for Good Friday.

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021:

- 6:30 pm Mass.
- Oils will be blessed and delivered to church ahead of time.
- Oils will be presented at Mass, if they arrive in time.
- Parking lot lights– Jeff will make sure lights are turned on.

Good Friday, April 2, 2021:

- 1:00 pm Mass; Father Walter is the celebrant.
- Use block form readings.
- Reproaches:
  - To be practiced before Good Friday Mass; Lynn to help schedule.
  - Sing the Reproaches.
- Veneration of the cross:
  - a sign of reverence may be demonstrated, such as bowing or genuflecting.
  - there should be four candles at the cross for adoration (Diana).
  - the cross will come to the front of church after "Behold the Wood of the Cross".
- Collection: there will be a Holy Land collection after communion.

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021:

- 8:00 pm, Easter Vigil Mass.
- Confessions in the morning (per regular schedule of 1st Sat. of the month).
- No congregational candles will be used.
- Dim the lights (Will need to request an usher to handle).
- Fire will be in front of church (Don C. will prepare):
  - Individuals may gather around the fire, keeping in mind social distancing.
- Mike C. will sing the Exalted.
- Use incense.

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021:

- Can sprinkle holy water.
- Ushers – need to have at least 8 ushers.
- Eucharistic ministers – need to have at least 4.

Meeting ended at 8:00 AM with prayer.

Next Worship Meeting is Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 7:00 am.